



Brian Jeffrey Barnes

October 23, 1962 - May 8, 2021

For those friends and family who'd like to attend Brian Barnes' memorial service at 10AM Mountain time, here is the Zoom link and PASSCODE:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4145650675>

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Brian Jeffrey Barnes, 58, passed away on May 8, 2021 in Murry, UT. He was born on October 23, 1962 in Eureka, California to Venton and Lillian Barnes. He married Mari Barnes in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Brian was raised in Phoenix, AZ where he attended Trevor G. Browne High School where he was active in weightlifting, football and track and field. He loved being outdoors, riding dirt bikes and being adventurous. Brian graduated from seminary and loved learning about the gospel which led him to have a desire to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He was called to serve in the Paraguay, Asuncion mission in 1982. A big part of his mission was served in the Chaco where he learned Spanish and two native dialects. He served an honorable full-time mission and returned home to Phoenix. Brian loved spending time with his friends and was always playing basketball, softball or racquetball with them. Brian was a funny man full of wit and charm. He loved to make others laugh and smile. Soon he

married and had three children, Daniel, Brandi and Bethani Barnes. Fatherhood was Brian's true calling. He adored children and children adored him.

Brian took some college courses where he especially enjoyed his psychology class. Brian also began working construction and worked at night as a bouncer where he met the love of his life Mari Becerra. They were soon married and together they had 4 beautiful children, Brianna, Hanna, Nathan and Jason. Brian advanced in his construction trade and became a lead foreman and was able to travel to many places. In 2005 the family moved to Utah and settled in the city of Midvale. Brian had many callings in the church but especially loved working with the Cub Scouts and the young men. Brian also had a passion for genealogy and loved sharing his findings with his friends and family. In May of 2013 Brian and Mari were sealed together with their children as a family in the Jordan River Temple.

Brian's health had declined through the years due to old work injuries and other health issues and was not able to continue to work. Mari gladly went to work, and Brian became a stay-at-home Dad, a role in which he took much pride in. His children were his greatest life accomplishments and his greatest joy. Prior to his passing he was able to witness his daughter be sealed in the temple, meet his newest grandchild and send his youngest son out on his mission. He might have been a man of few words, but he was full of heart.

Brian is survived by his wife, Mari; 7 children- Daniel (Angel), Brandi (Kevin), Bethani (Rafael), Hanna (Aidan), Brianna, Nathan and Jason; His grandchildren: Daniel Jr., Josie, Aiden, Averie, Jacksen, Tatum, Knox, Tennessee and Adamari. His siblings: Kathryn, Suzanne (Paul), Bryce (Wendy) and Boyce (Masumi) and many nieces and nephews.

Preceded in Death by his parents Venton and Lillian Barnes, his sister Karen

Malay and brother in law Bill Engemann.

Funeral and viewing services will be held at on Friday May 14, 2021. The viewing will be held from 8:30-9:45 with the service starting at 10:00am. A graveside service will immediately follow the service at 11:30 at the Sandy City Cemetery, 700 E. 9000 S., Sandy, Utah.

Cemetery Details

Sandy City Cemetery

700 East 9000 South
Sandy, UT 84094

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 14. 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM (MT)

Midvale 8th Ward
8350 South Jackson Street
Midvale, UT 84047

Funeral Service

MAY 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Midvale 8th Ward
8350 South Jackson Street
Midvale, UT 84047

Tribute Wall



“ *Brian Jeffrey Barnes*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *Brian and Mari were Cub Leaders when I was Cub Master. I remember he would quietly drop some mischief for the boys to pick up. He looked so innocent when they started calling him out on it, and the sparkle in his eyes would give him up! Our boys knew he loved them, and knew he always had their best interests at heart. I knew, as a mom, that he loved the boys. We were very blessed to have him. He has likely touched more lives than you will ever know, and we are so very sad he's gone. Our love to his family.*

Heidi Lins - May 12, 2021 at 03:16 PM



“ *When I married Michael Malay, I was sealed into a great family. Uncle Brian was always there. The first year I was married I was scared of him. He was a mountain of a man with a huge beard. He would just sit there, silently. When I finally told him he frightened me, his laughter was contagious. He was always there whenever we needed him. Through the years I was blessed to know his love for family, his joy of being a father and husband, his quiet yet hilarious sense of humor, and his sweet and loving spirit that was larger than him in every way. He is a constant in so many lives, it leaves a void. I also have learned from him that the gospel is true and families ARE forever. I know right now he is in the loving arms of his parents and dear sister Karen. Thank you for a life of sacrifice and loving kindness. Till we meet again, we will miss you Brian.*

deborah malay - May 11, 2021 at 09:22 PM

NW

My deepest condolences for you and your family.

Nan Waring - May 12, 2021 at 10:05 AM

MD

Mari and Family:

I am so sorry for the loss of your wonderful husband and father. My heart aches for you all and I hope you all are holding up okay. You have always been such a wonderful family and the times we were able to get together were always fun and I looked forward to the next time we were able to get together. I admire all of you and please let me know if there is anything I can do for you in your time of sadness.

Love

Maurie

Maurie Davidson - May 13, 2021 at 08:41 AM

RA

Great Uncle Brian:

I remember when you used to play with me and tell me stories like when I was a baby you and grandpa both had a beard and looked so alike I didn't know which one was my grandpa. I miss you so much and I love you so much.

Love

Raeni

Raeni - May 26 at 04:32 PM