



Brian Legge

January 20, 1953 - June 8, 2022

Brian Thomas Legge, 69, of Grant Park, formerly of Beecher, where he continued to spend his days slowly cruising town in the old BTL, passed away June 8th, 2022 in Chicago.

He was born January 20th, 1953 in Chicago to Tom and Shirley Legge. He attended Beecher schools through 8th grade, and reluctantly attended high school in Delafield, WI at St. John's Military Academy. Despite going AWOL and claiming to be in misery the whole time he was there, he rarely missed an opportunity to go back for various school events, and the school remained his favorite place on Earth. He went on to graduate from University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in 1975 with a Bachelor's Degree in English. He made his living in sales.

In 1978 he married the former Debbie Maddrill. Just about the only good thing that resulted from that union was his daughter, Elizabeth Ann, born in 1979.

If you knew him, you knew Brian was a very unique individual. Anyone who ever sat and had a beer with him (even though he would be standing), would no doubt have heard many stories about the shenanigans of his younger years, and some of you likely took part in them. He had a love of classic rock and anything trivia. He was a wealth of useless and not so useless knowledge and very under-utilized talent. He was always in for a game of Trivial Pursuit and tuned in to Jeopardy every day.

In case he didn't already make everyone aware, he was preceded in death by his parents, his sister and best friend, Kathy Von Alven, and his brother-in-law Bud Von Alven.

Brian is survived by his daughter Elizabeth (Billy) Courtney, grandsons Brandon, Daren, and Thomas Courtney (who he just missed by 11 days), nephews Aaron (Danielle) Von Alven and Eric Von Alven, niece Kirsten (John) Hammock, special great nephew, roomie, and sidekick Reid Von Alven, and many other great nieces and nephews.

We ask that you please read this obit with a bit of a sense of humor. Dad was always one for making serious situations a little lighter, and we know he would be getting a kick out of our tribute to him. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family to go toward purchasing a niche in the Columbarium at St. John's.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 28. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Hack-Jensen Funeral Home
753 Hodges Street
Beecher, IL 60401
jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com
<http://Hackfuneralhome.com>

Memorial Service

AUG 28. 4:00 PM (CT)

Hack-Jensen Funeral Home
753 Hodges Street
Beecher, IL 60401
jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com
<http://Hackfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

MC

“ Elizabeth, My name is Michael Cymbala. My grandmother's brother, Earl Lane, married Kathy and Brian's grandfather's sister, Lillian Syverson. I grew up in the same apartment building as Brian and Kathy on Dante street in Chicago from birth until first grade. (1948-1952-3.... a long time ago.) Kathy and I were the same age and very close little friends. We walked to kindergarten together every day. I also remember Shirley very well and have some vague recollections of Tom Legge. I have a couple of old photos of Shirley, Brian, and Kathy. If you would like, feel free to contact me, I'll be happy to share the photos with you. My phone is 312-485-6530. My Lane side of the family spent a lot of time with your Syverson side. I have many found memories, most up in Saugatuck Michigan. Your dad was a fun little boy. Sorry about your loss. Just stumbled upon the obit today. You come from some very good stock, you had some wonderful ancestors!

Michael Cymbala - December 12, 2022 at 09:26 PM



“ Yes! Brian's obit is unique, just like him!!! Enjoyed reading about him. May the family always show the humor as Brian did in life and beyond.

Debbie Kotecki - August 28, 2022 at 03:13 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Brian Legge.



August 26, 2022 at 12:36 PM

SC

“ I had the pleasure of working with Brian for a time at Union Electronics. Periodically we would cross paths afterward. He was a master in the art of remembering names and reciting stories. Most importantly, an ambassador of good will and kindness. Any time spent with him was an event with guaranteed laughter.

Steve Cecich - August 17, 2022 at 10:12 PM

KS

Brian and many of us met at Up the Street and played Trivia Pursuit all night. The movie Breakfast Club just came out and he referred to our group as The Lost Weekend Supper Club..."lol.
I always loved his big heart and would like to think of us as close..he want a man without regrets, dreams or intelligence.
My favorite me memory is when he tried to persuade me to go to Starved Rock with a bunch to go camping.
We just lost our family pet; Silks and I used the excuse we were having a memorial for her tomorrow.. thinking he'd get my dry sense of humor.
Instead he shows up at my house the next day in a suit jacket and a smile saying "I couldn't have fun knowing what your family was going through"...sigh.
I'm so deeply sorry for your family's loss and hold memories of our Super Club in my heart. ❤️

karen smith - August 24, 2022 at 01:36 PM

DB

“ So sad to hear of his passing. Lots of great memories from HS.



Diane Basile (Bradshaw) - July 24, 2022 at 10:26 PM

KH

“ Rest In Peace, my friend.
Mike Hiatt

Karen Hiatt - July 19, 2022 at 07:29 PM



“ Saddened to hear of Brian's passing. We went to grade school together and remember him being in a "cool" band!



Debbie Kotecki - July 18, 2022 at 07:35 PM