



Brian Andrew Racine

May 21, 1976 - January 1, 2021

Brian Racine passed away unexpectedly on January 1, 2021. Brian was born in Concord, NH on May 21, 1976, grew up in Nashua, NH, and graduated from Dunedin High School in Dunedin, FL. He began his 23-year career in the US Navy in November of 1994. During his time in the Navy, he was assigned to the USS Theodore Roosevelt where he advanced to Third Class and Second-Class Petty Officer working on the hanger bay as an aircraft director. He completed three deployments before being assigned to the Naval Station at Mayport. After completing ABH "C" School, Brian returned to the USS Theodore Roosevelt where he served as Fly Three Petty Officer and Crash and Salvage LPO, advancing to First Class Petty Officer. In March 2007, he completed Journeyman Instructor Training School and was assigned to Farrier Fire Fighting School at the Center for Naval Engineering. While there he earned the prestigious Master Training Specialist designation. After advancing to Chief Petty Officer, he reported to the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower in November 2011, participating in combat deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Brian advanced to Senior Chief Petty Officer and reported to Littoral Combat Ship Squadron in Mayport Florida. He retired July 13 after 23 years of service during which he earned three Navy Commendations and three Navy Achievement medals.

While his allegiance to his country was an integral part of his life, Brian found his true joy in family. He married the love of his life, Lerici, on November 11,

2000. Together they had two children, Trevor (16) and Mariana (12) and have made their home in St. Johns, Florida. Brian shared his love for the outdoors with them, spending their time fishing, hunting, boating and camping. Many of the people Brian worked with have credited him for showing them how family comes first, and that nature is the place to find God's peace in the darkest of times. Brian also served as Chair of the Trustees Committee and a member of the Administrative Council at River of Life United Methodist Church, and was the Assistant Scout Master and Charter Representative for Troop 280 in St. Johns. He took great pride in recently helping his son complete his Eagle Scout Project. He encouraged his children's love of baseball and horseback riding and was their biggest cheerleader on the sidelines (well, maybe second only to their mom). He filled their world with adventure and a zest for life, and both of his children share his love for the water and the outdoors.

Brian leaves behind his parents, Robert and Nancy Racine of Seven Lakes, NC, who have always taken great pride in his accomplishments in both his naval career and his personal life, two sisters, Leslie Racine Vazquez of Providence, RI, and Amie Collins of West End NC. He also leaves behind a nephew, Rowan, and two nieces, Claire and Sophie who will miss his frequent visits, his infectious joy, and even his crazy beard!

Brian will be remembered as having a true love of country, but more importantly as knowing that family comes first. His greatest happiness was found in building a life for his wife and children, and he will be remembered best as the guy with a sharp wit, a quick laugh, spending the day on the boat, fishing pole in hand, family by his side, surrounded by the things he loved most in this world.

A Celebration of Brian's life will be 11 a.m., Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at the River of Life United Methodist Church with Pastor Perri Martin officiating.

"The service is being held outside for social distancing purposes. If you plan to attend, please bring camping or lawn chairs to sit on. Dress comfortable "like Brian would".

Brian will be laid to rest at Jacksonville National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to: Kids Fishing Foundation-
kidsfishingfoundation.com, or the Gary Sinise Foundation-
garysinisefoundation.org

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

River of Life United Methodist Church
2600 Racetrack Road
St Johns, FL 32259

Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Brian Andrew Racine*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - January 07, 2021 at 11:32 AM

BD

Beautiful tribute video

Becky Davis - January 07, 2021 at 03:30 PM

CS

*Beautiful video tribute.
Brian will be missed by all who had the pleasure to know him. Deepest condolences to all of his family.*

Christine Snyder - January 07, 2021 at 04:42 PM

AC

So sorry for your loss. Praying for you

amanda churchill - January 09, 2021 at 08:06 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brian Andrew Racine.*



January 11, 2021 at 05:41 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Brian Andrew Racine.



January 11, 2021 at 02:47 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brian Andrew Racine.



January 11, 2021 at 09:02 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Brian Andrew Racine.



January 09, 2021 at 02:41 PM



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January 09, 2021 at 12:50 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Brian Andrew Racine.*



January 08, 2021 at 07:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brian Andrew Racine.*



January 08, 2021 at 01:18 PM



“ *I came to know Brian through Scouts at Troop 280 where I found him to be a dedicated family man and Scouter. He made a big difference in a lot of people's lives, always had a quick wit and could find the positive in practically anything...even including hiking in torrential rain. My sympathies to the family. The world has lost a good one. Brian Miller*

Brian Miller - January 08, 2021 at 10:32 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Brian Andrew Racine.*



January 07, 2021 at 09:52 PM

TY

“ Racine family my deepest condolences to you. I pray that you find comfort and peace when more times than not it may be difficult to do so. Lerici my time working with you I always found you to be a kind and wonderful person, I am so very sorry that life turned this tragic trajectory for you and your children.

Tara Young - January 07, 2021 at 08:21 PM

MJ

“ Thinking of his family during this time. We served together aboard the Roosevelt. Rest easy, brother.



Melissa “Bull” Johnson - January 07, 2021 at 04:00 PM

Brien Schmauch

“ We haven't spoken since our days in NJROTC. Life takes people in different directions and you lose touch. I always appreciated you kind nature and positive outlook. Rest easy Brian.

Brien Schmauch
Dunedin NJROTC '96

Brien Schmauch - January 07, 2021 at 01:59 PM



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January 07, 2021 at 12:47 PM

SN

“ *I have no words! You were one of the coolest dudes I've known. You are, and will always be, missed my brother.*



Shawn Necaize - January 07, 2021 at 11:36 AM



“ *64 files added to the album Life Tributes*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - January 07, 2021 at 11:30 AM

BR

“ *Brenda lit a candle in memory of Brian Andrew Racine*



Brenda - January 07, 2021 at 11:17 AM

LE

“ Leslie lit a candle in memory of Brian Andrew Racine



Leslie - January 07, 2021 at 08:51 AM

LE

For my "baby" brother who always called me "kiddo." Love you!

Leslie - January 07, 2021 at 08:52 AM

MV

My deepest sympathy.

Maria R. Vasquez - January 07, 2021 at 09:14 AM

NW

We are praying for your whole family I hope you can receive some comfort in your special memories of your family time.

Nancy and Mike Wilson - January 07, 2021 at 09:32 AM

EP

My sincere sympathies

Ellen Weaver Paquette - January 07, 2021 at 09:47 AM



Ella Hamilton

My condolences and prayers for your whole family. You will be missed at work 😞.

Ella Hamilton - January 07, 2021 at 11:29 AM

EV

A wonderful husband, father, son and brother who will be missed tremendously. I'm raising a glass of his favorite Bourbon in celebration of his life. God bless.

Ed Vazquez - January 07, 2021 at 12:54 PM



My deepest condolences.

Tina Vazquez - January 08, 2021 at 05:10 PM



We fondly remember Bryan, Lerici, sweet Trevor and Mariana's birth as members of Woodland Heights Baptist Church in Chesapeake VA. Our prayers are with the family as we pray God's special blessings and care upon them.

Frank and Betty Jamison January 9, 2021

Betty Jamison - January 09, 2021 at 11:51 AM



We wish to extend our deepest sympathies to the Racine family and are sorry for your loss.

Diego & Kristine Vazquez - January 09, 2021 at 06:18 PM



Sending our thoughts and prayers to you and your family. So sorry for you loss.

Maria and Ray Petow

Maria Petow - January 18, 2021 at 06:58 PM