



Brian "Flip" Earley

January 21, 1964 - January 13, 2022

Brian "Flip" Earley, 57, of Bloomington, passed away peacefully on January 13th.

Brian was the favorite child born to Rex and Bonnie (Beavers) Earley at Schneck Memorial in Seymour on January 21st, 1964. Growing up in the Gaiser Park neighborhood in Seymour, there were kids everywhere. Being the youngest of 5 was the best. After graduating from Seymour High School (Class of 82), he attended Purdue University where he met the love of his life and the luckiest woman in the world, Mary Martin. After graduating from the best school in the state of Indiana, Purdue University, he and Mary were wedded on November 4th, 1989 in Wheaton, IL. He worked as Sales Professional for The Sherwin-Williams Company for 32 years before enjoying his retirement on Lake Monroe. Brian was a connoisseur of bourbon and the most effective influencer of a good time, no matter the setting.

Brian is preceded in death by both parents (Rex and Bonnie Earley).

Brian is survived by his spouse Mary Earley, brothers Dave (Rhonda) Earley, Joe (Susan) Earley, "Eddie", sisters Rexanne (Jim) Ude, Sara (Mark) Clark, 10 nieces, and 7 nephews.

It seems the combination of seasonal weather, enhanced restrictions, and

COVID impacting health concerns will force an indoor/outdoor celebration, which is not likely to occur until springtime. Neither date nor location has been set at this time. Memorials may be given to the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation (<https://cholangiocarcinoma.org>) and gifts to Grace Center Food Pantry, P.O. Box 71, Harrodsburg, IN 47434.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37 is handling the arrangements and online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Tribute Wall

DK

“ I worked with and for Brian for a few years in the early 2000's. I always thought he was fun to work with, and the pecan rolls he'd bring to our meetings were always great. I just heard of his passing. I haven't spoken to him for years, but sad to see him go. God speed Brian.

David Kelchen - August 08, 2022 at 07:30 PM

TK

“ I am heartbroken for you, Mary. Brian was a joy to work with at S-W, and always the life of the party.....even when there was no party! Hold the memories close. Hugs and prayers, Toni Keegan

Toni Keegan - January 21, 2022 at 06:18 PM

CG

“ Mary, I am so sorry to hear about Flip. I have such good memories of all of our fun times together with our little gang of Purdue alumni. He always knew how to get people to laugh and let loose and have fun. One of my fondest memories of him was going out on my 21st birthday to tour the nightlife in Lafayette. I still have the Schooner from Sgt Prestons all these years later and think about him whenever I see it.

I hope that all your good memories of your life together bring your comfort in this difficult time.

Charles Gerolium

Charles Gerolium - January 20, 2022 at 11:27 AM

BR

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss Mary. Brian was a great man that had a positive influence in so many lives including mine! He will be greatly missed. Brian knew when to have fun, but also when to be serious. He was a great friend and colleague.

Bruce - January 19, 2022 at 02:16 PM

BM

“ Brian was a true gentleman. There was never a time he could not make me smile. For all of the years that I worked with him, he was always the "class' act. Fare well Brian. To Mary so sorry for your loss. He will be missed.

Bob Murphy

Bob Murphy - January 18, 2022 at 02:25 PM



TM

“ Mary, I remember all the fun times at your home in Owensboro. Especially the marshmallow game in your backyard! Brian was such a sweetheart. We are so very sorry for your loss. We will keep you in our prayers. Love you, Tami & Hershel

Tami and Hershel Morgan - January 16, 2022 at 10:44 PM

CL

“ I grew up in that great neighborhood. Sara was in my class and Rexanne was my babysitter. I spent lots of time in that house. So sorry to read about Brian.

Carra Lian - January 16, 2022 at 04:48 PM



LF

“ To all the family , please accept our deepest sympathy in the passing of your beloved brother. While we did not know him, we know your family and the love you all share and realize your hearts are broken. Please accept our prayers for Comfort and Peace, may your sweet memories, bring a smile through your tears. Rick and Linda Ferguson, Lake City, FL



Linda Ferguson - January 16, 2022 at 10:27 AM

BM

“ Brian got his jabs in up until the very end. Read his obit. Recently and fearlessly hilarious until the very end. We should all live our lives like Brian did and in his honor. Rest In Peace my friend.

Brian Martlage - January 15, 2022 at 08:38 PM

ME

Thanks Brian

Mary Earley - January 16, 2022 at 02:23 PM

KN

“ Dear Mary,
We've only met a few times and it was always a pleasure talking with Flip! Our Son, Jonathan told us what a fun and happy man he was! We were so sad to hear of his illness and passing! Please know you are in our prayers!
Love, Kate and George Nikiel

Kate Nikiel - January 15, 2022 at 07:53 PM

ME

Thank you Kate

Mary Earley - January 16, 2022 at 02:23 PM

BS

“ I still remember Mary telling me "I found the guy for you in my class" when at Purdue. It was Flip. Little did she know God had plans for her and what a loving, caring relationship they soon had! Brian will hold a special place in the hearts of so many. Our sincere condolences go out to you.

Beth and Robert Schroeder - January 15, 2022 at 07:10 PM

ME

Made me laugh to read that line...I really thought I had found the one for you Beth!

Mary Earley - January 16, 2022 at 02:25 PM

CG

“ Prayers for Brian's family,

Connie James Gerth - January 15, 2022 at 08:31 AM

ME

Thanks Connie

Mary Earley - January 16, 2022 at 02:27 PM

SM

“ Our condolences to Brian's family. We all loved spending time with the Earley family in the Gaiser Park neighborhood in Seymour. And have wonderful memories of Brian's sense of humor and fun times shared at Seymour High School. Blessings to all of you.

Sharon McAllister, Sonya, Rick and Tony

SHARON MCALLISTER - January 15, 2022 at 08:01 AM

ME

Thank you Sharon

Mary Earley - January 16, 2022 at 02:27 PM

AB

“ *When he would visit Purdue while I was a student there he would bring me cookie dough! I always thought that was the perfect thing for a college student!* ”

Andi Bukowski - January 14, 2022 at 09:07 PM

ME

Love this!

Mary Earley - January 16, 2022 at 02:27 PM

“ I wasn't lucky enough to spend as much time with Flip as most of you, but it was enough time to know we lost one hell of a guy yesterday.

I initially met Flip through Skylar during our undergraduate years at IU. Flip was always more than happy to take a crew of college kids out on Lake Monroe for a day of tubing, laughter and all-you-can-eat walleye at The Fairfax Inn.

Recently, I was able to spend more time with Flip after purchasing a condo at Eagle Pointe. The unit was older and needed some work so my wife and I were often spending our weekends working on it. Unfortunately, I do not possess any handyman skills so I was often in need of help and advice on various projects. Flip, who seemed a master of all things house repair, was more than willing to help me out. Without fail (and without asking), every time my car was parked at the condo, Flip would show up willing to help.

One of these projects involved installing an Over-the-Range microwave late on a Saturday night. In classic Flip fashion, he came by to see if I needed help. I am sure he could tell I had no idea what I was doing. In an effort to avoid burning down all of Eagle Pointe, Flip stayed with me until 11 p.m. to install electrical wiring and the microwave. I am sure he would rather have spent his Saturday night sipping on Woodford, but he never once acted like it was an inconvenience. This is just one example of many, many projects in which Flip helped.

His personality and energy were infectious and he elevated the mood of the room every time he entered. Even when installing a microwave, it was impossible not to have a good time with Flip. I will miss him dearly.

-Ben Weller

Ben Weller - January 14, 2022 at 03:51 PM

ME

He always loved helping you Ben!

Mary Earley - January 18, 2022 at 08:00 PM