



## Brian N. Jones

April 17, 1942 - July 4, 2020

Brian Nelson Jones, born April 17, 1942 to John Randolph and Adele Edge Jones in Jersey City, NJ

Survived by wife Deborah, daughters Meredith Feschyn (Paul), Caroline Fineberg (David), Deborah Davidson (Will), son Benedict, granddaughters Lauren and Abigail Fineberg, grandsons Adam Fineberg, Victor Feschyn, Brian and Baby Boy Davidson (arriving soon), two sisters Adele Calcavecchio (Bill Clare) and Pamela Edge. He also is survived by three nephews, two nieces and their children in addition his sisters in law, Julie Rothuizen, Brenda Kiessling M.D., and brothers in law, Peter Kiessling M.D. and Douglas Kiessling O.D. He is preceded in death by his parents and brother Randy Jones, sisters Eileen Considine and Judith Jones, his beloved son Brian Jones Jr., and grandson Joshua Fineberg.

Brian Jones graduated from St. Benedict's Preparatory School, Newark, NJ (proud editor of the school newspaper & debate team member) and St. Anselm College, Manchester, NH, where he studied for the priesthood for five years (and where stories of him always bring a smile). After being called to a family life, he worked at the Wistar Institute at University of Pennsylvania Medical Center and then studied law at Indiana University, Bloomington, where he and his wife met and married. Following a life-long passion and expertise with antique & classic cars, he became a licensed auctioneer and

chronicled their sales at collector car auctions around the country, publishing the very first 'price report' of the market called "Car Values." He served as the official appraiser for the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum, Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, and Peterson Automotive Museum (among others), in addition to the most notable private collections in the world. He was always proud to have attended the Auburn Auction & Barrett-Jackson for 40 consecutive years. His favorite car was a Cadillac, specifically any Cadillac Limousine, the kind of car his father transported the family in growing up. The son of a symphony orchestra conductor (Jersey City Philharmonic), his love of classical & big band music had him teaching his kids the likes of Bing Crosby, Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller, and Louis Armstrong.

Famous for his red hair (just one), beautiful voice and sense of humor, Brian had a vivid imagination and undeniable charisma. Acts of service was his main language of love, which he showed by his extravagant generosity. He funneled that energy into supporting his children, who he truly believed could achieve anything. Each of us recalls his super-human feats, delivering us and our things to colleges and new homes around the country. He LOVED cooking a variety of recipes, and distributing that food with love to anyone who needed it (sometimes overnighting it directly to us). He was silly, goofy, and fun, always coming up with nicknames and songs about his children (even his old cars). He would call us on the phone to sing "Back Home Again In Indiana" each time he returned from a long trip. He was a technical and brilliant person, employing the use of cell phones and computers since the 1980's. He was an interesting man and interested in many things, capable of speaking on almost any topic. His resolve was certain, and when he decided something it would happen, like when he quit smoking (cold turkey) after 40 years and never looked back. He was thoughtful towards others, and could remember the birthdays of every person he cared about without ever looking at a calendar. He was meticulous and methodical. He enjoyed working for himself, believed it was good to own your own business, and that you should always say thank

you. He dedicated himself as a 'lifelong servant of God' and gave many hours to the Catholic Church, most recently as a member of St. Charles. His business and proximity to collectors allowed him to source and donate art, statues, and other religious artifacts to the Church throughout his life.

Brian Jones was a true character, and left an impression on everyone he met. From his endless catalog of unique expressions, to his sharp humor and keen intellect, he was truly one-of-a-kind. His presence was always felt, and will always be missed. Thank you, Dad. We love you so much.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held Wednesday July 8, 2020 at 11:00AM at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church with visitation from 10:00Am until the time of the Mass at 11:00AM.

Kindly consider a contribution to defray the family's costs.

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# Cemetery Details

## White Oak Cemetery

Bloomington, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Charles Borromeo Church  
2222 E 3rd St  
Bloomington, IN 47401-5385  
(812) 336-6846

## Mass of Christian Burial

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# Tribute Wall

BM

“ I am saddened to read of the death of my friend Brian. We became friends when I bought a 1957 Chevrolet Cameo pick up from the Roger Rhode museum collection in 1986. Over the next decade and a half, when Brian would be in New England, he would call and we would share a meal, some laughs and stories of the Benedicts. I have thought about him often over the years and want his family to know that I care...he was a great guy!!

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**Biff Michaud** - February 22, 2023 at 07:51 PM

RK

“ Just learned of Brian's passing. I was one of the contributors to Car Values and covered several auctions for Brian. There are 100's of stories involving Brian and "our people" as Brian referred to the characters that attended the auctions in the 70's and 80's. I always told Brian that he should write a book about all the "incidents" that occurred regularly at those auctions---it would have been a great read. Brian used to, regularly, break up one of the Kruse brothers with his pithy comments while they were in the middle of calling for bids. Certainly, Brian was one of the few truly unique humans to walk the earth, his wit will be missed.

*Russ Keller*

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**Russ Keller** - September 18, 2021 at 03:09 AM

RC

“ I can hardly believe you’re no longer around, Brian, and I’m shocked that it took nearly a year for me to find out. The alumni magazine which arrived today was the first notice for me. I should know something was amiss when I didn’t hear from you last month. You always delighted in reminding me that Meredith and I shared the same birthday. Pax vobiscum, my old friend. See you around the corner. I’ll look for the big, bald guy in the mauve vest.  
Skip

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**robert collins** - June 29, 2021 at 08:09 PM



“ Mary Bales lit a candle in memory of Brian N. Jones



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**Mary Bales** - December 21, 2020 at 12:41 PM

JL

“ From the Lyle family. We extend our prayers to his family. You were all part of our family and I am so glad I got to see him at the restaurant. He will be missed by me, David and Nancy. We hope God gives you comfort in his memories he will live on in ours.  
Jan Lyle

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**JANET D LYLE** - July 11, 2020 at 12:33 PM

CG

“ I met Brian at Owen Valley Health Campus where my father is a resident. I said "hello" to him in the hallway and that continued into a conversation. I would see him most times when I visited my father, which before the pandemic, was every other day. One day when I was there, it was Bingo time. I asked him if he was going to play and he said he didn't like the game. He said he would prefer a good book. The next time I went, I took some books for him. I enjoyed our conversations and found him to be an intelligent and interesting person. He was funny, engaging, and a truly enjoyable person to listen to with many stories of things he had done in his life. When my sister and niece came from St. Louis for a visit with my father, they met Brian and he was equally as impressive in their eyes. In fact, they met him before I did and came home with wonderful stories he had shared with them. I'm so sorry for your loss. I just briefly knew Brian and I was drawn to him. To have known and loved him as you did and to have him in your lives was indeed a treasure. My thoughts are with you in this time of sorrow.

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**Connie S. Giles** - July 09, 2020 at 07:16 AM

DS

“ Brian was a good friend to my daughter's family in Spencer. I met him several times and was always impressed by how kind and gentle he was. I had no idea he was so accomplished. May God grant comfort to his family in their loss. Pray for us, Brian.

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**Dennis Sievers** - July 08, 2020 at 09:34 AM

DS

“ *My prayers for Brian's family. He was one of a kind, in a very good way. My father's final months were made easier by this very kind and thoughtful man. I will forever be in his debt. From our visits to St. Meinrad; "O gracious and holy Father, give us wisdom to perceive you, diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you, a heart to meditate upon you, and a life to proclaim you; through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."*

*Lasting peace my friend.*

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**Dea Szatkowski** - July 07, 2020 at 08:45 AM