



## Brian Wayne Passwaiter

April 25, 1963 - July 11, 2022

Brian Wayne Passwaiter passed away peacefully early in the morning on Monday, July 11th, 2022, at his home after a long, hard battle with brain cancer. He was 59 years old.

Brian was born on April 25th, 1963, in Beech Grove, Indiana, but primarily grew up in Ventura, California. There, he met his soulmate, and wife, Shannon McKay when they were teenagers. While in Ventura, Brian and Shannon got married and had three children, Ashley, and twins, Kalee and Dylan. After learning how to tattoo at Ventura Tattoo, he moved with Shannon and their children to Bloomington, Indiana and opened his world-famous tattoo shop, Skinquake Precision Tattooing. Brian and Shannon operated Skinquake together for 23 years with multiple locations in central and southern Indiana. Brian was an entrepreneur at heart who always dreamt big and preferred working for himself. He retired from tattooing in 2016 and moved to Jacksonville Beach, Florida with Shannon for a few years before moving back to Bloomington to be closer to their grandchildren.

Brian was naturally artistic, both with drawing and painting, but also had a passion for photography. When he traveled with his family, he was always found lugging his massive camera bag around with his Nikon hanging from his neck. He loved traveling with his wife and family, taking many cross-country road trips in life. Brian also had a great love for music. As an audiophile, he had a vast collection of vinyl albums that he had collected over his lifetime, as well as had many exquisite sound systems. He loved all kinds of music, but

classic rock was his favorite genre. He loved Led Zeppelin, so much so that he owned nine different Led Zeppelin II albums. He was known for his unique sense of humor, generosity, humbleness, and hard work ethic, as well as his love for fast cars, Harley-Davidson motorcycles, playing guitar, and scaring people. However, he loved nothing more than sharing his passions and spending time with his loving wife and family.

Brian was preceded in death by his grandparents, Mary (Debruler) and Johnnie Thomason; his uncle Johnnie "Sonny" Thomason, and wife Becky; and his father, Robert W. Passwaiter. He is survived by his wife, Shannon (McKay); their three children, Ashley (Danny Jr.) Thomas, Kalee, and Dylan; four grandchildren, Connor, Carson, Deacon, and Birdie Thomas; his mom Laura (Thomason) Chaparro, stepdad Mike Chaparro; his brother, Gary Chaparro; as well as several cousins, nephews, and a niece. Visitation will be held on Friday, July 15th, 2022, at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37 from 4 to 8 pm. His funeral service will be held at Harrodsburg First United Methodist Church at 1 pm on Sunday, July 17th, 2022. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com). Flowers may be sent to Allen Funeral Home at 4155 South Old Indiana 37, Bloomington, IN 47401

# Cemetery Details

## Clover Hill Cemetery

Harrodsburg, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 15. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

## Funeral Service

JUL 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Harrodsburg Methodist Church  
9254 S 3rd Ave  
Harrodsburg, IN 47403

# Tribute Wall

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“ I grew up with Brian as teens in the Ventura area and he really was one of the best friends a guy could have. Unfortunately I made horrendous decisions and our lives took totally separate paths. I'll always remember him as my best friend and the brother I never had. My sincerest condolences to his family. REST IN PEACE my friend.

marty m - November 20, 2022 at 11:25 AM

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“ Brian did my first tattoo when I turned 18. It still looks brand new, and people have stopped me, literally grabbed my arm to look at it. There's not another one like it in the world and I was so saddened to hear of his passing. So much love to his family.



Sarah Joachim - July 30, 2022 at 05:33 PM



“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Brian Wayne Passwaite.



July 15, 2022 at 03:04 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brian Wayne Passwaiter.*



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July 15, 2022 at 09:20 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Brian Wayne Passwaiter.*



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July 15, 2022 at 07:20 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Brian Wayne Passwaiter.*



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July 14, 2022 at 02:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brian Wayne Passwaiter.*



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July 14, 2022 at 09:25 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Brian Wayne Passwaiter.*



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July 13, 2022 at 07:10 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Brian Wayne Passwaiter.*



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July 13, 2022 at 06:19 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Brian Wayne Passwaiter.*



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July 13, 2022 at 03:18 PM



“ *Mom, Big Daddy, Gary, Kim purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Brian Wayne Passwaiter.*



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**Mom, Big Daddy, Gary, Kim** - July 13, 2022 at 03:03 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brian Wayne Passwaiter.*



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July 13, 2022 at 11:40 AM



“ *Love, Bailey & Casey purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Brian Wayne Passwaiter.*



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**Love, Bailey & Casey** - July 13, 2022 at 11:07 AM



“ *Forever loved and missed by so many . Resting in peace and soon to be home with the Lord. My the good Lord provide comfort and peace in this time of of struggle. And remember to celebrate life now and always. Love to all*



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**gary chaparro** - July 12, 2022 at 10:42 PM