



## Brian Alan MacKenzie

March 2, 1959 - April 14, 2019

Brian Alan MacKenzie, an outdoorsman that greatly enjoyed fishing and hunting, died at his home in Vermontville, MI on April 14, 2019 of natural causes. Brian, age 60, was born March 2, 1959 in Hastings to Donald and Marilyn (Zimmerman) MacKenzie. The oldest of three children, Brian grew up with family hunting and fishing trips and continued the traditions with his grandsons, especially enjoying fishing on Thornapple Lake on his pontoon and trips to the U.P. Brian enjoyed the outdoors so much that he would spend his entire summer camping and fishing at Thornapple Lake with his friend, Steven Duffey. Brian graduated from Maple Valley High School in 1977, and then worked at General Motors as a forklift operator for 30 years, retiring in 2009. A talented singer, Brian enjoyed singing karaoke and was a previous winner of the talent contest at the Maple Syrup Festival. His family acknowledges he was very stubborn, often to their frustration, however, he would bend over backwards to help anyone that needed a hand. Devoted to his family, Brian was always helping his parents and finding ways to spend quality time with his daughters and grandchildren and encouraging them in many ways. He was a great friend and mentor.

Brian is survived by his daughters, Darcy (Jason Nesky) MacKenzie and Erin (Joe) Elliston; grandchildren, Cameron, Avery, Cayden, and Dylan; parents, Donald and Marilyn MacKenzie; siblings, Steve MacKenzie and Valerie (Tom) Palmer; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. He was predeceased by his grandparents, Donald and Arvilla MacKenzie and Zimira and Esther Zimmerman; and best friend, Steven Duffey.

A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2019, 1:00 PM at the South Cochran Church of God in Charlotte, MI. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Brian on his Tribute Page at <http://www.PrayFuneral.com>. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Events

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**APR**   **Memorial Service**                      01:00PM

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South Cochran Church of God

2470 S. Cochran Rd, Charlotte, MI, US, 48813

# Comments

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“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Brian Alan MacKenzie.

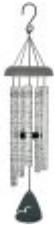


April 26, 2019 at 05:55 PM

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“ Doug & Rebecca Douglas purchased the Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet for the family of Brian Alan MacKenzie.



**Doug & Rebecca Douglas** - April 22, 2019 at 07:17 AM

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“ I used to spend a lot of time with Brian, Steve and Val in school. Brian used to save a seat on the bus for me nearly every day. It does not seem possible that it has been do kind. Test In Peace Brian. Don and Marilyn Steve and Val. You are my thoughts and prayers

**JoDee Pruden** - April 15, 2019 at 09:52 PM



“ Rest in Peace. And "that it has been so long'

**JoDee Pruden** - April 15, 2019 at 09:54 PM

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“ Having grew up in Vermontville there's too many memories to chose from. BB was a good friend and neighbor. We even worked together for awhile at GM. You will be missed

Your friends

Andrea, Raeleen and Robert

**Andrea** - April 15, 2019 at 07:07 PM