



Brian Keith Caruthers

December 28, 1968 - August 1, 2024

Brian Keith Caruthers triumphantly entered the Kingdom of Heaven August 1, 2024.

Cancer sucks.

Brian, 55, was born and raised in Charlotte. He attended Charlotte Public Schools and graduated from Ridge Vocational Technical School in Polk City, Florida in 1987. He spent his senior year living with his grandparents, Phyllis and James Caruthers in Florida, and he often shared fond memories of spending time with his half-sister, Aimee, during that time. After returning to Charlotte, Brian began his employment with Spartan Motors and dedicated 33 years of service building fire truck components in a variety of positions, most recently as an electrician. Over the years he developed close friendships with several of his coworkers.

Brian met his wife, Pam, on "Sweetest Day" in October 1996 and they married on May 31, 1997 (he immediately became the favorite Uncle of Stephanie, Amanda and Nathanael. Two years later their son, Joseph, was born. They attended Charlotte Assembly of God for many years. Brian felt strongly that ministering to men was important and he valued the connections he made with others through Ushering and Men's Ministry at church.

He was a life-long learner, and encouraged and challenged those close to him

to do the same. Reading "Wild at Heart" by John Eldredge changed his life. Brian was an authentic person who often said, "What God says about you in Scripture is the only opinion about you that matters."

An avid reader and writer, Brian enjoyed Tolkien, C.S. Lewis, and John Eldredge. He also enjoyed Marvel and DC comics, time outdoors, fishing, and going to the shooting range. Above all, Brian loved being a Husband, Dad, Uncle, and Brother.

Brian enjoyed making people laugh, and he was always ready for a good debate. Topics of interest could be anything from Doctor Who to Marvel and DC Comics, podcasting, reading audio books, what "good 80's music" meant to him (especially Huey Lewis and the News), shooting guns, writing his book, and bacon - it makes everything better. He was most passionate about his relationship with Jesus Christ. He became a Christian as a young adult and daily strived to grow closer to the Lord and live an authentic life. He desperately wanted everyone to know this: Jesus loves you, he died for you, and he has a plan for your life!

Brian was thoughtful, kind and generous, with a dry and often quirky sense of humor. He loved a good dad joke and catching people off guard. He loved animals, and had many pets over the years, with a special place in his heart for his dog, Woof (who was more like a roommate than a pet), and his good buddy, Max.

Brian is survived by his wife, Pamela; son, Joseph; brother, Chris and Stacey Caruthers; brothers and sisters-in-law, Gerritt and Kerry Raterink, Dorene and Mike Culp, Leslie and Greg Lidstone; Aunt Penny Saylor, Aunt Jody Laubhan; special nephews and nieces, Nathanael and Jenna, Stephanie and Javon, Amanda and Steve, and Tyler; dear friends, Mike and Sandi Rodgers, and Chad and Flor Ehresman; and extended family. He was preceded in death by

his mother, Sharon (Saylor) Worden; father, James Caruthers, Jr.; uncle, Gary Saylor; and father and mother-in-law, Rodney and Phyllis Raterink; as well as his grandparents, Charles and Phyllis Caruthers, Jack Saylor, and Lenora Anson.

Friends are encouraged to support Brian's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Visitation is Tuesday, August 6, 6-8:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. Memorial services are Wednesday, August 7, 11:00 a.m. at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Pastor Mike Rodgers officiating. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com, click on Brian's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, memorial contributions are suggested to Right to Life of Michigan, or to the family so they may purchase and plant a tree in his honor. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Memorial

AUG 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Brian Keith Caruthers



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - August 07, 2024 at 02:28 PM



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Brian Keith Caruthers

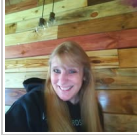


Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - August 05, 2024 at 11:05 PM



“ Lori M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Keith Caruthers.

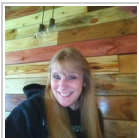
Lori M. - August 08, 2024 at 02:13 PM



“ I will miss you my Friend. I will miss seeing you in the morning and your smile as you said Hi Friend even when you were tired and hurting. I will miss you picking on your work buddies and snickering because you got them. I will miss the proud look when you would bring in goodies that Pam baked for you to share with us all. I will miss hearing about how much you loved your wife, son, Nieces, Nephews (I got to watch them all grow up through pictures) and dogs and all the adventures you had with them. I will miss your quiet but funny sense of humor. You were a great Friend and you will be missed.

Your Friend, Marnia

Marnia Martens - August 07, 2024 at 07:02 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Marnia Martens - August 06, 2024 at 11:48 AM

JS

“ Jeff Smith lit a candle in memory of Brian Keith Caruthers



Jeff Smith - August 05, 2024 at 08:36 PM

MR

“ Michelle R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Keith Caruthers.

Michelle R. - August 05, 2024 at 07:15 PM



“ 60 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - August 05, 2024 at 06:50 PM

JS

“ Jeff Smith lit a candle in memory of Brian Keith Caruthers



Jeff Smith - August 05, 2024 at 11:07 AM

MA

“ 1 file added to the album *Brian Caruthers*



Marnia - August 05, 2024 at 10:16 AM

CP

“ *Carol P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Keith Caruthers.*

Carol P. - August 05, 2024 at 09:09 AM

KS

“ *Kimme Schlehuber sent a virtual gift in memory of Brian Keith Caruthers*



Kimme Schlehuber - August 04, 2024 at 01:37 PM

SJ

“ *Sandra J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Keith Caruthers.*

Sandra J. - August 04, 2024 at 12:21 PM

JS

“ Pam, Joe and family, Very sorry for Brian's passing. Many good memories of our friendship over the years. RIP my friend.

Jeff Smith - August 04, 2024 at 11:14 AM

LW

“ Lisa (Locke) Wylie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Keith Caruthers.

Lisa (Locke) Wylie - August 04, 2024 at 08:20 AM

LW

“ Lisa (Locke) Wylie purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Brian Keith Caruthers.



Lisa (Locke) Wylie - August 04, 2024 at 08:20 AM

CE

“ Brian will always be with me. He was a role model and so passionate about men becoming Christ-like in all their actions. His love was unconditional and his actions proved it. I will miss morning coffee very much, but I know we will do it again someday.

Chad Ehresman - August 03, 2024 at 09:45 PM

MR

“*Brother I cannot express the gratitude for the influence you had in my walk with Christ.
I share the moment of my wedding and you not only as my Best man but also my best friend.*



Michael Rodgers - August 03, 2024 at 09:42 PM