



Brian Vern Hillard

February 26, 1964 - July 3, 2018

Brian Vern Hillard, a loving father, grandfather, son and friend, died peacefully on Tuesday, July 3, 2018 in Grand Rapids. Brian, 54, of Nashville, was born February 26, 1964 in Eaton Rapids, the son of Howard Dean and Carole Jean (Fox) Hillard. He graduated from Eaton Rapids High School in 1982 before working over 20 years as a mechanic at Spartan Motors in Charlotte. He then worked 7 years at Potpourri Trailer in Charlotte before his illness. Brian was a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles and will be remembered for his constant willingness to help others in need. Above all, Brian loved his family.

Brian is survived by his children, Dustin (Jennie) Hillard, Dan (Heather Granger) Hillard, Brittany (Brandon) VanLiew, and Jeff Hillard; grandchildren, Hogan, Dayton, Kacen, Rowan, Crewin, Leo and Daxon; father, Howard Hillard; brother, Blake (Carol) Hillard; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles. He was preceded in death by his mother, Carole and his granddaughter, Koeli.

Friends are encouraged to support Brian's family at visitation and funeral services. Funeral services will be at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at Pray Funeral Home with Pastor John Bailey officiating. Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home on Wednesday, just prior to the service. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge in Grand Rapids. Friends and family are

encouraged to share memories of Brian on his Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral Ceremony

JUL 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Brian Vern Hillard



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - July 10, 2018 at 09:15 PM

RA

“ Just a random person that found this. His pictures kind of touched me. .May he rest in peace. Makes me miss my son.

Random - November 19, 2020 at 08:10 PM

HL

“ Our deepest condolences to the family! Brian was an amazing man who brought many smiles to the faces of both staff and guests here at Hope Lodge. He was such a positive light here and he will be dearly missed!

- Grand Rapids Hope Lodge Staff

Hope Lodge - July 16, 2018 at 07:42 AM

HH

“ RIP Uncle Brian, the girls and i love you and you will forever be missed♡

Heather,Kora,& Haven - July 11, 2018 at 06:15 PM

DW

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Brian will be sorely missed. Brian always had a great smile and I recall how Brian was so proud to be a father. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Diane Wilson - July 11, 2018 at 07:19 AM

TF

“ The King families. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Brian Vern Hillard



The King families. - July 10, 2018 at 09:38 PM






“ 43 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - July 10, 2018 at 08:11 PM

RB

“ My deepest condolences to your family. My heart is sad. I have so many memories of Brian. I would have to say my favorite is watching Tiger baseball in his man cave on Pleasant Street  Going on the road at Spartan Motors. We worked hard and we played hard. God bless you Brian you are truly a great man  

Your buddy always
RANDI

Randi Berg - July 09, 2018 at 10:26 AM

SH

“ I remember Brian as a hard working man he was my supervisor at Spartan Motors we also played softball together. I remember a tournament game we were playing. Brian dove back to first base to avoid a double play the first basemen came down on his hand breaking his fingers he would not let me take him out of the game after we won we almost had to drag him to the emergency room. He will be missed my condolences to the entire Hillard family may God grant you strength and healing during this trying time. R.I.P. my friend. Scott Hogle

Scott Hogle - July 07, 2018 at 03:57 PM

TJ

“ Jerry and I will miss Brian and his sense of humor. Brian was always positive about his illness never a poor me. A hero in his own right.

Two j,s - July 06, 2018 at 07:08 PM



Brian was the definition of a good neighbor and a friend. He will be sadly missed by both of us. Until we meet again. Adieu from the Desrochers

Debra Cross Desrochers - July 06, 2018 at 07:38 PM

DA

“ *Our most heartfelt condolences to the entire Hillard family. Brian was always a very helpful neighbor. Always quick to offer his and his sons help, whenever I was working on something.*

Denny Jan Arquilla - July 06, 2018 at 06:18 PM

VT

“ *He was an awesome neighbor and friend. Since 2008. We're going to miss him alot.*

Vera Jordan and Marc Trask - July 06, 2018 at 02:38 PM