



## Brian Nicholas Schafer

May 24, 1999 - January 14, 2016

Brian Nicholas Schafer, 16, of Potterville, died unexpectedly on Thursday, January 14, 2016. He was born May 24, 1999 in Lansing to Brian and Stephanie (Powers) Schafer. Brian spent much of his time in Tennessee and loved being at the lake with his friends. Brian kept everyone he knew laughing with his great sense of humor and pranks. He was a wonderful brother to his sisters and brothers. Brian loved teaching his little brother basketball and being a big brother. He enjoyed playing sports in school including basketball, track, and baseball, and even pitched a game with a broken arm and his mitt velcroed to his cast. Brian was a hard worker, he always did his best at everything he did. He worked at Wendy's, and previously for the Potterville Parks and Recreation Department. He was proud to have bought a car, and did so by wheeling and dealing. Brian was so deeply loved and will be missed by all who knew him.

Brian is survived by his parents; mom, Stephanie (Jeff) Pardue of Kodak, TN; dad, Brian (Sandy) Schafer of Potterville; sisters, Ashley Schafer, Gabrielle Pardue and Paris Pardue; brothers, Jeffrey Pardue, Matthew Romanek and Brandon Romanek; grandparents, Gary "Opa" Powers, Gerald Schafer (Janet Ostrander), Shirley Luft, Sandra Alexander, and John Pardue. Brian is pre-deceased by grandmothers Karin Powers and Sue Schafer; and uncle Troy Powers.

Visitation is Monday, January 18, 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM with a Rosary at 7:30 PM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. Funeral Mass will be celebrated Tuesday, January 19, 2016, 11 AM at St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlotte with Rev. Fr. James Lothamer and Deacon Tom Fogle officiating, followed by interment at Eureka Cemetery in St. Johns. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Touching Souls Foundation. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Brian on his tribute page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Mass

JAN 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church  
807 St. Mary Boulevard  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Brian Nicholas Schafer



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 17, 2016 at 09:02 PM

PM

*Beautiful tribute to a wonderful kid, so sad, so sorry. Bye Brian.*

patrick matlock - January 20, 2016 at 05:10 PM

VM

*To the Schafer family, our son Jeffrey played baseball and basketball with Brian at Pottersville in 8th grade. You are in our thoughts and prayers. No words.*

*Valerie, Harold, Jeffrey and Carrie Marsh*

valerie marsh - January 20, 2016 at 08:36 PM

AS

“ Brian, there's not a day that goes by that I don't miss you. You are a baby brother and going through the past year that you have been the hardest thing that's ever happened to me my entire life. I come on here quite a bit and lot of the time it makes me feel worse and because I know that I won't get to see you live the rest your life and I know you would have changed the world. Because you certainly made mine a lot better. I love you and I miss you, your big sister Ashley



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**Ashley Schafer** - April 04, 2017 at 12:24 AM

DR

“ Dan & JoAnne Romanek lit a candle in memory of Brian Nicholas Schafer



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**Dan & JoAnne Romanek** - January 29, 2016 at 09:34 PM

AP

“ Amy Proctor lit a candle in memory of Brian Nicholas Schafer



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**Amy Proctor** - January 20, 2016 at 08:27 AM

CE

“ *Deepest condolences from the men and women of the Michigan State Police. Our prayers are with you.*

Col. Kriste Etue - January 19, 2016 at 12:53 PM

HC

“ *Hallies and Ann Coleman: Brian and Sandy, our hearts truly goes out to you and your family. You are in our deepest prayers. I know that sometimes you may not know what God's true plan may be, but please continue to have faith in Him!*

hallies coleman - January 19, 2016 at 06:26 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brian Nicholas Schafer .*



January 19, 2016 at 05:31 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brian Nicholas Schafer .*



January 18, 2016 at 10:01 PM

TF

“ *The Curtis Family lit a candle in memory of Brian Nicholas Schafer*



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**The Curtis Family** - January 18, 2016 at 04:36 PM

TF

*The Curtis Family sends their deepest sorrow and prayers to family and friends of Brian. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.*

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**The Curtis Family** - January 18, 2016 at 04:38 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Brian Nicholas Schafer .*



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January 18, 2016 at 11:47 AM

BF

“ *Bonette Family lit a candle in memory of Brian Nicholas Schafer*



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**Bonette Family** - January 18, 2016 at 11:29 AM

TF

“ Tracey Fox lit a candle in memory of Brian Nicholas Schafer



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Tracey Fox - January 18, 2016 at 10:16 AM

BF

“ Bannister Family lit a candle in memory of Brian Nicholas Schafer



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Bannister Family - January 18, 2016 at 08:15 AM

 Jakob Tottingham

“ I remember playing baseball with you in 6th and 7th grade. You were always an innocent but cool kid. Its sad that your gone but your in a better place now.  
RIP Brian Schafer

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Jakob Tottingham - January 17, 2016 at 10:48 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brian Nicholas Schafer .



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January 17, 2016 at 09:57 PM



“ 51 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 17, 2016 at 08:53 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Brian Nicholas Schafer* .



January 17, 2016 at 06:56 PM



“ *Fly hi you will always be missed in potterville .  
There won't be a day you won't be in our hearts  
you are for ever in our hearts.*



chrystal - January 17, 2016 at 05:16 PM

JT

“ *Jamie Traver lit a candle in memory of Brian Nicholas Schafer*



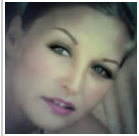
jamie traver - January 17, 2016 at 05:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brian Nicholas Schafer .*



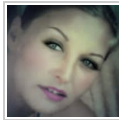
January 17, 2016 at 04:15 PM



“ *Brigitte Romhild lit a candle in memory of Brian Nicholas Schafer*



Brigitte Romhild - January 17, 2016 at 03:55 PM



*Love your never Forget your' Family from Spain* ❤️❤️❤️

Brigitte Romhild - January 17, 2016 at 03:58 PM



“ *Melissa Ridge lit a candle in memory of Brian Nicholas Schafer*



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**Melissa Ridge** - January 17, 2016 at 02:42 PM



“ *Lisa Clark Williams, Stacy Clark Sullivan and Families purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Brian Nicholas Schafer .*



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**Lisa Clark Williams, Stacy Clark Sullivan and Families** -  
January 17, 2016 at 02:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brian Nicholas Schafer .*



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January 17, 2016 at 02:09 PM



“ *Terrin Pawloski lit a candle in memory of Brian Nicholas Schafer*



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**Terrin Pawloski** - January 17, 2016 at 01:31 PM

TP

“ *Best friend, my music dork, and well i could count on him.. I hope it's fun where your at..*

Terrin Pawloski - January 17, 2016 at 01:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brian Nicholas Schafer .*



January 17, 2016 at 01:14 PM

GT

“ *God Bless Judy and Raymond Turcotte purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Brian Nicholas Schafer .*



God Bless Judy and Raymond Turcotte - January 17, 2016 at 12:23 PM

TS

“ *Brian & family,*

*Praying for a spirit of peace that surpasses all understanding knowing Brian is now sitting in his heavenly home.*

*Tabitha & Al Sjoberg* 🙏🏻🙏🏻



Tabitha Sjoberg - January 17, 2016 at 12:05 PM

DA

“ Words cannot say how we feel, please know that you have our prayers and support.

Dave and Terri Anderson - January 17, 2016 at 12:04 PM

JT

“ Judy Turcotte lit a candle in memory of Brian Nicholas Schafer



Judy Turcotte - January 17, 2016 at 11:35 AM

JT

May peace be with you Brian..

Judy Turcotte - January 17, 2016 at 11:38 AM

TF

“ The Peterson Family lit a candle in memory of Brian Nicholas Schafer



The Peterson family - January 17, 2016 at 08:28 AM

PG

“ Steph, you are in my thoughts and prayers this night. There are no adequate words to express how my heart aches for you and your family. I pray for the peace and understanding that only God can give you. Trust that He will continue to care for Brian.

Phyllis Givens - January 17, 2016 at 01:28 AM

GF

“ So very sorry for your loss. Brian was a great kid, funny and was always nice. He will truly be missed. We are hurting with and for you. Sending prayers and if there is anything you need we are all here for.



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**Gregoria Earl and family** - January 16, 2016 at 11:18 PM

KM

“ I'm so sorry that this happened. I keep thinking of that stupid movie that Brian, Ash, and I watched the last time I saw him, and how we kept laughing too loud. And if that doesn't describe Brian, I don't know what does. He was always smiling and making jokes, and I loved teasing him and goofing off with him. I wish I had taken the time to see him the last time he was here, and I don't know that I'll ever not feel guilty for that. He's the little brother I didn't know I wanted and there will never be another person like him to take that place.



*I love this family so much, so know that my thoughts and prayers are with you, where ever you go.*

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**Kelli Martin** - January 16, 2016 at 11:13 PM

CV

“ So sorry for your loss....my heart breaks for all and know all will be in my thoughts and prayers



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**cheryl Vermillion** - January 16, 2016 at 09:53 PM



“ *Dar Hampton-Baker lit a candle in memory of Brian Nicholas Schafer*



Dar Hampton-Baker - January 16, 2016 at 09:51 PM



“ *Thinking of you and your family in this time of loss. Ben & Becki Hutton*

Becki Hutton - January 16, 2016 at 09:38 PM



“ *Steph, I wish I had words to express my sadness about the loss of Brian. Thoughts and words just don't seem adequate. I'm praying for you, your family, your dad, your dear mom and brother and finally your son. May God hold you in his hands and someday help you understand the why's of all you've had to endure. I remember your mom with Brian when he was little and she was so proud of him and loved him so - I know he is with her and hoping that can give you a little sense of peace. Love to you all...*

Debbie Masarik - January 16, 2016 at 09:21 PM



“ *So very sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers go towards your family during this difficult time.*



Elissa Cuson - January 16, 2016 at 09:00 PM

WF

“ *Whalen Family lit a candle in memory of Brian Nicholas Schafer*



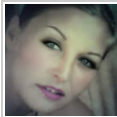
Whalen family - January 16, 2016 at 08:39 PM



“ *Brigitte Romhild lit a candle in memory of Brian Nicholas Schafer*



Brigitte Romhild - January 16, 2016 at 08:39 PM



*Praying for all of your so sorry and said your going to Oma and Troy love you Brian your family from Spain*

Brigitte Romhild - January 16, 2016 at 08:46 PM



“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss. Prayers going up for all who loved him.*



Cindy Yunke - January 16, 2016 at 08:33 PM

SH

“ *Shara Hickling lit a candle in memory of Brian Nicholas Schafer*



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**Shara Hickling** - January 16, 2016 at 08:29 PM


MK

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. The Kamp family.*



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**Michele Kamp** - January 16, 2016 at 08:20 PM


 Tracey Husak

“ *Tracey Husak lit a candle in memory of Brian Nicholas Schafer*



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**Tracey Husak** - January 16, 2016 at 08:00 PM

 Tracey Husak

“ *May these families find the strength and peace to help them thru this tragic time. My thoughts and prayers are with you..*

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**Tracey Husak** - January 16, 2016 at 07:59 PM

LJ

“ Loren Smalley Jr lit a candle in memory of Brian Nicholas Schafer



Loren smalley jr - January 16, 2016 at 07:32 PM

BH

“ Brenda Garrett And Nicole Harrison lit a candle in memory of Brian Nicholas Schafer



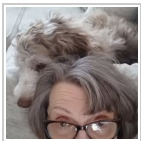
Brenda Garrett and Nicole Harrison - January 16, 2016 at 07:31 PM

HL

“ Holly And Matt LaFrance lit a candle in memory of Brian Nicholas Schafer



Holly and Matt LaFrance - January 16, 2016 at 07:28 PM



“ Angie Meder lit a candle in memory of Brian Nicholas Schafer



Angie Meder - January 16, 2016 at 07:21 PM

SF

“ *Stimer Family lit a candle in memory of Brian Nicholas Schafer*



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**Stimer family** - January 16, 2016 at 07:21 PM

SF

*My heart goes out to this wonderful family. So many memories of our boys together! Brian was a gift from God, and now is an amazing Angel looking over all of you! We will all miss him dearly. Many prayers and love sent to you! May you find some comfort and peace in the day ahead.*

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**Stimer family** - January 16, 2016 at 07:23 PM

SM

“ *Steve And Jill March lit a candle in memory of Brian Nicholas Schafer*



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**Steve and Jill March** - January 16, 2016 at 07:16 PM

SF

“ *Schmiedeknecht Family lit a candle in memory of Brian Nicholas Schafer*



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**Schmiedeknecht Family** - January 16, 2016 at 07:00 PM

DP

“ *Sandy & Family ,  
So sorry to hear of the loss of your son Brian. Our thoughts and  
prayers are with you and your family during this time of sorrow.*

*Diane & Mike Powser*

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**Diane Powser** - January 16, 2016 at 06:49 PM

VI

“ *I remember working with Brian I trained him at one point and we  
were cleaning he began to hum along to the music I looked up at  
him and he smiled. His smile could light up any room filled with  
sadness*

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**Victoria** - January 16, 2016 at 06:22 PM