



Brian Ralph Pennington

June 3, 1941 - October 23, 2020

On October 23, 2020, Brian Ralph Pennington, husband, father and grandfather, passed away peacefully in his sleep, after a long battle with lung cancer, at the age of 79 years. He was born on June 3, 1941 in Aurora, Illinois to Elizabeth Irene Potteiger and Harley Millard Pennington.

Brian was a life-long teacher and performer of music perfecting the trumpet and singing and teaching various bands, choirs and performance groups. He was also an avid fan of chess, model trains, convertible sports cars, and beautifully designed movies. In addition, he was a self-taught wood worker making numerous clocks and crafts. Later in life, Brian loved to crochet while listening to the music of the big bands, jazz or watching those classic movies. Brian was preceded in death by his parents, Harley and Elizabeth as well as his brother Walter Pennington of Aurora, Illinois.

Brian is survived by his loving and patient wife of 59 years, Barbara Ann Hartman, four children and ten grandchildren. Daughter, Kelli Ann Leatherman, and her husband Steve reside in Hutchinson Kansas. Kelli is mother to sons, Cole, Carson and Calen. Daughter, Nanci Elizabeth Daesch, resides in St Louis with her husband Marty; they are parents to sons, Spencer and Jackson. Son, Brigadier General Jeffrey Thomas Pennington, and his wife Lisa reside in Riverside, California and are parents to daughters, Pierce and Keenan. Daughter, Elizabeth Katherine Lundeen and her husband Matthew reside in Sycamore, Illinois with their daughters Harper, Hunter and Holland. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in memory of Brian Ralph

Pennington on Tuesday, October 27th at Noon at St. Rita of Cascia Catholic Church, Aurora, IL. Burial will be at Lincoln Memorial Park following Mass. Memorial donations in memory of Brian Ralph Pennington may be made to St. Rita of Cascia Catholic Church, 750 Old Indian Trail, Aurora, IL 60506.

THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake Street, Aurora is serving the family. Due to Covid-19 pandemic protocols, social distancing and face masks are required for those in attendance at Mass. Please visit our website at www.daleidenmortuary.com where you may leave condolences for Brian's family.

Tribute Wall

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“ *With all our love and Sympathy*

Peaceful White Lilies Basket - October 27, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *Brian and I were long time friends that started with his vintage MGB sportscar. I helped him take care of his car and our relationship grew into attending sports car races, camping, and a lot of visiting. We both had eclectic interests and could share these for hours. The last few years health problems had changed our activities but we still visited by phone. I'm really going to miss him. Ron Baker*

October 27, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We pray that today be a wonderful celebration of your husband, dad and grandpa. Sending all our love from Florida.*

Heartwarming Thoughts Boston Fern - October 26, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was a band mate of Brian's while at WAHS. A great musician and a wonderful person. I'll keep this memory of him.*

October 26, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *I had a great time practicing and performing with Brian in our quartet. I have missed that and I will miss him. Condolences to all his friends and family. He is singing and trumpeting in heaven now. Joe Beary.*

October 26, 2020 at 12:00 AM



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“ Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Brian. I marched with the Black Knights when he arranged our music. If I had to sum up one lesson learned from him, it would have to be precision. He was an awesome instructor! Many thanks to the family for sharing him with us. Please take solace knowing that your father, husband, touched many lives in such a positive way.

October 25, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Going to miss you Brian; I am sorry we never got together to play chess. I will pray for you and you please pray for me. Jerry Lubshina

October 25, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Thinking of you meeting Jesus, Brian, and hoping you will pray for us all. Your conversion to belief in the "real presence" of Jesus in the Eucharistic bread is one of the most blessed stories I've ever heard. You have inspired us with your faith and kept us chuckling with your jokes. You and Barb have raised an amazing family and we celebrate your life and look forward in hope, to seeing you again one day at the heavenly banquet table. Rest in peace. Your St. Rita family will miss you.

October 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Mr. Pennington was a member of the lector ministry at St. Rita for several years and I got to meet him when I started scheduling the lectors. He always was ready to share a joke right before Mass and you could count on him to be ready on the days he was scheduled. Thank you for all the time you dedicated to our church. Your St. Rita Family will miss you.

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