



## Brian J. Shields

August 6, 1956 - September 7, 2020

Brian J. Shields, 64, of Aurora passed away suddenly on Monday, September 7, 2020. He was born August 6, 1956 in Elmhurst, IL.

A heart is not judged by how much you love; but by how much you are loved by others. Brian "The Big Guy" was truly one of a kind. He was a great guy with a big heart. He was a friend to many, loved animals, and had an incredible sense of humor. He will be missed.

He is survived by his wife Barb (Grabka) Shields of Aurora, IL; his brother-in-law Tom Grabka; his brothers and sisters Bob Shields, Kathy Gartner, Coleen (Gregg) Carlevato, Steve (Julie) Shields, Kevin (Pat) Shields, Maureen (John) Heale, and Chris (Connie) Shields; and many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and great nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Margaret M. (Crilly) and Robert E. Shields and his brother Michael Shields.

A private family memorial service will be held at 5:00pm on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY. Deacon Timothy White will officiate. Interment will be private.

A memorial visitation for friends and family will be held Thursday, September 17, 2020 from 2:00pm until 5:00pm at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St., Aurora, 630-631-5500. Due to Covid-19 pandemic protocols, non-family visitors are asked to pay their respects to the family and exit the funeral home in a timely fashion. Social distancing and face masks are required for those in attendance.

Please visit our interactive website at [www.daleidenmortuary.com](http://www.daleidenmortuary.com) where you may leave condolences for Brian's family.

# Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Brian J. Shields



---

**Daleiden Mortuary** - September 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ I am Deeply saddened to hear of Brian's passing. I remember summer days at the Knights Day cub summer camp (my first experience of childhood friendships not to mention the contradictions of life) Sleepovers and afternoons in the family pool. Please except my condolences Warm regards and please take care of each other With great respect to Brian and all. Paul Roesch

---

September 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Barb, Big Guy was one of a kind whose gentle spirit & sense of humor will be missed! He was lucky to have you in his life. Love, The Hepler Family

---

**Vivid Recollections** - September 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *Big Brian was like a dad to me so i can't think of just one memory. I will always remember all of the football games we watched wherever there was good food, friends and of course drinks. Or when i was a beer cart girl and he golfed when I worked so I wasn't alone and always got tipped. Big B I wouldn't be me without you. God got a new gentle giant for an angel. I will always love you and miss you 🥺*

September 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was friends with Brian for a short time but knowing of his passing saddens me. But brings back so many fond memories of playing golf and going to a few Bear games together. He was a man with a great heart, for example offered his help for anything to my Mom after she lost her husband my father. Rest In peace my friend, Your friend me*

September 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *really going to miss you Bry. Me and ramiro just loved you!*

September 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *Brian J. Shields*

September 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

**Blooming Garden Basket** - September 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ You will be very missed by all who knew you. God bless my friend Big Guy. MA-MAN!!!! Tom&Nancy Wallner

Strength and Solace Spray - September 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ We are thinking of you during this difficult time.

Medium Dish Garden - September 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Barb, Please accept my deepest sympathy. Brothers, you know I can't say how sorry I am! Brian was almost indescribable. Big, Tough, Funny, and huge heart. Don't know of anyone who didn't like him, and to like him was to love him. I shared to many good times to talk about and probably shouldn't talk about them in public. I'll miss you big guy, rest in Peace!

September 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ To Brian: Thank you for your best efforts and memories during our mutual time together at Benet in the 1970's! You carried on the valued Shields Family quality of "comfortable company" -- an easy presence who could be counted on! Now, join your beautiful parents and brother! Now, Rest in Peace! All the Zigmond Family

September 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Our Benet Class of 1974 always knew if Brian was among us we would all have a great time! We all spent a lot of weekend nights together watching old shows, laughing and joking. Brian was so loyal and kind and we could always count on Brian to be there if we needed a friend to talk to about "life". My sincere condolences to his wife Barb and the entire Shields family. Heaven just gained a very special member. Mary Esser Huerter

---

September 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Brian was only five years younger than me. So like Brian, and his classmates those were my 1st years at the Academy. They were fun years and Brian and his classmates made my 1st years at Benet a real blessing. Brian remember all of us when it's our turn to enter heaven, please open the gates for all of us and let us in, pretend that we all were going to the Bears game and we needed a friend to get us in, like fast! Love you always say hi to your mom,dad and brother for me. Brother Ed.

---

September 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Brian and I have been close friends since our Benet days. It's hard to believe that is 50 years ago. We shared many great times like attending all of the Bears home games at the old Soldier Field the year they won the Super Bowl. We didn't have tickets but thanks to Owen, our mutual friend who knew the Soldier Field security officer, we didn't need them. Those days were truly special. I was playing golf with Brian the day he had his hole in one at Fox Bend on the 12th hole. He pulled out his 7 wood, and without taking a practice swing, hit a low fade that never got more than 10 feet off the ground. It hit on the edge of the green and rolled about 50 feet into the cup. Brian didn't say anything, he just smiled and put his club back in the bag like it was no big deal. That was typical Brian. I will miss him. I am sorry that I am unable to attend the services in person. I want to express my sincere condolences to Barb and the entire Shields family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Kevin Kawa

---

September 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ So very sorry to hear of Brians passing. He always put a smile on our faces. He'd light up any room. Praying for comfort for all of you through this most difficult time. Jon & Pam Lacey

---

September 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ It was always uplifting walking into Stoneys and seeing you on either side of the bar Big B. You're a one of a kind, true, genuine friend, and you will be truly missed ❤️

---

September 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM



**“ Brian was about one thing: fun and friendship. A great guy who will truly be missed.**

---

September 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM



**“ Brian was that rare one-of-a-kind friend. It didn't matter if we were going to a sporting event , school or out with friends, if Brian was going I knew one thing for sure... it would be full of fun with lots of laughs and memorable moments. He was loyal and caring. I always knew that if I were in trouble or needed a hand with something, I could always call Brian and his first words would be "sure, where and when do you need me?' He has been my best friend for the last 50 years and I will truly miss him. My sincere condolences to Barb and the entire Shield's family. Rest in peace, buddy! Owen Kane**

---

September 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM



**“ Prayers For All Family Members For Comfort From Above During This Great Loss. Kathy Riedy Arnold and Family**

---

September 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM



**“ Prayers For All Family Members For Comfort From Above During This Great Loss. Kathy Riedy Arnold and Family**

---

September 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ So many great memories of my brother, Brian! Always the favorite uncle to all his nephews and nieces! Always keeping everyone laughing at your dry sense of humor! The Lord definitely broke the mold so no one on earth can replace you. So everyone hang on to your memories. Love ya Big Guy!

---

September 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ You were loved by all and missed by all. God Bless you Big Guy!

---

**Beautiful in Blue** - September 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM