



Brian Lourens

May 30, 1965 - October 23, 2021

Brian Lourens, 56, of Cedar, passed away Saturday, October 23, 2021, at his home near Cedar.

Brian E. Lourens, son of Elvin Ray and Retha June (Stursma) Lourens, was born May 30, 1965 in Oskaloosa. He grew up on his family farm near Cedar. He attended Oskaloosa Christian School and then Pella Christian High School for three years. Brian completed his high school education at Eddyville High School in 1983. Brian was an excellent athlete in his younger years; he excelled at basketball and enjoyed track and field, participating in the 800-meter event. As a young man, he enjoyed boating with his friends at Lake Rathbun and hunting with his coon dog, Levi. Brian farmed with his father a few years before pursuing a degree in computer science at Indian Hills Community College. He initially was employed at Professional Computer Solutions in Ottumwa and then went to work for Southern Iowa Utilities in Bloomfield, Iowa. Brian worked with the utility company for several years before returning to help his father on the family farm.

On March 21, 2005, Brian's life changed dramatically – he became a father. Benjamin Parker Lourens was born and became Brian's world and the light of his life. He loved fatherhood from the very beginning and treasured every moment with his son. Brian's home was kid central for a time; together, they set up the wooden trains in the living room, and the matchbox cars could be found in every room. Teaching him to drive the tractors were cherished moments for Brian, and later when Ben could help his dad with the planting

and harvest, Brian felt very fulfilled. The two also enjoyed grocery shopping and cooking themselves dinner. Later, they enjoyed days at Fun City in Burlington, playing at the water park, laser tag, bowling, go-carts, and going out to dinner.

Brian's family includes his son, Ben of Mount Pleasant; his parents, Elvin and Retha of Eddyville; his sisters, Gayle Lourens of Grand Ledge, MI, and Angela (Ryan) Judas of Urbandale; three nieces, Aubrey Ekblad and Madison and Taylor Judas; a nephew, John Ekblad; several aunts and uncles; and numerous cousins.

As was his wish, Brian's body will be cremated. A private family memorial service will be held at Forest Cemetery. Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory has been entrusted with Brian's final arrangements. Memorials can be made to Elvin Lourens for his son, Ben's educational fund.

Cemetery Details

Forest Cemetery

934 North 9th ST
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
secretary@forestcemetery.com
<http://www.forestcemetery.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Brian Lourens*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



gayle lourens - October 29, 2021 at 11:35 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the families of Brian. You hold a special place in my heart. Love and prayers now and for the days ahead. Delores Cundiff*

Delores Cundiff - October 29, 2021 at 10:06 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Brian and Family*



Gayle Lourens - October 28, 2021 at 06:06 PM

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Gayle Lourens - October 28, 2021 at 06:05 PM

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Gayle Lourens - October 28, 2021 at 06:04 PM

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Gayle Lourens - October 28, 2021 at 06:04 PM



“ *Rose Romanesque Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brian Lourens.*



October 27, 2021 at 10:25 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Brian's passing. My prayers are with you all.*

Jaci (Van Gilst) David

Jaci David - October 26, 2021 at 07:29 AM

EB

“ *The sudden loss of Brian brings much sadness and we know that only God can heal this hurt! He had the gift to make you laugh and the next instant make you cry! EACH DAY IS A GIFT!*

Ervin Bruxvoort - October 25, 2021 at 06:54 PM

DM

“ Condolences to Brian's family. He was a great friend of Bruce's.
R.I.P. Brian

Donna McBurney - October 25, 2021 at 06:30 PM



“ Dear Friends, my heart breaks for you and your family. Words are not a lot of consolation, but please know you are in my prayers and on my heart. Phyllis

Phyllis Kelsey - October 25, 2021 at 05:49 PM

RM

“ So sorry for your family's loss Elvin and Retha. I enjoyed my talks with Brian. He was a great neighbor!

Russ McGee - October 25, 2021 at 04:15 PM

GF

“ Ginger Allsup & the Allsup family purchased the Handprints Necklace for the family of Brian Lourens.



Ginger Allsup & the Allsup family - October 25, 2021 at 06:59 AM

JS

“ My deepest sympathy and devastated to hear of your loss. Brian and I attended the 1985 No.1 Iowa vs. No.2 Michigan game together at Kinnick Stadium. He was a great guy and friend. May God give you comfort in this difficult time.

Jeff Spain - October 24, 2021 at 11:40 PM

CL

“ *Elvin and Retha, So sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family!* 🙏❤️ *Chuck and Joan LaRue*

Chuck and Joan LaRue - October 24, 2021 at 08:58 PM

IR

“ *Elvin and Retha. I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you.*

Ila

Ila Ruby - October 24, 2021 at 06:14 PM