



## Brendan John McGrath

January 16, 1967 - November 26, 2025

Brendan McGrath, 58, passed away in his home on Wednesday, November 26th, 2025.

Brendan was born in Peoria, Illinois, on January 16, 1967.

Brendan was a devoted husband to his beloved Sherri, his wife of over 25 years, and a loving father to their children Mary-Therese (deceased), Theresa and Thomas.

He was preceded in death by their daughter, Mary-Therese, his sister Mary, his parents Edward and Bernadette and father-in-law Lee Nally. He is survived by his siblings Mark, Steve, Edward, and Claudia, mother-in-law Betty Nally, brothers' in-law Mark and John Nally. He will be dearly missed.

Brendan loved his Catholic faith and his family and friends. He enjoyed working, reading, billiards, history, exercise, board games, swimming, music, sports, and coaching.

The wake will be held at Pierce Funeral Home at 9609 Center St., Manassas, Virginia 20110 on December 9 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The rosary will be prayed at 7:30 pm.

The Funeral Mass will be held at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 8213 Linton Hall Rd., Gainesville, Virginia 20155 on December 10th at 10:30 am.

A reception will immediately follow at Pierce Funeral Home. All are welcome.

The burial will then occur at Historic St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church Cemetery at 5612 Ox Rd, Fairfax Station, Virginia, 22039

Donations can be made here

<https://www.givesendgo.com/GMBYU>

# Cemetery Details

## St Mary of Sorrow Catholic Church Cemetery

5612 Ox Road  
Fairfax Station, VA 22039

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 9. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
pfh@piercefh.com  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Rosary

DEC 9. 7:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
pfh@piercefh.com  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Funeral Mass

DEC 10. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
8213 Linton Hall Rd  
Gainesville, VA 20155-2997  
(703) 753-6700

## Reception

DEC 10. 11:45 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home Celebration Room  
9609 Center Street  
Manassas, VA 20110  
<https://www.piercefh.com/who-we-are/celebration-room>

## Burial

DEC 10. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

St Mary of Sorrow Catholic Church Cemetery  
5612 Ox Road  
Fairfax Station, VA 22039

*Historic Church. Corner of Ox Rd and Fairfax Station Rd*

# Tribute Wall

KF

“ I went to school at Bergan H.S. and then Marquette with Brendan. Simpy put, he was the ultimate nice guy! My condolences to his family. Kevin Ford

Kevin Ford - May 04 at 12:24 PM

MG

“ Condolences to the family and God bless Brendan. He was a great colleague and friend that actually cared about others. Brendan was always focused on people and family. We would share a good laugh as the dinosaurs talking about "the good old days" but it always came back to family and such. A very grounded caring person. Gonna miss ya brother but praying for God's mercy as he welcomes you to His house. To his family, know Brendan was loved and made a difference and you mattered most to him always! God bless

Michael G - December 10, 2025 at 01:13 PM

JT

“ Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the transition of a kind, witty, grounded man of few words but strong action and character. Praying for your strength and comfort as you celebrate Brendan's purpose driven life! The Lord's Blessings. Jules Blake Taylor

Jules Blake Taylor - December 09, 2025 at 04:11 PM

JM

“*Sherri, Theresa and Thomas are in our prayers. The McGraths are a very dear family. Brendan was a friend of mine back in the 90s, we had mutual friends in the Catholic single circles and he was always friendly and had a great sense of humor at parties in Old town Alexandria. Later when my husband and I moved to Manassas, we became friends with Sherri and Brendan and as a couple and our kids were friends with Theresa and Thomas! Brendan was a great role model for all the kids in our community including mine. He was patient and genuinely listened and inspired people to do their best. He was so thoughtful spending time teaching kids sports and playing board games with them. Brendan shared his Catholic faith with everyone he knew and was a great listener to all ages. He was respectful and humble. He adored his wife and children and was so dedicated to them.*

*We spent Easter with their family one year and will always be grateful for his and Sherri's kindness.*

*When some of our family members died he was the first to bring a Mass card over for the deceased. Rest in Peace Brendan, we are praying for the repose of your soul and for your family's peace.*

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**Jennifer Morano** - December 09, 2025 at 12:08 PM

TF

“*The Bradley Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Brendan John McGrath.*



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**The Bradley Family** - December 09, 2025 at 11:15 AM

LF

“ Lee Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brendan John McGrath.

Lee Family - December 08, 2025 at 03:32 PM

LF

“ Lee Family purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Brendan John McGrath.



Lee Family - December 08, 2025 at 03:32 PM

DT

“ Dan and Angel Thomas purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Brendan John McGrath.



Dan and Angel Thomas - December 06, 2025 at 08:40 PM

TW

“ *Condolences to the Family.*

*It is amazing how someone can become a part of your routine without knowing it (them or you). I knew Brendan from work, but we rarely “talked shop.” Almost daily, we would speak mostly in passing if not for more than a minute or two. Brendan was a genuine and thoughtful man. I felt his absence after he left the office for early retirement.*

*Brendan left an impression.*

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**Tony Williams** - December 05, 2025 at 03:01 PM

BC

“ *Bob and Linda Curran purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Brendan John McGrath.*



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**Bob and Linda Curran** - December 05, 2025 at 12:55 PM

SM

“ *I knew Brendan at the DoDIG. He was an excellent Evaluator and a great work colleague. We shared a fondness for military history and often talked about it. He touched the lives of his colleagues in so many ways. I will miss him.*

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**Sean Mitchell** - December 03, 2025 at 08:50 PM

MP

“ Through the decades I’ve known Brendan, he’s been someone who made work enjoyable. Dedicated, professional, smart, and funny as heck. That being said, what was so impressive about Brendan was watching his face and eyes when he talked about the loves of his life - his family. Brendan mattered and will be missed.  
*Margo Posa*

**Margo Posa** - December 03, 2025 at 05:00 PM

MS

“ Much love, Linda Shovlain Stella purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Brendan John McGrath.



**Much love, Linda Shovlain Stella** - December 03, 2025 at 03:42 PM

DC

“ I worked with Brendan at the DoDIG’s office beginning back when we were at 400 Army Navy Drive all through his retirement. My lasting memory of Brendan, and how I grew to really know him personally, was when I did an independent reference review of one of his projects. He came to me with a binder stacked about eight inches high of papers that were loose leafed in the binder and said, “here is my evidence and you can find everything you need if you go through all the paper work.” We laughed together about that and we became instant work friends afterwards. Needless to say the project got out with flying colors and I gained a long lasting work friend because of it. I am truly saddened about his passing. He spoke highly of his family and was a proud husband and father. May God cover his entire family always and know that he was always an angel.

**Denean Cooper** - December 02, 2025 at 11:26 PM

SW

“ I started working with Brendan in 2008, when I transferred into his organization from another DoDIG organization. The two of us immediately got paired as a team. We worked together until 2012, when I moved to our Ft. Meade Field Office. During those four years, we got to know each other well, and became close friends. We were a very effective team, worked on some very interesting projects, and did great work. Brendan was one of the best work partners I ever had. I retired in 2020. Brendan often called me during my retirement, to check in on me and chat. He had a great sense of humor, and was a stand up guy. I'm still trying to process the news of his passing, and will truly miss him. I always enjoyed listening to him tell me of his family. My God bless you Sherri, Theresa, and Thomas. I pray for your well being during this most difficult time.



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**Steve Wakefield** - December 02, 2025 at 03:44 PM

KP

“ I was saddened to hear of Brendan's passing. I worked with him at the OIG and I appreciated his commitment to the team and the relationships he built there. My condolences to his family and all who cared for him during this difficult time.

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**Kevin Palmer** - December 01, 2025 at 09:34 PM

SM

“ I'm really going to miss Brendan. I had the pleasure of working with him for the last 17 years. We've been thru a lot together and he was my friend. I haven't really had time to process this loss yet. My condolences to his family. Until we meet again my friend.

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**Sean McDonald** - December 01, 2025 at 08:34 PM

MW

“ My condolences to the Brendan McGrath family. I worked with Brendon for several years (he was a hard worker and his experience is missed). His family was very important to him. Sending my prayers to his family and friends.

Sincerely,

Matthew

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**Matthew Worner** - December 01, 2025 at 05:37 PM

MJ

“ Mary J. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Brendan John McGrath.



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**Mary J.** - December 01, 2025 at 10:41 AM

EM

“ I had the privilege of working with him, and I'll always be grateful for the guidance he gave me. He was the very first person I met when I joined the agency and my sponsor from day one, very patient, supportive, and genuinely invested in helping me grow. He will be deeply missed, but the legacy he left behind will stay with us.

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**Edison Murao** - December 01, 2025 at 10:10 AM

DE

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. I had the privilege of working with Brendan and found him to be a very kind and intelligent individual. He was a man of faith and was principled. I'm grateful for the honor it was to serve with him. Sending my prayers to his family.

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**David Edwards** - December 01, 2025 at 07:01 AM

MI

“ My heart and prayers go out to each of you. I have worked with Brendan for the last 16 years before he retired. He was missed a lot when he left earlier, but much more now because I can't just call him up to chat. My best memories are him giving me a ride to work for two months in 2013 after my back surgery. I also enjoyed our conversations about our faith. May God bless you all until you meet again at the foot of Our Father.

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**mike Irwin** - November 30, 2025 at 08:24 PM

DT

“ Sherri, Theresa, and Thomas, words cannot describe the feeling of loss that we all have. Brendan was a wonderful friend. I am so honored to have worked with him for the past 15 years and got to know your family. Brendan will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. He touched the heart of so many of the people around him. Angel and I will always be here for you.

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**Dan Thomas** - November 30, 2025 at 01:35 PM

TS

“ My condolences to the family.

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**Tomica Scott** - November 30, 2025 at 01:16 PM