



Brian Honig Leonard

September 15, 1955 - March 20, 2018

Brian H. Leonard, of Woodbridge, VA, died in his home on March 20, 2018. He was 62.

Born and raised in Williamsport, PA, he was the son of Lee and Sylvia Leonard (both deceased). He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, David and Marlene Leonard; nieces Marcy Leonard and Jennifer Leonard Schaeffer and nephew-in-law Adam Schaeffer; great niece and nephew Samantha and Nathaniel Schaeffer; goddaughters Monica Newnam and Pamela Sojka; and many treasured friends, including Gary Sojka and Joseph Tanfani.

Mr. Leonard was a 1973 graduate of Williamsport High School and a 1977 graduate of Lycoming College. He completed post-graduate coursework at The University of North Carolina and formerly resided in New York City. For the past 20 years, Mr. Leonard was the head administrator for a Washington D.C. lobbying firm.

As a graduate student, Mr. Leonard worked as a DJ at The University of North Carolina radio station. Mr. Leonard had a passion for both classical and contemporary music, from Beethoven to the Beatles and the Kinks. He was also an avid fan of the Penn State University football team and the New York Yankees.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Mr. Leonard's honor to the charitable organization of the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall

MM

“ *“Why is life different when the singing stops?” (James Reeves, 1958)*

Brian and I were classmates in the WAHS Class of 1973. He was intelligent, very humorous, and quite self-assured. I loved being around him. Our paths parted at graduation, and didn't come together again until about 2015, when I returned to Williamsport (after living in Michigan for many years). Our mutual friend, Vicky, brought us back together. Brian visited me shortly after his trip to England and we spent a pleasant evening sharing memories, He came back again during Christmas and we exchanged homemade cookies. Brian could converse about everything and anything, but his favorite subject was music. I would just settle back and listen to him talk.

My heart weeps that I will no longer hear his voice - and his infectious laugh.

Brian was a fine man and he will be deeply missed by all those whose lives he touched.

Rest in peace, my friend.

Mary (Betsy) Ross McCoy

Mary E McCoy - March 30, 2018 at 11:59 AM

DG

“ *Dear Brian's family, I cannot believe this. Brian was such a well-loved member of our FB community of music fans. He was a devoted friend and family meant everything to him. Please accept my deepest condolences.*

Donna Gulotta

Donna Gulotta - March 28, 2018 at 08:56 PM

JS

“ Brian and I attended many concerts together ! We shared a lot of same interests such as The kinks, Springsteen, and Charlie Brown ! Thank you for the great memories and I'm glad to of known you !

James Swartz - March 28, 2018 at 04:44 PM

TR

“ I met Brian on FB through our shared love of Todd Rundgren. We soon discovered we also shared a passion for The Beatles and baseball. He quickly became one of my best FB friends, and then just one of my best friends. We got to meet in person in Akron in 2015. He was one of the finest people I have even known. We tried to meet up again over the next few years, but it never worked out for one reason or another. I am grateful I got to call him my friend. I will miss his kind heart, his sharp wit, his intellect, and his passion for the things and people that brought him joy. Rest in peace, my friend. You were one of the best.

Tracy - March 28, 2018 at 12:23 PM

BH

“ For years many of us have shared our love of The Kinks across borders; a global tribe united by a common love. For Brian's family, please know that there are a wealth of people - some who never met him in person - who are saddened by your loss and wish you peace. To quote one of our favorite songs...

*I bless the light
I bless the light that lights on you believe me
And though you're gone
You're with me every single day, believe me*

Bill Holmes - March 28, 2018 at 10:27 AM

JW

“ I knew Brian first as a voice on the radio, then as one of the most interesting contributors to a couple of online communities, and finally as a guy I might go to a concert with or otherwise hang out with in real life. He was good-hearted, he was smart, and he had excellent taste in music. It's terrible that he's gone.

Jesse Walker - March 28, 2018 at 10:18 AM

WD

“ I will never forget our trip to Stoke on Trent to see Sunny Afternoon on tour. We took the train from London and chatted non-stop all the way there. Discovered we were both huge Todd Rundgren fans as well as Kinks fans. RIP my friend. Thank you for the day we spent together.



Wendy Duke - March 28, 2018 at 09:55 AM

OR

“ Brian was a Kinks fan and when he came over to the UK in 2016, I took him on the Kinks Tour. We walked around Muswell Hill and Hornsey and visited Kinks haunts. He was fortunate enough to meet George Karageorgis who ran The Clissold Arms, before George's untimely death in January 2017. Brian came along to the KinksFan Kollektiv gigs held at The Victoria pub in Highgate and then to The Kinksfan Konvention. It was a wonderful weekend which I know he looked back on with great fondness. He made new friends there too.

God bless you Brian. Blessings to your family and friends who miss you.

Olga Ruocco

Olga Ruocco - March 28, 2018 at 09:48 AM

LG

“ Brian excitably informed me that the bagel store near me, that i frequently raved about, was considered the greatest bagel store in all of New York City (according to a website). Naturally, he eventually went there.

Lew Goodman - March 27, 2018 at 01:39 AM

BH

“ Peace, my friend.

Barbara Berndt Horn - March 26, 2018 at 10:05 PM