



Brian Edward McCaffrey

April 17, 1953 - August 12, 2019

LCDR Brian Edward McCaffrey, USCGR Retired, age 66, of Gainesville, VA passed away on Monday, August 12, 2019 at Inova Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church, VA. He was born on April 17, 1953 in Schenectady, NY to the late Edward Henry McCaffrey and Lydia Shaver Fisher. He was a loving son in law of Margaret M. McDermott and the late Edward R. McDermott of Ohio. He retired from the United States Coast Guard in 1998 and then worked as the Safety Director of Naval Sea Systems Command for the Department of Defense until his retirement from the private sector. Brian was a loving brother in law, uncle, godfather, and friend to many and is survived by his beloved wife, Margaret Mary McCaffrey (nee McDermott). He is preceded in death by his loving parents and his sister, Kathleen Ann Bargy of Schenectady, NY.

A visitation will be held on Sunday, August 25, 2019 from 2-4 and 6-8PM, with a prayer service at 7PM at Pierce Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 9609 Center St. Manassas, VA; and Friday, August 30, 2019 from 2-4 and 6-8PM at the McGorray-Hanna Funeral Home of Westlake, 25620 Center Ridge Rd. in Westlake, OH. A funeral mass will be held on Saturday, August 31, 2019 at 10:30AM at St. Raphael Church, 525 Dover Center Rd. Bay Village, OH.

Internment with full military honors will be held at Arlington National Cemetery on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 3:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration in Cleveland, OH. www.ThePoorClares.com

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA 22211
<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/>

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 25. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

AUG 25. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
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Prayer service

AUG 25. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

AUG 30. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

McGorray-Hanna Funeral Home
25620 Center Ridge Road
Westlake, OH 44145
<https://www.mcgorray.com/>

Visitation

AUG 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 31. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Raphael Church
525 Dover Center Road
Bay Village, OH 44140
<https://www.saintraphaelparish.com/>

Burial

JUL **16**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Arlington National Cemetery
Arlington, VA 22211
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Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brian Edward McCaffrey.*



August 25, 2019 at 10:44 AM



“ *I have had the pleasure of knowing Brian since Kindergarten, throughout grade school and high school, and growing up in Schenectady, NY. We kept in touch throughout college and during our careers. Brian always spoke his mind and was a true friend. We also were best men at each other's weddings. Brian and Margaret were truly devoted to each other. Gleela and I have many fond memories of Brian at our wedding, including his mission to get me to the church on time. My only regret is not getting together during our recent retirements. I was truly blessed to have Brian in my life and I will miss him!*

Jan Kolakowski - August 25, 2019 at 09:32 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brian Edward McCaffrey.*



August 24, 2019 at 02:49 PM

BF

“ *Brian's NAVSEA friends and family. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Brian Edward McCaffrey.*



Brian's NAVSEA friends and family. - August 23, 2019 at 07:51 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brian Edward McCaffrey.*



August 23, 2019 at 11:51 AM

RD

“ *Brian and I were roommates at the State University of New York Maritime College for three years (1972-1975). Upon graduation in 1975, we both entered the United States Coast Guard. We were stationed together in Oklahoma City, where I met his wonderful wife Margaret. We had some nice memories at the Coast Guard Institute.. Later on, we got to see each other a few more times, including our 20th year college reunion. Brian and Margaret were perfect for each other ! Brian will be greatly missed by many of us. I feel very fortunate to have known such a kind and caring person.*

Robert Davila - August 22, 2019 at 06:37 PM

JO

“ *Ralph and I are also neighbors on the circle. Brian and Margaret’s phone numbers were always posted on our fridge for Jason Matthew and Zachary to call for needs as they were growing up. They truly served as part of the village that helped raise our sons - and have doted and kept up with our growing grandsons now. Margaret and Brian have a love story as inspiring as any movie I’ve ever seen.*

Brian bravely fought many health problems through the years and Margaret and he were a strong team in that fight as in all they. No more suffering for Brian.

God has called to Brian -Well done my son.

Janet Ours - August 22, 2019 at 06:27 PM

DA

“ *We have had the privilege of being Brian and Margaret’s next door neighbors for the past twenty seven years. They were here for the birth of our younger kids, Kyle and Ashley, and became friends with our older kids, Angela and David. We have enjoyed countless birthdays, graduation celebrations, Thanksgivings and Christmases together. During the past twenty seven years we had several snow storms. Brian always got out his snow blower, cleared his driveway, and then let the neighbors use the snow blower to clear their driveways. Brian and Dave shared common interests in auto repair and in home improvement projects that they worked on together on many occasions. Brian’s friendship and expertise will be dearly missed.*

David and Julia Martin

David - August 22, 2019 at 08:34 AM

DL

“ We will miss you, sweet cousin Brian! We all have the best memories of the times we spent together here in Virginia. You and Margaret were always here to share in the most special moments of our lives as our daughter grew up. May God grant you eternal rest.
Love, John, Denise, and Julianna LaRose

Denise LaRose - August 21, 2019 at 10:19 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Brian Edward McCaffrey.



August 20, 2019 at 06:20 PM

MS

“ We first met Brian and his adoring wife, Margaret, when we were stationed together in Oklahoma City, OK in the early 80's. Brian was one of the most intelligent and hard working officers I ever had the joy of working with. We became friends and spent many memorable moments together. We remember Brian and Margaret making of our son, Brian, many years ago. We've followed Brian's career and are proud to have known him. We have kept in touch over the years with our dear friends, Brian and Margaret. He will be missed by many, especially us.



Michael & Sara Slack - August 20, 2019 at 05:52 PM