



## Brian W. Robinson

April 7, 1965 - February 14, 2014

COMMANDER Brian W. Robinson [L T L] [SEP SEP] United States Coast Guard Commander Brian W. Robinson, 48, passed away on February 14, 2014 at his home in Manassas, Virginia. He served on active duty in the US Coast Guard as a JAG officer and had served in the Washington, D.C. area in a number of assignments including Coast Guard Headquarters, Quantico, Charlottesville and the State Department since being commissioned as an officer in Feb. 2004. He volunteered for duty in Afghanistan and served there as a legal trainer during 2010. [L T L] [SEP SEP] His personal military awards include three awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, three awards of the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, the Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, and three awards of the Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon. He is also a recipient of the Department of State Superior Honor Award. [L] [SEP]

All who knew Brian, even casually, knew immediately he was incredibly bright with a heart for others that was larger than life. His signature wit and empathy will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Brian was an avid guitarist and Les Paul aficionado, a marksman on a variety of firearms, an intrepid Boston sports fan and a devoted husband and father.

Brian Robinson was a 1983 graduate of Doherty Memorial High school (Worcester, MA); a 1987 graduate of The College of The Holy Cross (Worcester, MA); a JD cum laude graduate of the School of Law of Washington and Lee University (Lexington, VA) in 1990; and LLM in Military Law in 2010. Robinson practiced law for 12 years in Boston, first as an associate at Hale and Dorr, and then as a partner at McDermott, Will and Emory. He received the "Founders Award" from a non-profit for his pro bono work on behalf of over 100 families in Boston's Dorchester neighborhood. He chose to leave his lucrative practice because he thought it was his duty to serve his country after the United States went to war following 9/11. [L T L] [SEP SEP] Commander Robinson is survived by his wife, Elizabeth (Harlow) Robinson, his two children Miriam (Mimi) and James (Seamus), his mother Lois Robinson, his brother Michael and sister Kathleen (Robinson) Williams, 8 nieces and nephews and many other family and friends.

Calling hours are Wed. Feb 19th between 5pm and 8pm at Pierce Funeral Home in Manassas, VA. The funeral mass will take place at All Saints Church in Manassas on Thursday Feb. 20th at 10am. Commander Robinson will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery. TTTT  
SEPTSEPThe family requests that in lieu of flowers contributions may be made in the name of Commander Robinson to The Jimmy Fund at [www.jimmyfund.org](http://www.jimmyfund.org) .

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA 22211

<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **19**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home

9609 Center St.

Manassas, VA 20110

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<https://www.piercefh.com>

# Tribute Wall

AN

“ *RIP Cousin Brian, Cost Guard, Feb. 14 2014 Thank you for your Service.*



Anderson - February 14, 2020 at 08:38 PM

CG

“ *So sad for your loss. I had the great pleasure of meeting Commander Robinson. I was with my father , Tanney Oberg who served in the USCG WWII . Your loved one was wonderful to my aging father. He also did a heartfelt review of my dad's book on Amazon. I will never forget his genuine kindness to us both.*

*May he Rest In Peace . God bless his family.*

*Chrissy Oberg Gilbert*

*Duck Key, FI*

chrissy oberg gilbert - May 04, 2017 at 01:17 PM

FC

“ *I never knew Commander Robinson, I've just been reading some of his work for an article I'm writing and I googled him to get in touch. Imagine my shock at finding this page. He was an excellent legal scholar and one of the giants who's shoulder i stand on today to further knowledge. My deepest condolences to his family.*

Felipe Cuello - April 19, 2015 at 04:31 AM

MA

“ *My deepest condolences to the Robinson family. I knew your husband and father from W&L Law School and working in Boston in the 1990s (where I still live). He was a wonderful man. I was so impressed to see how honorably he served our country. Your family is in my prayers. Marie Coukos*

Marie - March 01, 2014 at 09:19 PM

Peter Galamaga

“ *My deepest condolences.  
Many many fond memories of good times and MUCH laughter when we were at Holy Cross.*

*Peter Galamaga*

Peter Galamaga - February 21, 2014 at 08:10 AM

KK

“ We are keeping you in our prayers~ much love! the Kott family

kelly kott - February 20, 2014 at 06:55 PM

SC

“ My condolences to the entire Robinson family. The world lost a great and good man.

Steve Cernak

Steve Cernak - February 20, 2014 at 07:09 AM

JV

“ Libby, Mimi, and Seamus,

*I am so sorry for your loss. Brian was my class leader in DCO school when we both entered the Coast Guard in 2004. Brian was an inspiration and a great leader as well as a great friend to me and just a great guy. I feel lucky to have known him and I am praying for him, as well as each of you during this difficult time. My deepest condolences.*

Jowcol Viña

Jowcol Viña - February 19, 2014 at 11:45 PM

BG

“ During his two-year tour at The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School in Charlottesville, VA, among many other accolades, Brian was published in the Army Lawyer twice in less than a year, he graduated with honors, he spearheaded the school's most successful Domestic Operational Law Course, he authored the 2011 Domestic Operational Law Handbook, he voluntarily deployed to Afghanistan, and he was asked to return several times to teach the graduate students. Brian's devotion to duty and selfless service inspired anyone lucky enough to have met and worked with him.

*On behalf of Summer and I, our deepest condolences and heartfelt prayers to Libby, Mimi, Seamus, and the entire Robinson family.*



Ben Gullo - February 19, 2014 at 09:18 PM

DR

“ Incredibly sad news. Just learned today. What a great friend and human being. Just think of all he did. Libby, Mimi and Seamus my thoughts and prayers are with you. Kids I never met you but your Dad is burned in my memory as a sweet, smart, thoughtful, funny, kind, warm and talented man. I'll be thinking of you all these days and will talk about Brian with my family so a bit of him will carry on -- and I'll do it while listening to some Eric Clapton and the Blues Breakers. With all my love, Rocchio

David Rocchio - February 19, 2014 at 03:56 PM

TA

“ I met Brian in 2006 when we worked on a Coast Guard project in Puerto Rico. With so much credit to Brian, the project was (and remains) highly successful. He was great to work with and so much fun to talk with about Red Sox Nation. My sincerest condolences to his family. We are so lucky to have known him and so saddened with his passing.

Tom Amerson - February 19, 2014 at 03:41 PM

LA

“ You are in my thoughts and prayers. Tish Argenti

Laticia Argenti - February 19, 2014 at 03:38 PM

AR

“ We send to your families our deepest condolences. He and all of you are in our prayers.

Alejandro Reyes - February 19, 2014 at 12:11 AM

SW

“ Libby, Mimi, and Seamus, Maggie and I extend our deepest sympathy, and please know that your are in our thoughts and prayers. May your memories of Brian always be with you.  
Steve and Maggie White

Steve and Maggie White - February 18, 2014 at 09:15 PM



“ Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Brian W. Robinson.



February 18, 2014 at 08:22 PM

SP

“ Met Brian at Kindergarden orientation at Immaculate Conception. Can't believe that was over 12 years ago. So proud of him to leave his partnership and serve his country. Many memories of trips to VA to "judge dance and ice skating shows". What an amazing career he had...and an even more amazing family! Love you all!! My heart is breaking for you Libby, Mimi, Seamus, and Lois.

Sandy Pettigrew - February 18, 2014 at 07:39 PM

SR

“ Suzanne And Rick lit a candle in memory of Brian W. Robinson



Suzanne and Rick - February 18, 2014 at 06:34 PM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Brian W. Robinson.



February 18, 2014 at 04:42 PM

KP

“ I went to college with Brian and have a fond, funny memory of him. A group of us were staying at someone's home in NH between the end of senior year and graduation. There was a very large vertebra (I was told it was from a whale?) on the mantle. Without even talking about it, Brian picked it up, handed it to me and shook my hand, as if I were receiving a Grammy. Someone took a picture. It was just one of those comical, improvisational moments that I have a feeling Brian initiated often. My condolences to his family and friends.

Kristen Plumley - February 18, 2014 at 04:13 PM



“ Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Brian W. Robinson.



February 18, 2014 at 09:10 AM

MG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Marianne Gelakoska - February 17, 2014 at 10:54 PM

MG

*Brian was not only a brilliant legal mind, but also a caring friend to many. I saw Brian in November, at the retirement of fellow CG JAG, LCDR Anthony Owens. Brian spearheaded the commissioning of a cartoon to illustrate the military career of Anthony, and travelled from Virginia to present the gift in Seattle at Anthony's retirement. May God bless and comfort his family during this difficult time.*

Marianne Gelakoska - February 17, 2014 at 10:59 PM

PC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



PO1 MARIA C.YOUNG - February 17, 2014 at 08:23 PM

KJ

“ *Sending love and prayers to you all. May God wrap His arms around you and give you peace. Lots of love, Linc, Kathy, Gantt, and Mary Lollis Jones*

Kathy Jones - February 17, 2014 at 05:07 PM

SC

*Libby, Mimi, and Seamus - God bless you! We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.*

Suzanne Conway - February 17, 2014 at 07:05 PM

LR

“ *LCDR Martha A. Rodriguez purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Brian W. Robinson.*



LCDR Martha A. Rodriguez - February 17, 2014 at 04:53 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Brian W. Robinson.*



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February 17, 2014 at 09:59 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brian W. Robinson.*



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February 17, 2014 at 09:52 AM