



# Brian E Matthias

FEB 4, 1958 - DEC 7, 2017



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## **Brian E Matthias**

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**B**rian E Matthias, businessman, musician, but most of all a loving, thoughtful and kind husband, father, grandfather and friend, passed away at the Delaware Hospice Center in Milford after a brief but courageous battle with cancer on December 7, 2017. He was 59.

Brian was born on February 4, 1958 in Allentown, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Sussex Central High School in 1976, where he was a top musician in both band and choir. He went on to graduate with a B.S. degree in Elementary Education and a Minor in Music in 1980 from Kutztown University in Kutztown, Pennsylvania. It was in Kutztown that he started Matthias Insurance, which he has owned for 37 years. The legacy of Matthias Insurance will continue under the leadership of Brian's son, Zachary Matthias, who has teamed with his father in the business since 2005.

Brian moved back to Georgetown, Delaware in 2015 to take care of his mother and her husband. He acquired and lovingly remodeled a historical home in Georgetown, in which he showcased his restoration and artistic abilities. It was in Georgetown that Brian married his husband Mario Salgueiro on August 31, 2013. He enjoyed traveling, photography, and a good craft beer!

Brian is survived by his husband, Mario Salgueiro; his sons Zachary Matthias, Nathan Matthias and Brandon Matthias; his mother Bessie Esposito; his brother Kenneth Matthias; his soul mate and mother of his children, Deb Bortz, and one beloved granddaughter, Kayla Matthias.

There will be no services. Memorial contributions can be made in honor of Brian Matthias to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network or to Delaware Hospice (details below):

Pancreatic Cancer Action Network

National Office, 1500 Rosecrans Avenue, Suite 200



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Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Donate: by calling 877-435-8650, by mail (address above) or on line:

[https://secure.pancan.org/site/Donation2?df\\_id=1520&1520.donation=form1](https://secure.pancan.org/site/Donation2?df_id=1520&1520.donation=form1)

Delaware Hospice Center

100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963.

Donate: by calling Development Office at 855-DHI-GIVE, by mail (address above) or on line:

<https://www.delawarehospice.org/donate-now/make-a-donation/>

Arrangements have been entrusted to Watson Funeral Home, 211 S. Washington St. PO Box 125, Millsboro, DE 19966. Electronic condolences via [watsonfh.com](http://watsonfh.com)



## Tribute Wall

**Brian E Matthias**

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MS

**Mario G Salgueiro** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

February 3 at 8:00 PM



MS

**Mario G Salgueiro** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

Today you would have been 63. Still very hard to believe you were taken so young. Still in my heart and mind. M

February 3 at 8:00 PM



MS

**Mario G Salgueiro** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

Over two years now from your passing. Still very hard to believe. Thinking of you with love always. M

December 8 at 8:00 PM



MS

**Mario G Salgueiro** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

Remembering you with all my heart and soul on your 61st birthday. Will continue to live in me until we meet again. Miss you and love you. Always. Your beloved husband, Mario.

February 3 at 8:00 PM



CL

**Cindy Labonte** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

February 3 at 8:00 PM



MS

**Mario G Salgueiro** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

December 6 at 8:00 PM





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Cancer took you from us one year to the date. Hard to believe. Missing you as much. Always in my heart. M

December 6 at 8:00 PM



MS

**Mario G Salgueiro** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

Our 5th Wedding Anniversary!! In my heart and thoughts always. Love. Mario

August 30 at 8:00 PM



MS

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August 30 at 8:00 PM



MS

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February 3 at 8:00 PM



MS

**Mario G Salgueiro** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

Remembering you with all my heart and soul on your 60th birthday. We were looking forward to celebrate it together but cancer took you away far too soon. Will continue to live in me until we meet again. Miss you and love you. Always. Your beloved husband, Mario.

February 3 at 8:00 PM



KM

**Kevin Motroni** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

January 19 at 8:00 PM





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NQ

**Neil & Linda Quier** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

January 19 at 8:00 PM



GC

**Greg Zaremba-Clifford** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

December 16 at 8:00 PM



JM

**Judy & Lee Murray** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

December 14 at 8:00 PM



JM

**Judy & Lee Murray** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

Bonnie, Kenny, Mario: Lee & I are stunned, shocked, and so sad at your loss. We only knew Brian briefly, but knew him to be a caring, loving son, brother, and spouse. Just do not have enough words to adequately express our grief. The world has lost a gentle soul. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to assist in any way.

December 14 at 8:00 PM



CO

**Chad Kauffman & Dawn Osborne** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

December 13 at 8:00 PM



CK

**Chad Kauffman** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

RIP my friend, you were always a treat to see at business or friendly gatherings. I hope the family and Mario find peace in this trying moment. I will miss your quirky style and quick wit for the worlds problems.

December 13 at 8:00 PM





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DC

**Dawn And Chad** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

We are so sorry to hear of Brian's passing. He was a sweet, funny, kind man.

December 13 at 8:00 PM



TE

**Tina And Enoch** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

Brian was a kind and caring person. We are grateful for the attention he took in overseeing the care of our dad. Brian was also very caring for his mom; he sacrificed much in doing so, but that's the kind of person he was and he didn't complain. I'm glad we thanked Brian many times for everything he did. Brian will be greatly missed! RIP

December 12 at 8:00 PM



JW

**Joan White** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

Was praying ( and I know your shaking your finger at me ) for you my sweet friend . We didn't get around to. Our lunch date and I'm so sorry . Rest easy my friend

December 12 at 8:00 PM



MW

**Mike & Joan White** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

December 12 at 8:00 PM



TG

**Thomas And Frank From Germany** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

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DF

**David And Sonia Fink** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

December 11 at 8:00 PM





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AN

**Annette** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

December 11 at 8:00 PM



JU

**Julia** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

December 11 at 8:00 PM



JB

**Julia & Barbara** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

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RE

**Regina** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

December 11 at 8:00 PM



DF

**David And Sonia Fink** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

To Zack and Brian's family, We are so saddened by the sudden loss of Brian. He was a unique person. We were his client for many years but more than that he was a friend. We often had heart to heart chats regarding family. He has been robbed of years here on earth but we know he is with his heavenly father for eternity. From all the Fink family we will keep you in prayer

December 11 at 8:00 PM



FF

**Francis And Jane Frey** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

So very sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Matthias. He was our insurance agent for years and we enjoyed that relationship. Our thoughts and prayers for the family.

December 11 at 8:00 PM





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TF

**Toni Figueroa** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

I will miss Brian's bright smile and his raucous laugh! RIP

December 10 at 8:00 PM



TD

**Teresa Sauers Dukes** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

My heart is broken. I love you Brian and will miss you dearly. You were more than a cousin to me, you were my friend and the big brother I never had. You were a caring, gentle soul from the day you were born, until you lost your courageous battle with cancer. You will forever be remembered for you touched many lives. Until we see each other again. Love you.

December 10 at 8:00 PM



TD

**Teresa Sauers Dukes** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

My heart is broken because I didn't just lose a cousin. I lost a friend and the big brother I never had. I'm glad you are at peace and no longer suffering. You will forever remain a part of my life. Until we meet again. I LOVE YOU. ( when you see dad please give him a gentle bear hug from me )

December 10 at 8:00 PM



TD

**Teresa Sauers Dukes** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

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DM

**Donna Pauley-Melson** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

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RH

**Robin Hall** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

December 9 at 8:00 PM



TP

**Theresa Tingle Perry** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

I'm sorry for your loss. Brian was a kind gentleman in school. We graduated together at Sussex Central. My prayers go out for his family

December 9 at 8:00 PM



TJ

**Tom Jones** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

Brian was a great guy all through school. I played saxophone beside him for 6 years and enjoyed every minute of it. He made music something special for everyone and the world is a darker place without him.

December 8 at 8:00 PM



MC

**Millie Rogers Charnick** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

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TG

**Terri (Severe) Glasscock** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

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KS

**Keith Stuart** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

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TW

**Teresa Ellingsworth-Whitney** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

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KS

**Keith Stuart** lit a candle in honor of Brian.

Loved the friendship from 6th grade on. Brian was hilarious and made me laugh. He gave me my horrible, hated nickname in 7th grade yet we continued being friends. I was honored to be his best man at his 1st wedding before the years and distance drew us apart. The last few years we reconnected and shared deeply the hurts and joys of life. The last time I saw him was when I stopped by after my mom's funeral (he didn't do funerals) and he hugged me and we had a great time albeit too short. I will miss my old friend.

December 8 at 8:00 PM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Brian by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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