



Brian Thomas Darrow

July 29, 1950 - March 23, 2026

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Brian Thomas Darrow, age 75, of Utica, Michigan, who passed away on March 23.

Brian was born in Petoskey, Michigan, and grew up in Mackinaw City, a place that always stayed close to his heart. He went on to build a life defined by hard work, strength, and independence. Brian owned his own construction company, specializing in poured concrete walls, and was a skilled crane and heavy equipment operator. He took great pride in his work and in the life he built with his hands.

Brian was incredibly proud of his service in the United States Army. He was a Vietnam combat veteran who served in the Infantry Airborne 101st, a distinction that remained a source of pride throughout his life.

He was a man who was unapologetically himself 100% of the time—no nonsense, strong, and tough, yet deeply passionate about the things he loved. Brian loved music, woodworking, and fast cars. He was a great cook, especially known for his breakfasts and Sunday dinners. One of his favorite routines was heading to the diner in the morning, where he enjoyed coffee and good conversation with friends.

Brian shared four children with Julie: Tara (Tim), Sara (Sam), Dean, and

Lindsay (Shannon). He was a proud grandfather to Charlie, Dakota, Taylor, and Dean.

He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins, and by his dear cousin Frank Ranville, who was like a brother to him.

He is survived by his brother Dean (Carol Lee) and his sister Lana (Chris).

He was preceded in death by his parents, Martha and Gerald Darrow, along with countless aunts, uncles, cousins, and dear friends.

Brian will be remembered for his strength, his honesty, his sense of humor, and the way he lived life on his own terms. He leaves behind a legacy of hard work, resilience, and unforgettable memories.

A memorial service to celebrate Brian's life will be held at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Rd. (3Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica, on Friday (April 3rd) from 2pm until the time of service at 7pm.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

APR 3. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Utica
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317

Memorial Service

APR 3. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KV

“ Kim V. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Thomas Darrow.

Kim V. - April 03 at 11:50 AM

JM

“ Jenny and Noah Monro purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Brian Thomas Darrow.



Jenny and Noah Monro - April 02 at 08:26 PM

JM

“ Jenny and Noah Monro planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Thomas Darrow.

Jenny and Noah Monro - April 02 at 08:26 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Brian Thomas Darrow.



April 02 at 06:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Brian Thomas Darrow.

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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Brian Thomas Darrow.



April 01 at 11:13 PM



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March 31 at 11:12 PM



“ *Love's Journey* was purchased for the family of Brian Thomas Darrow.



March 31 at 11:12 PM

GF

“ Goniwiecha , Smith, Zambo, Families purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Brian Thomas Darrow.



Goniwiecha , Smith, Zambo, Families - March 31 at 12:17 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brian Thomas Darrow.



March 31 at 07:21 AM



“ Sorry for your lose to you and your family. Al Belton

Barb Rodriguez Belton - March 26 at 06:21 PM

YF

“ Your F&M Family purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Brian Thomas Darrow.



Your F&M Family - March 26 at 02:34 PM

TD

“ Remember being around you as a kid when we came to Mackinaw but as we grew up I saw you very little....usually at major family events. Rest in peace cuz. 🙏

Tom Dutkiewicz - March 26 at 01:02 PM

SS

“ Love ya Brian, I'll miss you lots. Rest easy.

Sandy Van Slambrouck - March 26 at 10:08 AM

AT

“ This makes me sad. If he didn't like you, you knew it. If he liked you, you knew it, but if he loved you, you felt it and he checked in on you and yours forever. He had a gift of giving you a hard time yet making you feel important at the same time. Even if it was just sending stuff on fb or asking about your health or kids.. he just wanted you to know he thought of you. RIP Chief there will never be another one like you. 💔

Angela Trudo - March 25 at 10:34 PM

RD

Rest in Peace Good Buddy, I'll love you forever. My most sincerest condolences to your. Family

Ray Desy - March 27 at 05:09 PM

NV

It's taken me a few days to digest that you are gone. You were one in a million! I'm so blessed to have been able to get to really know you! So many will be lost without you yet you have left lasting memories forever. Love you Brian...may you rest in peace. My sincere condolences to all your family and friends...you are missed.

Nicki Vartanian - March 30 at 10:18 PM

RI

“ I don't care how you do it...get it poured....don't call me again...50 plus yds of concrete later...job done...IYKYK...LOL..RIPI LOVE YOU FOREVER 💔💔💔💔

Richard - March 25 at 09:45 PM