



## Brian Keith Winterfield

March 20, 1969 - March 2, 2024

Brian K. Winterfield, 54, born in The Dalles, Oregon passed away at his home unexpectedly in the early morning of March 2nd, 2024, in Tualatin, Oregon. Brian had been valiantly fighting a battle with aggressive melanoma, and was hopeful he would be cured, but I guess Heaven was needing a Hero.

Brian was born and raised in The Dalles until the middle of his sophomore year of high school. He made many life-long friends there, and we visited the area as often as possible, often stopping by his grand-dad's resting place to have a shot of Old Turkey with him. He has many special memories from his grand-dad's homestead in The Dalles Watershed as a child.

His family moved to Gladstone in 1985. It was a tough adjustment, but he made some friends and "survived" high school, earning his diploma in 1987 from Gladstone High School. During high school years and post-graduation, Brian worked at GG's Restaurant in Milwaukie to not only put gas in his car, but to have a little spending money. He eventually worked for QPM Aerospace, Inc (where Brian worked when he met his wife), Benchmade Knife Company, and Oregon Health & Sciences University in Logistics. He made phenomenal friends at each location.

Brian and his eventual wife-to-be, Connie, graduated the same year (1987), he from Gladstone High, she from Oregon State University. They didn't know

they were destined to be life partners until March 17, 2000, when they met at Kells Irish Pub's Annual St. Patrick's Day celebration in downtown Portland. They were pretty much inseparable from that day forward. They married in May 2002, and for their 20th anniversary, they celebrated with a special trip to Yosemite National Park. They hoped to eventually retire to Central Oregon and to be near water.

Travelling together, McMenamins Pubs & Hotels, PNW Breweries, wine, their cat Buddy (and Mittens before), his Harley, the Oregon State Beavers (adopted favorite team through his wife), and spending time with family and friends, were shared passions that kept them busy over the years. Brian was a loving person who always put others before himself. He too, was loved by most everyone he met. He touched the hearts of so many in his short 54+ years of life. He loved his wife beyond compare and always gave his full attention to those he met and made them feel at home. Connie is extremely thankful for their large community of friends, near and far, and even Buddy's Cats of Instagram (COI) worldwide community, who have been there for them both throughout life's ups and downs and sending so much support to Connie as she weathers this storm of losing her life partner in love.

Brian was preceded in death by his treasured Granny Grunt, Edith Scott; his grandfather, Harvey Hughson; his Grand-dad, Walter Scott; and his great-aunt Setsuko "Bachan" Ainsworth, and his Father-in-law, Comm Henness.

He is survived by his beloved wife Connie and their cat Buddy; his parents, Dorthy and Don Winterfield; mother-in-law Joanne Henness, brother Aaron (Amber) Winterfield, brother-in-law Curtis (Sheila) Henness, uncle Walter (Cathy) Hughson, cousin Hana (Pete) Kenny, niece Sabrina (Jef) Siler, nephew Luke Winterfield, nephew Donovan Henness, first cousin once removed Declan Kenny, and great-niece, Lili Siler, as well as many other loving family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be planned for later this spring, please check back soon for details. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to a pet (<https://cataoptionteam.org/support/> ), melanoma (<https://melanoma.org/> , <https://www.skincancer.org/> or <https://melanomafoundation.org/> ) or other cancer charity.

Please add your memories, pictures, and condolences to his wife, family, and friends while navigating through their grieving process. \*If you are interested in donating directly to Brian's wife for costs related to his passing, please send a sympathy card through this site to notify Connie with your contact info, and donation details can be provided. (\*\*This option should be available soon for phone app users).

\*\* In Loving Memory of a life so beautifully lived, a heart so deeply loved. \*\*

Please go to: <https://www.eventcreate.com/brianwinterfieldcol> Brian Winterfield's Celebration of Life for the Celebration of Life details and RSVP.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 18. 12:00 PM - 3:30 PM (PT)

Blackberry Hall at McMenamins Edgefield  
126 Southwest Halsey Street  
Troutdale, OR 97060

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# Tribute Wall

MH

“ 4 files added to the album *Thanksgiving 2015 with Henneses in Portland*



Mike Henness - May 22, 2024 at 09:36 PM



*That was a great dinner! Wish we had spent more together.*

Connie Winterfield - May 22, 2024 at 10:14 PM

JA

“ *Brain was my work neighbor, and like any good neighbor, we'd share some coffee. His kindness and open invite for some joe, while shooting the breeze, made the long day a lot brighter. Saying he'll be missed is an understatement, but he'll certainly always be remembered.*

Jackie - April 03, 2024 at 12:31 PM



*Thanks, Jackie! He enjoyed spending time with you...and he looooved his coffee!*

Connie Winterfield - May 22, 2024 at 10:15 PM

SK

“ I went to elementary school and junior high with Brian and we were neighbors in The Dalles, Oregon, often walking up the hill from Dry Hollow together. In recent years, we have been in touch via social media and I have loved seeing how happy he has been with Connie and the fun they seem to have had together. gone too soon but never forgotten.



Sonya Kiernan - March 26, 2024 at 06:38 PM



Thank you, Sonja. He was a great husband and my best friend. I wish we had more time together, but we sure did have a lot of fun.

Connie Winterfield - May 22, 2024 at 10:15 PM

JH

“ I didn't get a chance to meet Uncle Brian until later in life, and I know I missed it on a lot. Whenever we would get together it was always a great time. I loved hearing his stories about his travels, and how excited he was to spend time with Aunt Connie. It is a great loss to all who knew him. I can only think about the stories he left untold. Ride in peace. Love ya Brian.



Jim Hallett - March 26, 2024 at 04:12 PM



Thanks, nephew! He was ecstatic to get to meet my 'newfound' family and hang out with you and Laura. I'm glad we got to spend at least a few times together. XOXO

Connie Winterfield - May 22, 2024 at 10:16 PM

JD

“ It has been an honor and true pleasure to get to know Brian over the past 10 years or so here at OHSU. I worked very closely with Brian at Dock 16 as he managed the dock and I managed all of the staff on the Dock. I could always go to Brian if we needed some help, and I knew that Brian would find a way to assist if he could. Brian started as a friendly coworker buddy but blossomed into a great friendship and a shared passion of great hazy IPA's. Recently I actually became Brian's manager here at OHSU in the Central Receiving Department and I remember Brian asking, "Can we still be friends and swap beers?" I told him "Yeah just don't tell anybody" haha TBH I am surprised he still wanted to be friends considering Brian's strong support for the union I figured he wouldn't want to be friends with someone from the dark side! All kidding aside this was the hardest thing I have ever dealt with as a manager, Brian was a great man, a true friend and an ambassador for OHSU and Logistics and will forever be missed and remembered here at OHSU. You can spend all day here at OHSU and never have enough time to run into all the people that Brian had a positive impact on here in his work, his relationships and just his friendly smile. Cheers Buddy, Thanks for all the memories!

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**Joseph (JayDee) D Dargis** - March 18, 2024 at 11:25 AM



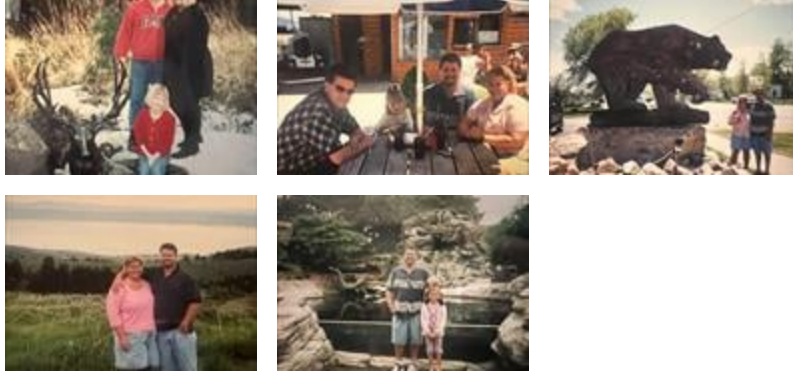
He was honored to be your friend and employee. 💜

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**Connie Winterfield** - May 22, 2024 at 09:43 PM

CS

“ So many great memories with Connie & Brian! It's bittersweet looking through them all and knowing sweet Brian has been taken from us too soon. I'll always cherish the times we laughed and enjoyed life in his company!



Corey Surber - March 14, 2024 at 02:05 PM



We had a lot of great times together. 💜

Connie Winterfield - May 22, 2024 at 09:44 PM

JH

“ I met Brian a few years ago at OHSU. Ironically, I think the first time we met was when I had some large piece of equipment delivered and didn't know it was coming so surprise for everyone. However, he was kind, sincere and left an impression. Over a short window of time, we learned we rode the same bus, and that became a small piece of our connection at work. I mentioned to Connie, through Brian's phone after learning the tragic news that Brian was one of the best people I've met in this world. I have no doubt about it. Always willing to help, have a thoughtful conversation with, or just BS a bit. I'll miss seeing him on the bus, I'll miss talking to him. Truthfully speaking the world will be slightly less enjoyable without him in it. Prayers for Connie, all of Brian's family and friends.

Jamie Harrell - March 14, 2024 at 10:50 AM



*He thought the world of you, Jamie. 💜*

**Connie Winterfield** - May 22, 2024 at 09:45 PM



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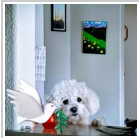


**Brad** - March 13, 2024 at 06:07 PM



*These are some awesome photos. Thanks for being such a great friend to him. ❤️*

**Connie Winterfield** - May 22, 2024 at 09:45 PM



“ *Kathie Smalley lit a candle in memory of Brian Keith Winterfield*



**Kathie Smalley** - March 13, 2024 at 12:59 PM

AW

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Aaron Winterfield - March 13, 2024 at 12:39 PM

AW

“ No words can express how much you will be missed. Thank you for being such an amazing brother to me and an amazing uncle to Sabrina and Luke. You always made everyone feel so special and loved. You took the time to nurture your relationships with every person you met.

*I love you so very much.*

**2 CORINTHIANS 4:18**

*While we look not at the things that are seen, but at the things that are not seen:for the things that are seen are temporal; but the things that are not seen are eternal.*




Amber Winterfield - March 13, 2024 at 12:23 PM



*He loved his family beyond measure. Love You. 💜💜*


Connie Winterfield - May 22, 2024 at 09:47 PM

SA

“ My Uncle Brian was a lot of things. He was funny and kind. He was easygoing and life loving. He was the best gift wrapper and deviled egg maker around.. To put it bluntly, he was a straight bad ass dude. I've really been thinking about him a lot, and how he fit into my life and into the lives of the people I love.. and I came to the realization that he has been a constant throughout my life. All of the birthday parties, and holiday gatherings, and milestones.. I was just so lucky to always have him there. I'll truly miss him.. Love always 

sabrina - March 12, 2024 at 11:47 PM



He couldn't have loved you more. And his gift wrapping skills were legendary!!

Connie Winterfield - May 22, 2024 at 09:48 PM

RB

“ Brian worked in the same building as me at OHSU, and it was just a joy to talk with him. Over my five years at OHSU, he's always been a welcome face, and we were able to talk about anything from motorcycles to cemeteries. I didn't know him super well, but I always enjoyed seeing him. I am so sorry to hear about his passing - he was a great man and will be very much missed. Lots of love to his family, I loved hearing him talk about his wife, Connie. <3 - Rebecca Bowen

Rebecca Bowen - March 12, 2024 at 04:14 PM



Thank you, Rebecca.  
He was so proud to be a part of the staff at OHSU and wanted to always do his best.  
I am sure his presence is missed.

Connie Winterfield - May 22, 2024 at 09:55 PM



“ *My Dear Sister, Connie, what can I say about Brian? His time on this earth was cut way too short, but we are so thankful to have spent some quality time with him. We met him just 8 short years ago after you found your extended family through the Ancestry DNA test, and we found out we were sisters!*

*Shortly after this revelation, you and Brian came to Boise for your work retreat, and we got to meet both of you for the first time. We all wanted to go out to eat so we could visit, and Brian introduced us to Goodwood Barbecue, where we shared a meal with my oldest son Charles joining us. Brian was so engaging and opened his heart to meeting his wife's newly found sister, and we instantly felt like family.*

*You could tell he was always interested more in other people and less about himself. He asked questions and genuinely listened to our answers, instead of talking about who he was and his accomplishments. He truly cared about others. I believe the next time we got together was when he met my youngest son, Jim, around Thanksgiving at Jim's home in Tumwater, Washington. Again, he was all about getting to know Jim and his wife, Laura.*

*Dave and I also visited and stayed in Connie and Brian's beautiful home in Tualatin, Oregon where they invited us in with open arms. We really admired all of the work they had done to it and the beautiful colors they had painted throughout. When we decided on Papa Murphy's pizza for dinner, Brian was sure to tell us all about the Pink Sauce for the Cowboy Pizza, and ever since that day, we make it a point to order the Pink Sauce. ;) We enjoyed a nice evening drinking wine and enjoying a warm fire out in the backyard while Brian added flickering color flames for our viewing pleasure. While we were visiting, he wanted to make sure we had a great time, and we did! =)*

*Brian and Connie also made another trip to Boise and came and stayed with us, and we enjoyed another great visit with both of*

*them. It is so sad to think he won't be joining us in future visits, but hopefully will be there in spirit. You will be greatly missed, Brian.*

*Much love to you, Connie, and to Brian's friends and family.*

*Dave and Kathie Smalley*



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**Kathie Smalley** - March 12, 2024 at 03:19 PM



*He was honored to be a part of my extended family and he was proud to share his favorite things with you and make you feel at home. 💜💜*

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**Connie Winterfield** - May 22, 2024 at 09:58 PM

JK

“ Lost for words right now. I just got done scrolling thru my text messages with Brian and we shared so many great times together. Mostly celebrating music, the OSU Beavers, and his love for great beer! One of my last memories together is from an OSU Football game this season when Brian and Connie graciously presented me with this Alladin Theatre print that they tracked down after we spent some time together at the Blues Fest. I am so thankful that this print will forever memorialize this great human being and bring back great memories. I raise a pint to you my friend...you were one of a kind and will truly be missed! Jason



Jason Kloser - March 12, 2024 at 12:11 PM



He was happier than a kid in a candy store with unlimited pocket money whenever he got to enjoy a great beer with you or just share space with you both. We had a lot of great times together. ❤️ ❤️

Connie Winterfield - May 22, 2024 at 10:01 PM

JW

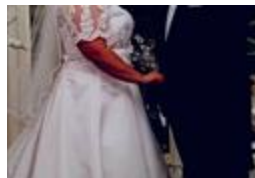
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Julie & Doug Wrighton - March 12, 2024 at 05:44 AM

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Walter Hughson - March 11, 2024 at 10:41 PM

AW

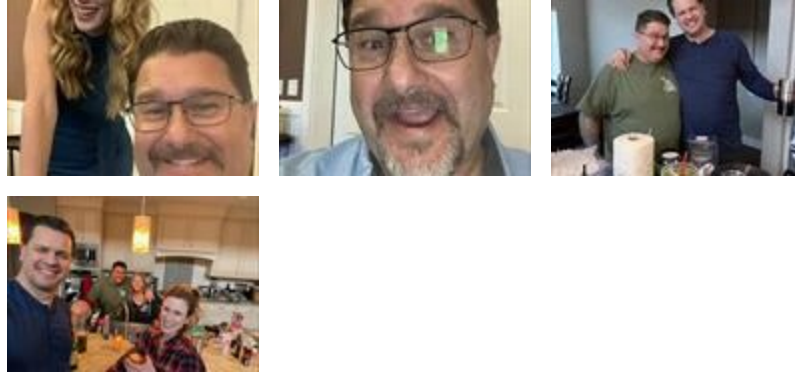
“ Just some random pictures we shared with each other, he will truly be missed. And yes, that is a "Deep Purple" concert T-Shirt and tube socks 😊



Aaron Winterfield - March 11, 2024 at 09:49 PM

KA

“ I still can't believe we've lost such a kind, joyful friend. So sorry for everyone's loss. Brian made the world brighter.



Katie Anderson - March 11, 2024 at 09:31 PM

AW

“ Here is a throw back. This must have been late 70's Brian and I (Brother Aaron) spending time up at our Grand-Dads old home stead location in The wilderness of The Dalles Water shed. That's brian popped wheelies :-)



Aaron Winterfield - March 11, 2024 at 09:07 PM



“ 9 files added to the album *The Life of Brian*



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**Connie Winterfield** - March 11, 2024 at 12:51 PM

MC

*Love these pictures Connie! THANK YOU! Matt & Tami*

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**Matt Cowan & Tamara Solomon Cowan** - May 18, 2024 at 12:59 PM