



Brian Lee Stilwell

November 15, 1983 - March 12, 2024

Dateline: Wood River, IL

Brian Lee Stilwell, 40, left this world to join his father in heaven at 4:04 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at his residence. He was born November 15, 1983 in Alton the son of the late John Stilwell and Vivian "Darlene" (Hefley) Newman (Mick) of Grafton. He worked as a cashier for Taco Bell and The Pump House in Wood River. Brian enjoyed playing play station, cards and was a fan of the Arizona Diamondbacks and Washington Redskins. He had a heart of gold, and he would do anything for anyone. He liked to kid around a lot and had many friends. He fought juvenal diabetes like a trooper. Brian was known for always wearing a beanie on his head. Besides his mother he is survived by one daughter, Heaven Marie Stilwell of Jerseyville, one brother, Doug Hefley of Alton, one sister, Cathy Sigman (Duncan) of NV, aunts and uncles, Beverly Rutherford (Charles) and Donna Oertel (Frank) and numerous cousins and friends. Besides his father he is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Walter and Kathleen Stilwell and his maternal grandparents, John and Anna Hefley and special cousin, Teresa Rutherford Curtner. Visitation will be from 3:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 17, 2024 at Bethel Church in East Alton, IL where funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 18, 2024. Burial will be at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto. Pastor Royce Roy and Pastor Ken Rutherford will officiate. Memorials may be made to Bethel Church in East Alton. Additional information and online guest book may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.co

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Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bethel Church
480 E Airline Dr
East Alton, IL 62024-1910
(618) 259-7825

Funeral

MAR 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AB

“ Brian (Puggs), was an amazing friend. Met him through Taco Bell close shifts and was lucky enough to have this person in my life. Many fun late nights at Taco Bell, IHOP, and Pump House. Many fun days at the baseball field and golf course. Always supportive and always there when it mattered.

You were there during some amazing life memories.

Thank you for being my friend. You will be missed.

Aaron Blackketter - March 14, 2024 at 08:17 PM

AF

“ Aaron, Brook, John and Friends purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Brian Lee Stilwell.



Aaron, Brook, John and Friends - March 14, 2024 at 08:14 PM

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“ Aaron, Brook, John and Friends planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Lee Stilwell.

Aaron, Brook, John and Friends - March 14, 2024 at 08:14 PM

RR

“ *Darlene,
Our deepest condolences on the loss of Brian. Prayers of peace
and comfort during this time.
Ray & Kay*

Rev. Ray and Kay Robinson - March 14, 2024 at 11:59 AM

MC

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your son. My deepest
condolences.*

Mary J Cunningham - March 14, 2024 at 10:29 AM

LA

“ *I worked with Brian at The Pump House. He was such a hard
worker; always looking for ways to help. We all appreciated him so
much. Without his help, I don't think we could of made it through
some shifts.*

*He made things lighter and brought joy and laughter into the
restaurant. Even during the busiest shifts, Brian was always able to
make us laugh. He loved his mom and his little dog and always tried
to see the best in people. He will always be remembered at The
Pump House.*

Lauren - March 13, 2024 at 11:31 PM