



Brian Harple

March 23, 1968 - April 10, 2017

Albany-Brian Howard Harple, 49, passed away Monday, April 10, 2017 at St. Peter's Hospital with his loving family by his side.

Brian was born March 23, 1968, the son of Richard Harple and the late Marlene Mattice Harple in Albany. He graduated from Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School. He attended the University at Albany where he earned a Master's of Business Administration degree.

On September 1, 1995 Brian was joined in marriage with Maria T. Testa. During their 22 years of marriage, they raised their four children on a foundation built with faith, love and strength. Brian was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia in 2005. Through many years of his battle and survival of cancer, Brian ultimately succumbed to the complications of graft-versus-host disease (GVHD).

He was employed at the New York State Teacher's Retirement System, where he worked for over 20 years. He was a board member of Albany Babe Ruth, and the National Little League, where he received Volunteer of the Year Award.

He is survived by his loving wife, Maria, and their four children, Marissa (Mazzei) Izykowski and her husband Matthew of Ballston Spa, Christopher

Mazzei, Congetta Harple, and Richard Harple, all of Albany. Brian was overjoyed and looking forward to welcoming his first grandchild expected in August of this year. He also leaves behind his cherished mother-in-law, Marie Testa; sister and brother-in-law, Kimberley and John Tunney; sister and brothers-in-law, Regina Conboy and Michael Vadney, Julia and Anthony Elacqua, and Fred Testa; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Brian is predeceased by his father-in-law, Albino Testa; aunt, Bonnie Gransbury; uncle, Warren Harple; and nephew Anthony J. Elacqua.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Sister Eleanor Guerin, Dr. Louis Gold, Dr. Paresh Maine, Dr. Thomas Schumacher, and Dr. Robert Soiffer of Dana-Faber Cancer Institute for all their compassionate care and guidance during Brian's illness.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Brian's family Tuesday, April 11, 2017 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm in McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany.

Funeral services Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 2:00 pm in St. Vincent De Paul Church, Albany where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

In lieu of flowers please consider contributions in memory of Brian to Food Pantry's of the Capital Region.

To leave a message for the family, light a candle, obtain directions or view other helpful services please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Brian Harple*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - April 11, 2017 at 09:30 AM

EH

Feel like I know a bit more about my cousin. Rest In Peace with God

Erika Helmer - April 12, 2017 at 04:26 PM



“ *Brian Harple*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM

SH

“ *Maria*
Dave just told me the sad news. My heartfelt sympathies to you and your family. I'm so very sorry.
Scott hubbard

Scott Hubbard - April 13, 2017 at 01:55 PM

BP

“ *Maria, Chris, Mazzie, Mathew, Congetta, Richard: my son Josh was in school with Chris. We went on a few Scout campouts with Brian. He was always easy going and positive - a great guy to be around. We are very sorry for your loss but remember Brian as a positive influence. The community will miss him. You are such a wonderful family. Peace*



Ann Shapiro and Barry Pendergrass

Barry Pendergrass - April 13, 2017 at 12:54 PM

EH

“ *So sorry for your great loss . I remember Brian as a child when all the cousins got together in the 70's for family picnics in Revena . Prayers going out , looks like he had an amazing life and family.*
Erika Helmer

Erika Helmer - April 12, 2017 at 04:13 PM

GD

“ *Mike and I send heartfelt sympathy for your loss of Brian. I was looking forward to seeing more of you both with the better weather. In spite of his illness he always had a smile and a kind word. What a great role model for his children. Marissa, he knows your baby's soul already. Our love to you all. Gloria and Mike*



Gloria Doherty - April 11, 2017 at 05:56 PM

MB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Brian was one of my best friends when we were growing up and we spent so much time being kids and trying to stay out of trouble together. I only wish we could have reconnected over the years. He was a great friend to have, and we will all miss him. Rest in peace, Brian.

Mickey Brown - April 11, 2017 at 11:33 AM

DW

“ Dear Maria and family, I am sorry for your loss. Please know you and your family are in my thoughts in prayers.

Sincerely,
Denise Watso

denise watso - April 11, 2017 at 10:43 AM

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“ 53 files added to the album LifeTributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - April 11, 2017 at 08:39 AM

RO

“ *Maria and Family - We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Brian was a true fighter enduring more than any one person should have to endure. We pray that he has now found peace.*

*Sending our love,
-Rochelle and Debbie*

Rochelle - April 11, 2017 at 08:31 AM

AY

“ *Very sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family.*

*Love ya,
Tony Y.*

Anthony Yezzo - April 11, 2017 at 08:04 AM

PD

“ *Dear Maria & family, I am so sorry to hear of Brian's passing. You all have been through so much and have gotten through with such strength and love. I will keep your family In my thoughts and prayers as you work through this difficult time. May God watch over you all. I am very sorry.*

Paula DeNault

Paula DeNault - April 11, 2017 at 07:50 AM

JW

“ *MARIA AND FAMILY I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. BRIAN WAS A GOOD FRIEND AND HE WILL BE MISSED .*

JOY WOODARD

JOY WOODARD - April 11, 2017 at 04:15 AM

DM

“ *I am sorry for your loss. I send my deepest condolences to the whole family. I have many fond memories.*

Darlene Mergendahl - April 10, 2017 at 09:59 PM

ST

“ *Our condolences go out to the entire Harple family during this difficult time. Although we never had the pleasure of meeting we wanted you to know Brian was a great childhood friend. We will always treasure those memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

Stephen and Jennifer Thayer

Stephen Thayer - April 10, 2017 at 09:56 PM