



Bryan "Bruno" J. Pettit

May 19, 1958 - March 24, 2026

Bryan Pettit of Brunswick, NY, went to join Pop and Mom and entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, March 24, 2026. He was born on May 19, 1958, in Albany, NY, the youngest of four children.

Known affectionately as "Bruno" to many, Bryan was predeceased by his parents, Paul and Joan Pettit, his in-laws Russ and Margaret Patrie, and by his sister and brother-in-law, JoAnn and Chic Burkhartt.

He leaves behind his wife, Kit Pettit; his brother, Paul (Kim) Pettit of Rensselaer; and his sister, Debbie (Ray) Engel of Voorheesville. Bryan was a proud and devoted uncle to his nieces, Kim Burns, Jenn Pettit, and Jessie (Jeff) Viola, and his nephews, Eric (Jackie) Burkhartt, Matt (Jackie) Pettit, and Paul Michael Pettit. He is also lovingly remembered by his dear cousins Donna Richardson, Peter (Maureen) Pettit, David Pettit, and Mike (Renee) Pettit, along with many great-nieces, great-nephews, extended family members, including Nancy Caprara and countless friends whose lives he touched.

Bryan graduated from Cardinal McCloskey High School before continuing his education at Hudson Valley Community College and the University at Albany. He went on to pursue a career rooted in service to others, working as a New York State Court Officer for more than 20 years, a role he carried out with

dedication, pride, and integrity.

Bryan loved sports and played whenever he could — at least until his knees decided otherwise. A cancer survivor, he bravely battled and defeated colon cancer more than 15 years ago, a testament to his strength and resilience.

He found joy in life's simple and meaningful moments: fishing and hunting with cousins (and the SLOB group), a tradition he cherished deeply for the memories and connection it brought, the quiet beauty of daily sunsets at his lake house, traveling throughout the Capital Region to watch Kit's band perform, and most of all, spending time with family and friends. Bryan was also a proud and active member, serving as Secretary of Blue Friday of New York, honoring the lives and sacrifices of fallen officers.

Anyone who knew Bryan knew a few things for certain — he was a loyal New York Yankees fan, a hopeful New York Jets fan, enjoyed NASCAR, and a devoted Garth Brooks enthusiast (always ready to karaoke "Friends in Low Places"). He loved his comedic and action heroes, John Belushi and Chuck Norris, and never missed an opportunity to share his love of them. "Nothing is over until we decide it is!" - Belushi. He was a proud son of a Marine veteran and a lifelong admirer of military aviation, especially the Blue Angels and the movie Top Gun, which perfectly captured his spirit of unwavering loyalty and camaraderie.

"Fly high, Bryan. You can be my wingman anytime."

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Bryan's family Monday, March 30, 2026 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

Funeral services Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 10:30 am at St. Matthews Church, Voorheesville, NY where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Committal will be held at Our Lady of Angels Cemetery immediately following the Mass.

To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project:<https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate>

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Angels Cemetery

1389 Central Ave
Albany, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 30. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
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Albany, NY 12206
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Funeral Mass

MAR 31. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Matthew's Church
25 Mountainview Street
Voorheesville, NY

Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Bryan "Bruno" J. Pettit*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - March 27 at 04:59 PM

IM

Debbie, condolences to you and family. It's hard to lose a brother. Hope you're doing ok through this, Irene Murray

Irene A Murray - March 27 at 10:27 PM

LR

I had the pleasure of meeting and working with Bryan at Emma Willard School when he was a part time security guard. Such a nice guy. Condolences to his family and friends. Linda Turriglio Rhoads

Linda Turriglio Rhoads - March 28 at 09:29 PM

JG

Kit, Paul and Debbie, please accept my sincere condolences in the passing of Bryan. God bless you, Bryan, And all of the rest of the family

James G Gaul - March 29 at 06:21 PM

DS

“ *Bryan was a very special friend. His dry sense of humor was always disarming. I am lucky to have had him as a friend since 1984. Rest easy. Thanks for the memories. See you on the 18th hole*

Debbie Schwencke - April 21 at 09:33 PM

LF

“ *Pettit Family,*

I too went to Cardinal McCloskey but did not know Bryan back then. I was two grades above him. He reached out to me 3 years ago on the classmates app. I was curious so I wrote back. That was February of 2023. He has become a great friend ever since then. I was devastated to hear about his passing. We talked frequently and I had just messaged him on March 20th and he responded and unfortunately that was our last conversation. I will miss him a lot. He was a kind, caring and funny friend. He always made me laugh. I wish we had been given more time to know each other. Please know that you had such a special brother, uncle and brother in law. He will always be remembered by me and all that knew him. Rest in peace my buddy. Laurie

Laurie Fusaro - March 31 at 12:23 PM

WK

“ *Debbie, Ray and family,*

So very sorry about the passing of your brother. Thinking of all of you during this difficult time.

Cherish all your fond memories of him.

My sincere condolences to all his loved ones.

Much love,

Wendy (Kindlon)

Wendy Kindlon - March 30 at 11:24 PM

BB

“ To Paul and the whole family, please accept our deep condolences in the passing of your brother Bryan. It's very painful to lose a brother.
God bless you and the family.

Boris and Leya Belinstein



Boris Belinshteyn - March 30 at 05:51 PM

MB

“ Debbie, Ray and family My heartfelt condolences for the loss of your brother Bryan. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers 🙏 Peace and Love ❤️ Marianne Daniels Bross

Marianne Daiels Bross - March 29 at 04:15 PM

JM

“ Very sorry to hear of Bryans passing. Good memories of our time living on Orange Street in Albany.
Will keep Bryan and the entire family in prayers.
John Maiello.

John Maiello - March 29 at 12:45 PM

PM

“ I was so sorry to see about Bryan's passing. I remember him well and have many fond memories of him and his entire family on Orange Street in Albany. May he rest in peace. Phil Maiello, Florida.

Phil Maiello - March 28 at 11:56 AM



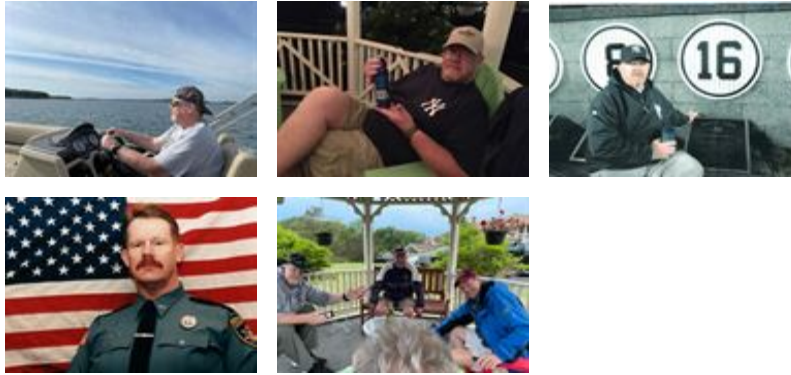
“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Bryan "Bruno" J. Pettit.*



March 27 at 07:30 PM



“ *97 files added to the album Life Tributes*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - March 27 at 04:54 PM

LM

I was so sad to hear of Bryan's passing. We hung out together with our group in the early 80's, played CoEd softball. Man, what fun we had. Laughed alot. Bryan was one of the good guys, always looking out for us. Heaven has gained another angel. I am sure he and Whales are sitting together, having a beer, watching a Yankees game.

Lourdes Markham - March 27 at 08:32 PM



“ *I'll be in FL during the services, but my heart will be with Bruno on the river and by the campfire. See you around funny man.*

"Hey Ogs" (Tim) - March 26 at 05:40 PM

MA

“ *Thoughts and prayers to the entire family* ”



Mary Kay & Gary Albert - March 26 at 05:24 PM

PH

“ *My Best Friend for 50 years! Rest in Peace!* ”

Peter Hughes - March 26 at 04:39 PM