



Brian K. Anderson

June 28, 1963 - March 18, 2024

Brian K. Anderson, 60, of Fond du Lac, died unexpectedly on Monday, March 18, 2024, at St. Agnes Hospital.

He was born on June 28, 1963, in Waupaca, the son of Arlington and Meroe Mertz Anderson. On September 8, 1995, he married Christine A. Gustafson, at Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church.

Brian worked at Sara Lee for 36 years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, cooking, grilling, had a love of sports and the outdoors, birdwatching in Waupaca with Joanie, and canning his home-grown vegetables. Brian enjoyed keeping his yard manicured and gardens free of weeds, and enjoyed socializing with the neighbors in "The Sac". He enjoyed his fishing trips to Lake Erie with his buddies, spending time in Waupaca with family, and vacationing in Las Vegas with his wife. Brian treasured the time he spent with his family, especially his daughters. Brian was very proud of his dad receiving the Purple Heart.

He is survived by his wife Christine Anderson, his daughters: Angela Anderson and Samantha Gustafson; brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his in-laws: Robert and Joan Sievert,

his first wife Heidi (Gyr) Anderson, and his special aunt Ethel Mae Mertz.

VISITATION: The family will greet friends and relatives from 3:00 – 6:00 PM, on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory, 31 East Division Street, Fond du Lac.

SERVICE: Memorial Services will be held at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory. A Celebration of Life will take place in June 2024.

In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to Christine Anderson family.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory
31 E. Division Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Service

MAR 27. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

“Tribute to Baby Brother Brian, cousin.
From Don Geldernick

My youngest cousin, son of my mother's youngest sibling, Andy (and Meroe).

He is elusive, but I will miss him like all get out. Never got to walk with him hunting or go see the sturgeon spearing on Lake Winnebago.

Each of my cousins is honored and prized in their own rite. Brian was the lord of ecology, master of hunting, fishing, and the forest. He would not only track his deer all year long with hidden trail cameras, but he would also keep the younger ones to repopulate and grow.

Aldo Leopold, the UW father of Modern Conservation would be proud of his many deeds.

Gotta tell you about his story of the big 7-point buck he tracked all year. Named him Ray Nitschke, Number 66, after the GB Packer linebacker. Well as luck would have it on opening day, the big buck was bagged by his neighbor as he walked into that yard.

I think Brian wanted the buck to stay in the woods so he could track him the next year.

In the end, he loved the animals more than the hunt.

Brian was like a jackrabbit in the wild, running and jumping around from thicket to hutch. But he was elusive and hard to pin down.

Often, I would call to offer to stop by and he was on another of many unnamed missions.

My admiration for Brian's focus on hunting, fishing, and nature goes beyond surreal.

He was a continuation of a learning cycle that started with my father who learned from his backwoods uncle, and passed it on to both Andy and Brian, but not to me.

Brian communed with nature. He understood the rules that govern

*the woods and waters. He applied some modern science and tools.
Became a master craftsman.
I told him he was three times better than Babe Winkleman, the TV
OUTDOORS sports showman.*

*He applied the same dedicated focus to family, wife, daughters, and
yard work.*

*He was so proud of the teaching of his daughter Angela. And of the
greeting persistence of daughter Sam.*

*He was extremely appreciative of the help and support his wife
Christine always provided.*

Some trying challenges met head-on together.

*There is one lucky Bass in Lake Winnebago. He owes his future life
to the fact that Brian changes his fishing respite to the other side of
the clouds.*

*God knows we will miss him. But like he lived, he did not go out with
a loud splash.*

He was quiet and gave his heart to family and nature.

*We need more Brian Andersons in the world. Farewell, but not
goodbye.*

From Cousin Don Geldernick

*Here are some famous quotes from St. Francis of Assisi, patron
saint of animals and nature. Maybe these will conjure up memories
of Brian, another great naturalist.*

St. Francis of Assisi 10 Quotes To Inspire Discipleship

*“Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible, and
suddenly you are doing the impossible.”*

“For it is in giving that we receive.”

*“Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you
nothing that have received--only what you have given.”*

*“I have been all things unholy. If God can work through me, He can
work through anyone.”*

"Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love..." (The Peace Prayer)

"Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words if necessary."

"The deeds you do may be the only sermon some persons will hear today."

"The only thing ever achieved in life without effort is failure."

"Do few things but do them well, simple joys are holy."

"A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows."

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Donald Geldernick, oldest cousin - March 24, 2024 at 06:55 PM

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“ Our deepest condolences from everyone at Hogan Eickhoff.

Tim Hogan - March 21, 2024 at 11:46 AM

RS

“ Oh Chrissy, so shocked and sorry for your loss. I am in Mexico returning on the 30th so won't be with you on your memorial. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Ralph Schwartz

Ralph S Schwartz - March 21, 2024 at 11:00 AM

DA

“ I bowled with BA for 10 years or so and enjoyed hanging out with him at packers pub playing sheephead on Fridays. Will always cherish the times tailgating with him at packer games doing a fish fry!! One of the good guys going way to soon. RIP my brutha from a different mutha.....

Dave Anderson - March 20, 2024 at 10:05 PM

JL

“ One of my memories of Brian is our trip to Las Vegas with the McBride work group we decided to go to a all you can eat seafood buffet the whole group went 18 to 20 of us this Buffay was the worlds best I think we all probably ate about two or three lobsters but Brian he had six or seven and all of us probably ate two plates maybe three not Brian after his sixth plate of food we quit counting we could not believe that skinny Brian was eating all that food, but he was it's something that all of us witnessed and have never forgotten and still talk about it. Jeff I

jeff lehner - March 20, 2024 at 07:58 PM