



Brent Douglas Hill

May 15, 1980 - June 16, 2026

Brent Douglas Hill entered the world on May 15, 1980 in Fairfield, Iowa, the second of three children born to Harold Hill and Jolaine Bush. Perhaps a result of his position as the middle child, he developed a sharp wit, a disarming humility, and the uncanny ability to simultaneously be both outrageously inappropriate and warmly endearing. He loved fiercely and teased mercilessly. He was a dynamic, industrious provider. He worked immensely hard-in the manufacturing plant, at the office, around the house and, to the benefit of his many friends and family, in the kitchen. He loved to cook even though he resisted all demands from his wife to write down his recipes so he could get it just right the next time he tried. He might have struck some as crusty and sarcastic, but to be teased by Brent was to be loved by him.

After graduating from Coe College in 2002, he moved to Minneapolis and a year later met the woman who would become his wife in the most early 2000s way possible: on Yahoo! Personals. What started as an internet connection grew into a profound partnership built on friendship, laughter, shared adventure, and deep loyalty to one another.

He and Jennifer were on the move in the early days of their life together. They relocated to Milwaukee in 2005, and then to San Diego in 2009. Brent was in the early phase of his career, and displayed a knack to not only get things

done but to fix the things that needed fixing. During a dozen years at ice maker Arctic Glacier, he gained a reputation as the guy who could turn things around and traveled the country to get the company's underperforming plants up to standard.

It was during these years that Brent and Jenny welcomed their two greatest joys: their son, Thatcher, born in 2011, and their daughter, Aster, born in 2014. Brent was an amazing and loving dad who worked hard to provide for his family and showered his children with love in his unique way-food, laughs, and pointed but painless teases.

After a brief, questionable stint in Amityville, New York (the horror, indeed) the Hills happily returned to the Midwest, settling in Minneapolis in 2016.

Brent moved on from the ice business but never stopped being the guy you called when things were falling apart. He had a rare knack for not just for turning around underperforming operations, but for identifying and nurturing the talent in the people who worked with and for him. He held management and leadership positions in several companies, and earned his MBA at St Thomas University in 2022. He had a knack for identifying and nurturing potential in the people he worked with and they became loyal friends to him in return. His proudest professional accomplishment was seeing the successes of the people he had mentored.

His troubleshooting and operational genius wasn't just a day job; it was who he was. He fixed things around the house, big and small. If something was broken-whether it was a toilet or a manufacturing line-Brent was the steady hand you wanted on it.

Brent died suddenly and unexpectedly on June 16, 2026 in Robbinsdale after a brief and catastrophic illness. He leaves behind a legacy of inappropriate

jokes, laughter, hard work and the constant drive to be a better human. He was preceded in death by his Granny and Pa, Ray and Edna Hill, Grandpa Lane Bush and father, Harold Hill. He is survived by his beloved wife and best friend, Jennifer; his cherished children, Thatcher and Aster; his mother and her husband, Jolaine and Steve Coop; his siblings, Casey Hill and Shannan Mineart (Derek); his grandmother, Jane Bush; and a tight-knit circle of extended family, in-laws, and friends who will forever miss his teasing wit, his giant heart and his tacos.

A remembrance of Brent's full and mischievous life will be held on June 25, 2026, at Washburn-McReavy Glen Haven Chapel, 5125 W. Broadway in Crystal, MN, with visitation at 1:00 p.m. and a service to follow at 2:00 pm. A gathering of beer, food and Brent Hill storytime will follow at 56 Brewing in Minneapolis from 3:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, you can support Thatcher's and Aster's college ambitions through a GoFundMe campaign: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-brent-hills-childrens-future>

Finally, in honor of Brent and everything he stood for, his family asks that you skip a mediocre restaurant meal tonight, cook something fantastic at home for the people you love, and tease someone affectionately in his memory.

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN **25**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Memorial Service

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