



Brian Walter Carey

July 18, 1946 - April 15, 2021

Brian W. Carey, age 74, passed away peacefully at his home on April 15, 2021. He was a proud father, loving grandfather, and good friend to many. A lifelong Midwesterner, he was born on July 18, 1946 to Robert and Lillian (Pederson) Carey in Fargo, ND. He lived his early years in Westhope, ND. His family later moved to Groton, SD where he graduated high school. Brian attended Macalester College in Saint Paul, MN and Northern State College in Aberdeen, SD. He also served in the United States Army as a helicopter pilot in the Vietnam War. After his service, he settled in Aberdeen, then the Minneapolis area, which he made his home for the last thirty years of his life.

Brian will be lovingly remembered for his kindness and the warmth with which he embraced everyone he encountered. He loved being outdoors, whether camping or walking local trails, but they never measured up to his deep love for biking. When he wasn't on his bike, he was most often following his beloved Twins and Gophers.

He is survived by his daughter, Annie Delano of Westmont, IL, son-in-law Kevin, and grandchildren Caroline, Lauren, Rachel and Adam, as well as by his son Daniel Carey of Arvada, CO, daughter-in-law Karen, and grandchildren Madison and Owen. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A private family memorial service was held at Westminster Presbyterian

Church on April 19th, with a recording available. A burial at Fort Snelling National Cemetery will follow at a later date. Donations can be made in Brian's memory to a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

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“*Condolences to Brian's family. Brian and I were good friends since childhood in Groton, SD. Brian's father, Reverend Robert Carey, was a scout leader, but many of our most memorable activities were unsupervised. We would often trek from town a couple of miles and find a place to camp. We would scan through the scout manual to try out different activities. We even hiked around in the winter, built fires in the snow, used our cook kit, etc. In baseball, I was the catcher and Brian was a pitcher. He figured out how to throw a curve ball and it was all over the place and a little hard to catch. Brian was a year ahead of me in school, so after he went off to college, Macalester in St. Paul, and then into the Army, it was touch and go staying in touch. But we did connect fairly regularly and Brian was Best Man at my wedding. He was a great fan of local sports and it gave him lots of enjoyment. Of course his main joy was his family. He adored his kids and grandchildren. After I dropped off social media, I sort of lost track of Brian. Brian was a really good person and I'm sorry to hear of his passing. God Bless him and his family.*

George Wegner.

GEORGE W WEGNER - June 11, 2021 at 10:22 AM

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“*Brian was my neighbor for a couple years at Regency Woods. We enjoyed talking local sports, current events, and books, and we stayed in touch after we moved. I'll miss those discussions. He was a great guy, and I'm proud to have called him friend.*

Chad Kelsch - May 02, 2021 at 06:08 PM

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“ I was a neighbor of Brian's in our apartment building over the last 10 years or so. He was friendly with everyone, and we both loved the beautiful woods and marshland surrounding our property. We had frequent conversations about bird life, and quite a few other topics. Brian was truly a fine man, and he'll be missed. Frank Babka
Minnetonka

Frank Babka - April 26, 2021 at 10:10 AM

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“ I am a former GHS graduate and friend of Brian then and during his early years in Aberdeen. I remember him as having concern for others and lending a hand whenever possible. We were in band and choir together also. He had such a soft spoken voice and a great sense of humor. When I reconnected with him last Fall on a phone call I told him I would have recognized his voice anywhere. He just laughed.

I will miss seeing him walking and riding his bike in the neighborhood as he would stop and visit with my husband Gary and me when we were out for our walks. It was good to see his smiling face and hear his friendly hello.

I hope your family has fond memories of him and that you can find peace in knowing that he was a kind soul who somehow survived the aftermath of Vietnam.

Best regards,
Nancy Ruckdaschel
Minnetonka, MN

Nancy Ruckdaschel - April 23, 2021 at 11:08 AM

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Annie Delano - April 19, 2021 at 01:29 PM