



Brian Dale Vasquez

March 29, 1950 - February 4, 2023

Brian Dale Vasquez, age 72, of Brooklyn Park, passed away unexpectedly on February 4, 2023. Brian was born on March 29, 1950 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Emil and Evelyn Vasquez and was the youngest of three siblings. He attended Cooper High School where he was a member of the gymnastics team. Brian continued his education at the Aviation Training Center in Minneapolis, MN where he received his A&P license. He also attended the Locomotive Apprentice School in Chicago and completed a four-year apprenticeship program with the Chicago North Western Railroad. Brian spent many years employed with Chicago North Western Railroad as a diesel mechanic and later worked for Minneapolis Public Schools Transportation Department for twenty years before retiring in 2015.

Brian was a humble, soft-spoken and incredibly kind person who lived a life of integrity. He was the kind of person who never failed to smile and say hello to passersby, and he was always willing to lend a helping hand. Brian enjoyed many hobbies throughout his life including volleyball, camping, golf, water-skiing, alpine-skiing, exercising and music. An accomplished musician, Brian was in multiple bands and played at numerous weddings and events. He was a long-time member of the Minnesota Bluegrass and Old-time Music Association and also volunteered for the Little Brothers of the Elderly. Brian had an unquenchable thirst for knowledge and spent many late nights researching his various interests, especially science and health-related topics.

He was known for his elaborate projects and ability to fix almost anything. Most of all, Brian was a dedicated and loving father to his daughters. He also loved and enjoyed spending time with his long-time partner, grandchildren, family and friends.

Brian's passing will leave a somber void in the hearts and homes of his friends and family. His beautiful voice and talented guitar-playing skills will be palpably missed by all who had the privilege to hear him perform, and the Bluegrass Festivals will be missing a beloved member of their musical community.

Proceeded in death by wife, Sharon Vasquez; parents, Emil and Evelyn Vasquez; brother, Roland Vasquez; and infant son, Eric. Survived by daughters, Angie Vasquez (Jason Tamminen), Lisa Vasquez; grandchildren, Asa, Mikko, Hayley, Scarlett; sister, Vivian Vasquez; longtime partner, Jayne Case. Visitation at 2 PM on Saturday, February 25, with funeral service to follow at 3 PM. Washburn-McReavy Funeral Home, 5000 West 50th, Edina, MN. Memorials preferred to the American Heart Association.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Tribute Wall



“ I remember seeing Brian at the bluegrass festival, he also attended my jam in Brooklyn Park. Just the nicest guy with a good voice & guitar skills. Sorry that I found out this late having moved to AZ RIP friend

Keith Madison - October 18, 2024 at 05:56 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brian Dale Vasquez.



February 18, 2023 at 10:40 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Brian Dale Vasquez.



February 18, 2023 at 10:08 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Brian Dale Vasquez.



February 18, 2023 at 07:52 PM

KL

“ *Brian was an excellent mechanic, school board employee and friend. He was a pleasure to work with. Rest in Peace Brian. My condolences to the family.*

Kevin Lundy - February 17, 2023 at 10:46 PM

AV

Thank you, Kevin! It's so heartwarming to hear from the people who knew my dad in a different capacity than we did. I remember him talking about you and his other friends at work.

Angie Vasquez - February 18, 2023 at 07:23 PM

JC

Kevin, he talked about you all the time. I felt like I knew you.

Jayne Case - February 23, 2023 at 11:44 AM

SK

“ *Brian was a respected mechanic who did a great job and was so friendly and kind to everyone. I was happy to see and talk with him after he retired at bluegrass festivals...he will be missed. My condolences to the family....*

Susan Karpowicz - February 17, 2023 at 10:00 PM

SH

Many nights we jammed at bluegrass fests. Truly an accomplished and sweet man. I'm sorry he's moved on. My condolences. Sheri

sheri - February 18, 2023 at 01:39 PM

AV

Thank you, Sue and Sheri! I love hearing these stories and about how much my dad meant to others.

Angie Vasquez - February 18, 2023 at 07:25 PM