



Brian J. Wilkes

February 2, 1956 - August 16, 2015

Obituary of Brian Wilkes

Brian J. Wilkes, 59, of Leesburg, FL was born February 2, 1956 in Gainesville, GA and passed away Sunday August 16, 2015. He worked for 30 years as a cable and satellite engineer and was the proprietor of Rainbow Satellite Communications. His last years were spent working as a Shop Foreman at Tuckers Machine and Steel. Brian was Presbyterian and loved his church as well as motorcycles, fishing and any activity his children enjoyed or had interest.

A loving and beloved husband and father, he is survived by: his wife of 34 years, Robin of Leesburg; his 3 sons: Jay of Leesburg, Cameron and wife Callie of Gainesville, FL and Scott of Gainesville, FL; brother Robert and wife Lynn of Leesburg; as well as aunts, uncles and other extended family.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday August 22, 2015 at 11 AM in the Chapel of Beyers Funeral Home in Leesburg. For those who wish and in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Haven Hospice, 4200 NW 90th Blvd, Gainesville, FL 32606.

Tribute Wall

JV

“ I knew Brian years ago. I worked for him a Rainbow Satellite. I only found out about his untimely passing a few days ago. I was so shocked by this horrific news, and my heartfelt condolences go to his family, his wife and children.

Jeffrey N. Veilleux - September 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Robin and boys. I was so sorry to hear of Brians passing. He was such a good friend to me when I was at Lake HARRIS re-hab a few years ago. Also brought me flowers from 1st Pres. I have moved to Lansing Michigan, but am in touch with many old friends at 1st pres. You are in my prayers.

Mae Bolt - August 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I remember how hard he worked for our world competition at Odyssey of the Mind World! He was so kind and gentle to all of us. It is obvious that he was a great father because I had the privilege to teach of his sons. What joys they were and are. I thank God that such wonderful family men exist. Hugs and prayers for all of the family. Julie Stratton Harris

Julie Stratton Harris - August 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I remember Brian most from when I was a child. My family lived next to his family on Lee Lane. My brothers and I were 3,5,6 ages and he was a teenager. The whole Wilkes family was so sweet to us. Brian was so nice and made an effort to really know us little guys. I'm so sorry for the whole family. He was way too young. With Love, Marja Mehr

Marja Mehr - August 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Damn Brian, you were not to go so soon. Met you in the lobby of Mircrodyne where we both began our new careers in satellite ground communications in 1979. We did antenna installations all over the midwest together. Later you were my best man and we stayed in touch even through your "Mutlisat" days. I couldn't make your memorial as I was in route home from a 7,000 motorcycle ride through the west and upper midwest. I'll commerate that ride after you. See you on the other side my friend. Tom

Tom Kidd - August 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Robin, Jay, Cameron, & Scott, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Brian was a great guy. We will remember his soft spoken always friendly demeanor. From pee wee soccer through senior high school he was always there in support of his boys. He loved motocross and supported the boys (his and the rest of the clan) in their motorcycle adventures. When we think of him it will be the fond memories, we hope they will carry through this challenging time of loss. Randy & Carole

Randy & Carole Thompson - August 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Brian was always so funny, loving of his family and friends and so very generous. You will be greatly missed! My love, prayers and positive thoughts are heading out to family and friends. Until we see him again. ...*

June Barthelemy - August 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Robin, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, during this difficult time. Brian will be greatly missed, as a good man and friend. There is comfort knowing that Brian is in heaven with our Lord, and we will see him again one day.*

Jerry and Natalie Hicks - August 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ *Brian J. Wilkes*

Ginger Hall - August 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ *Mrs. Wilkes & Family, Sending my Sincere Condolences, Deepest Sympathy, my Prayers & Thoughts for All. I met Brian 16 years ago when I started at PowerTech, across the street from "Rainbow Satellite". My late Husband, Chris met Brian, too. Brian was always so Thoughtful, Kind & Thinking of Others, He will be Truly Miss but, Never Forgotten. Ginger Hall*

Ginger Hall - August 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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SW

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Scott Wilkes - August 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dear Robin, I am so sorry for your loss. I met your son Cameron when he worked for my dad at FLC Machines. You and Brian did a fabulous job raising him. I will keep your whole family in my prayers as you go through this trying time in your life.*

Lori Froelich (Hammer) - August 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our prayers are with all of you.*

Linda & Dave Caudill - August 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *Please accept my deepest sympathies for your loss.*

Andrea Blair - August 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Love, peace, and strength to you all.*

Carrie Hietpas - August 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *I'm so sorry Brian had to leave us. I didn't know him well but well enough to perceive he was good-hearted, generous and a beautiful human presence in the world.*

Melanie Peter - August 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *Brian J. Wilkes*

Scott Wilkes - August 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *Robin and family, Take solace at this time and know that Brian was a great man and dearly missed by myself, my family and community. He was a man you could count on at the drop of a hat. I never saw him in a bad mood! I admired and looked up to Brian for friendship and knowledge. I hope that these few words help express to you and your family how loved and respected Brian was by his friends and community. You're in our prayers. Rex, Jeanie, Randi, Jordan, Cole and Kyle*

Rex and Jeanie Rutledge - August 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Robin and children: I won't be able to make to the memorial for Brian, as I unfortunately have to work and cannot request off. I love this picture of Brian. This is how I will remember him. Happy, smiling and talking with the sweetest southern accent. So glad he was a man after God's heart, like David. How wonderful to have a husband and father so faithful and hopeful. My thoughts are with you in the past, now and the future. You are not alone and have so many friends to lean upon. Love, Susie Norton Sapp*

Susan Norton Sapp - August 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Robin, we are so sorry about Brian. It was such a joy to be with y'all at Cameron and Callie's wedding. That time is a treasure for us and will mean even more now. We have a great picture of Brian, Wayne and James taken after the wedding. Time and circumstances separate families but will not erase the memories that we have of "younger" days. James will be down for the Memorial and we all will continue to lift you all up in our prayers. Thank God for his salvation and that we will visit with him, Bobby-George, and Maureen again. We love you. - Lynette and James Harper

Lynette Harper - August 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I am so sorry to hear about Brian. He was a great guy. Brian will be missed.....

Tim Sennett - August 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NN

“ Prayers for the family. He will be truly missed just like he was truly loved.

No Name - August 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Robin, We will be praying for you and your family! Even though our lives have taken us on different paths in order to see your family over the last years, our hearts are sadden to hear this news. Brian's smile had not changed....a great photo! May God give you the much needed peace and strength, Love, Neva and Jimmy

Jimmy and Neva Williams - August 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Robin I am so sorry for your loss, you and your family are in my prayers.

Sherry Turnbull - August 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ My sincere condolences to Brian's wife and children, and Rob and Lynn. My thoughts and prayers are with you all and extended family.

Kenny Amis - August 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Robin, I trust your family will find comfort in knowing that Brian was loved by so many and will be missed as the thoughts of his kindness, humor, trustworthiness and his remarkable humility will remain with all of us. Brian will always be remembered as the man I could always trust to be there in time of need and never expect anything in return. He will be remembered as a one who's partnership with you, raised a remarkable trio of boys. I assure you that Brian's remarkable qualities will live on through the boys. He was truly a special person and one of my best friends. Please except my condolences to you and all the extended family. Michael Brach

Michael Brach - August 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SI

“ Robin and family: We are thinking of you and the boys during this sad time. Praying that your wonderful memories and happy times will carry you through these difficult days. Scott and Beth Irving

Scott and Beth Irving - August 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Rest in Peace my friend*

Robert Cook - August 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ *So sorry to hear of Brian's passing. He was a great friend to me and many others. We will all miss him greatly. Pete, Terre, Lindsay and Kelsey*

Emmett Peter - August 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *Robin, My thoughts, my prayers and deepest sympathy to you, the boys, and family.*

Lee Kemp - August 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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wayne harper - August 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Dear Robin, Wanting you and your family to know that I'm lifting you all in my prayers. My heartfelt thoughts are with you during this time. I hope that the fond memories made as a family will be a comfort you too. Love, Betsy*

Betsy Suber - August 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ Robin and family , May God bless you all with the wonderful memories of Brian . from Wayne ,Linda and Dot Harper

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CK

“ Robin, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. I know it has been forever, but I have always thought fondly of you and Brian. My grandparents, Harvey and Wynette Young would always bring me while visiting Brian's parents and I was always welcomed with open arms. Life took us in different directions, but those memories are still treasured today. God Bless you all, Carla Klingler-Rose

Carla Klingler-Rose - August 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM



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IB

“ we are so sorry to hear about Brian. Our hearts and prayers are with you always. Love Iris and Jimmie

Iris and Jimmie Bates - August 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Just wanted to let you know that the Davis family has your family in our hearts.

Karen Davis - August 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Our Deepest Sympathy to you from Karla, Bud and Janet Kimmons.

Karla Kimmons - August 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM