



## Brian Edward Burns

June 22, 2012

Brian Edward Burns, age 43, died unexpectedly June 22, 2012 in Columbus, Ohio. He is survived by his wife Kelli, beloved daughters Shannika, Lexie and Chelsea, mother Molly Hastings (Barclay), father Donald Burns (Barbara), grandmother Marilyn Welty, stepbrother Tim Bohannon, two nieces, three nephews, and many aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his brother, David Burns. Brian was a graduate of Columbus Academy, American University and The Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law where he was Editor of the Law Review and awarded the Order of the Coif. Brian practiced in New York City with the prominent Wall Street law firms Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen and Hamilton, Sullivan and Cromwell and Reed Smith and in Miami with Gray Robinson. He was also able to practice abroad in Germany, Hong Kong and Australia. Brian served in-house as Deputy General Counsel for Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, clerked for the Hon. Judge R. Guy Cole, Jr. in the U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, and was an Adjunct Professor for The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law for Mergers and Acquisitions. He had made his way home to Ohio and was partner at the prominent law firm Bricker & Eckler in downtown Columbus. Brian was an extraordinary human being who extended mentorship, friendship, kindness and generosity to countless people during his life journey. Many of these encounters evolved into lifelong friendships he cultivated with a loving spirit and desire to see others succeed and achieve their goals. Most notably, Brian was a proud family man and he loved his family with all his heart. However,

nothing could compare to the love he had for his daughters. He felt most proud and accomplished in life when he was doing what he cherished most, being Daddy to Shannika, Lexie and Chelsea. Despite much career success, nothing came close to the devotion he had for his three girls. While remembered by all as an incredible man, he will be loved and missed most by the daughters he loved so fiercely. A private service was held in Columbus for immediate family. A "Celebration of Life" for friends and family to honor Brian will be held in Columbus on September 29th. The Brian E. Burns Family Memorial Fund has been established for the well being and education of Brian's family. Contributions can be deposited at any Chase Bank location by mentioning the name of the account with the key word Florida "Brian E. Burns Family Memorial Fund-Florida" contributions can also be mailed to Chase Bank, 912 S Tillotson Ave, Muncie, IN 47304. Attention: Marjorie Harper. The family is grateful and appreciative of your kind wishes and prayers. For details regarding Memorial Service, please contact Kelli Burns at [kelliburns@aol.com](mailto:kelliburns@aol.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brian Edward Burns*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Dear Burns Family-I'm so sorry for your loss. Brian was an amazing guy and will be missed each day by so many. Every time I saw him all he did was talk about his beautiful girls. Thinking of you and your family. Rest in Peace Brian.*

**Silvana** - January 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *I worked a bit with Brian at the law firm Reed Smith in New York. I remember he was always friendly, approachable, and open. I am saddened to hear of his loss, and I wish his family the very best.*

**David Baharvar Ramsey** - January 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am a friend of Brians from Miami. Brian had the best personality and could network and meet folks like no other. He lived in my building and worked across the street at Grey Robinson so I'd see him almost on a daily basis. If anything, we'd have a drink at happy hour at our local bar Gordon Birsch. Brian spoke of his daughters constantly and his loving family. Words can't describe how shocked we are at his untimely death.*

**Tina Malloy** - October 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Best wishes to Brian's family and friends. He is in our thoughts.*

**Moby Waller** - September 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Dear Brian, you were so loved and admired by all who knew you. Your family and friends will miss you more than you could have ever imagined. We tribute the countless contributions you made both personally and professionally. Rest in peace, your Aunt Janet & Uncle Paul

Janet and Paul Charlton - August 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Don/Barb, I am so sorry to learn of Brian's passing. I remember him as a young man including taking him to a Touchdown Club banquet. I always knew he would be a success and saw his name recently in an article and was going to reach out to him through LinkedIn. My prayers and thoughts are with you. Dan

Dan Pissini - August 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Brian was a valued colleague. I am grateful for the opportunity to have known him and spend a little time with him. His enthusiasm was contagious and added fun to the workplace. Sally Bloomfield

Sally W. Bloomfield - August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ To the Burns family: I am so sorry for your loss. Brian was an extraordinary man and I am grateful to have known him. We were classmates and fraternity brothers at American University and it was easy to see he would be successful in life. It is tragic his life was cut short but his impact will always be felt and he will always be remembered. May the Lord be with you during this difficult time. Best regards, Mark Kruse

Mark Kruse - August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Thank you for your fitting tribute to a most extraordinary man. I had the pleasure and distinct privilege to serve as one of Brian's law partners. Brian and I worked together extensively on a number of major projects during 2011 and 2012, allowing me to experience and share his mentorship, friendship and generosity of spirit. I can personally attest to Brian's deep love of his family and his devotion to his daughters. May he rest in peace.

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**Jim Rutledge** - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ To the Burns family, I am so sorry for your loss. I graduated from CSG the same year as Brian and recently caught up with him at our 25th high school reunion. He was just as sweet and personable as he was in high school. My thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

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**Lori Hamlin** - August 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ I graduate with Brian at Academy and we lost touch until the past year when he returned to Columbus. We emailed and spoke about law and his girls that he cared so deeply for. He will be missed.

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**David Goldstein** - August 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ i'm so very sorry for your loss. i was a year behind Brian in high school, and got to catch up with him a year ago when i ran into him unexpectedly at a local restaurant. -to say that i was shocked when i learned of his passing, is a huge understatement. to all of his family and friends... -i wish the best of luck and much love, always.

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**todd whittier** - August 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Kelli, Shannika, Lexie and Chelsea, I am deeply sorry for your loss. Accept my most sincere condolences.

Laurent Fortin - August 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Brian and I had intense political discussions in college. We never took a Republican or Democratic perspective, but discussed the wisdom of each party's tactics. His legacy to me was to provide an objective perspective of each party's position. VTL, Erik

J. Erik Heinicke - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Kelli, so sorry for your loss. The obit was beautifully written

Anna Marie Deroian - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Brian, You were a wonderful man in every respect and an outstanding father. I wish you every peace in your life beyond. With love , kindness, and admiration. Your Cousin, Jill

Jill Shipman - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ To my remarkable son, may you rest in peace. You will always be in my heart. Mom II

Barbara Burns - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM