



## Brian White

March 24, 1960 - February 8, 2020

Brian R White, age 59 of Columbus, died Saturday February 8, 2020 at Riverside Hospital after a short illness. He was born in Mt. Vernon Ohio on March 24, 1960 to the late Donald L "Spud" and Corinne (Oliver) White. Brian attended The Ohio State School for the Blind until he was a freshman and then graduated from the Centerburg HS Class of '78. Brian received his Bachelor's degree from Columbus Community College and went to complete his Master's degree from Franklin University. Brian operated restaurants at the Riffe office building, the Ohio State House and the Rhodes State Office Tower, catering many special events; plus many vending operations throughout Ohio, (All affiliated with the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities). He most recently maintained the vending operation at the I-70 eastbound Licking County Buckeye Lake exit. Brian loved to work and never let his visual impairment prevent him from living life to the fullest. He was a devoted husband to his wife Joan, who is affected by Muscular Dystrophy. He was an advocate for the blind, lobbying before the Ohio State Legislature and in Washington, DC. He always had a positive attitude and did not believe in the words "I can't". Although Brian was blind, he flew an airplane, drove tractors, climbed the mast of a sailing ship, snow skied down mountain slopes, water skied, para sailed, travelled abroad by himself, and flew a glider. Brian is survived by his loving wife of 29 years, Joan (Fussnecker) White, son Jimmy Ogg, brothers and sister Gary (Stacie) White, Arlene (Robert) Griffith, Duane (Pam) White, mother-in-law Juanita Fussnecker, brother-in-law Wayne

(Debbie) Fussnecker, sister-in-law Judy (Bill) Cline, and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews, close cousins and many, many loving friends. Brian was a member of the Randolph Sheppard Vendors of America, a proud member of the Columbus North East Lions Club, the National Federation of the Blind, and the Ohio Blind Vendors. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at Miller's Ale House, 1201 Olentangy River Road, Columbus on Thursday February 13, 2020 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. Bring your stories to share

about your times with Brian and that will begin at 7:00pm. In lieu of flowers, friends may contribute to the Cols NE Lions Club, (envelopes will be provided) Pilot Dogs of Columbus <https://www.pilotdogs.org/donate-now/> or NFB, <https://www.nfb.org/> in Brian's memory. Condolences to [www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com). RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME in charge of arrangements

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Brian White*



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**Rutherford Funeral Homes** - February 11, 2020 at 06:33 PM



“ *Brian White*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM

EF

“ I was working down in El Salvador and arranged for Brian to come down for a visit. Brian flew (by himself) from Columbus to Charlotte; changed planes in Charlotte and flew to Miami. In Miami, Brian completed International Customs and changed airlines and then flew from Miami to San Salvador, El Salvador. On one of the days during his visit in El Salvador, we decided to go to some restaurant we heard of that was up in the mountains. On our journey to this restaurant we got very lost. The clouds came down and we were driving in fog and back roads; in one of the most dangerous countries in the world. We come across a policeman and asked for directions. This policeman didn't speak much English and we "no habla espanol". Upon leaving this policeman, the policeman said "Be careful my friend". Since then most of the time that Brian and I parted ways, we said "Be careful my friend" to each other. We eventually found this "restaurant" that turned out to be not much more than a pole barn with a dirt floor and tables and benches made of logs. At another time in El Salvador we ate at an open air bar where they had little dried fish (like minnows) for appetizers. Brian had a few of these little dried fish. We had a great time with Brian in El Salvador. We also vacationed with Brian at Myrtle Beach, Phoenix, Mexico, New Orleans, and at home in Mobile AL. Brian will be missed.

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**Emil Wayne Fussnecker** - February 15, 2020 at 07:25 PM

EF

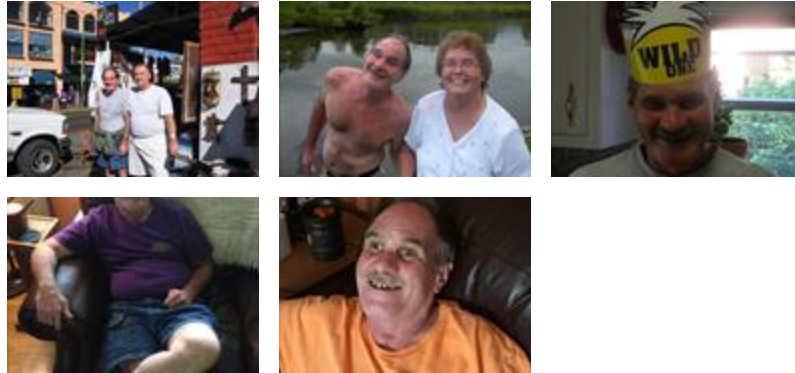
“ After arriving at the Grand Canyon on the train from Flagstaff, Brian wanted to climb up on the locomotive. I took a photo of him just before the train engineer hollered at him to get off the front of the train. He had he biggest smile on his face.

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**E. Wayne Fussnecker** - February 15, 2020 at 06:51 PM

EF

“ 40 files added to the album Wayne's Photos



E. Wayne Fussnecker - February 15, 2020 at 06:47 PM

MC

“ Brian lived to be 100 and managed to pull it off in 59 years. Being one of his best friends for 45 years that doesn't really surprise me. It was everything else that surprised me, the things you might not notice unless you were around a lot. His middle name should've been "more" because he made everyone see more, feel more, think more and love more. Most of all though he made everyone think they were a little more important and that they could have more if they put their mind to it.

The whole world, not just those of us who knew him, lost one of the most unique and sincere people ever.

So long my friend and brother. I shall never forget you. I count the days till we meet again.

Cheeser

McBride - February 13, 2020 at 05:14 PM

MP

“ So sorry for your loss and prayers for the family as you struggle to understanding why! May God be with you through this journey without Brian.  
*Mabel Pruitt*

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**Mabel Pruitt** - February 12, 2020 at 04:43 PM

DR

“ So sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers. Don and Becky Ramey

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**Don and Becky Ramey** - February 12, 2020 at 03:57 PM

AI

“ Dear Joanie and family,

*My parents (Sam and Kathy Dardinger) and my husband, Doug and I, Ann Ison are deeply saddened to hear of Brian' passing. My parents are now both 80 and not as mobile but they so enjoyed the friendship with you and Brian. I became a vendor for BEP in 2006 and was honored to have Brian as a trainer. I worked as OVRC secretary for several years and appreciated Brian's expertise and commitment to the program. Brian was an amazing inspiration to me and many others in the blind community. My heart is heavy. I pray you and your family find love and support in each other. May precious memories bring you peace. I have mad a donation to Pilot Dogs In memory of our dear friend, Brian. Love and prayers:)*

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**Ann Ison** - February 12, 2020 at 03:22 PM

JW

*Thank you so much for your kind words, prayers and donation. Brian really enjoyed spending time with Sam and Kathy during his many years in the program and also our travels , especially the cruise to the Canary Islands. I remember how pleased he was when you joined the program. Love and hugs to all of you.*

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**Joan White** - February 13, 2020 at 08:53 AM

JF

“ *I remember giving Brian rides home from classes at what was CTI and is now CSCC. He would say, "I can drive", me "No way", him "I can see shadows. My friends let me drive," And then smile. He was an inspiration for doing the best you can. During our school years and later, he would run into me and call me by name before I even said a word and sometimes from behind me. He told me I had a walking pattern that gave me away. This happened even years later when we ran into each other.*

*He was a good friend that I lost contact with, but did hear from others how he was doing. He definitely lived a good life and influenced many. My condolences to his family and friends.*

*Joyce Falk*

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**Joyce Falk** - February 12, 2020 at 03:09 PM

AN

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Anon** - February 11, 2020 at 06:19 PM

MC

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



M Corey - February 11, 2020 at 06:07 PM

MP

“ Mike&Brenda Pruitt, so sorry to hear of Brians passing. Many memories of fun times from years past. No challenge was too big for brian to take on, he was fearless and mischievous in the same. May you rest in peace and prayers for your family

Mike Pruitt - February 11, 2020 at 05:26 PM

MT

“ Brian always knew how to make you laugh and smile. He made you want to be a better person and always push yourself to do more. He will be missed. Joanie you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Martha Taylor - February 11, 2020 at 01:37 PM

JW

Thanks for sharing your memories of Brian. He really enjoyed spending time with you at our "after work" activities and coming up to see everybody at the DOW. Consider me hugging you like Doris Vance-- her hugs were the best. 💕

Joan White - February 13, 2020 at 09:12 AM

KF

“ Brian was intelligent, personable and energetic. Brian combined all of these to become a successful business man as a blind vendor in the Randolph-Sheppard Program in Ohio. As a supervisor in what was then known as the Ohio RSC BE program I worked with Brian during several years. He was never deterred by challenges. His work in establishing the Ohio State House food service and making it successful was exemplary. Some years later he continued that success at the Licking County, I-70 rest area vending operation. I was fortunate to be his friend as well as his advocate. A good man. God Bless his family.

Kyle Feusner

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**Kyle Feusner** - February 11, 2020 at 12:03 PM

EM

“ Brian was the 1 in 100 million he never said why me. He did more than the rest of us could ever imagine. I have to many stories than I can post here. RIP brother you will be missed by many

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**Eric McLarnan** - February 10, 2020 at 10:00 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear this news, I have so many great memories of Brian and having fun adventures with the White family. Very sad. Condolences to the entire family.

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**Paul Pittenger** - February 10, 2020 at 09:55 PM

PD

“ *Joanie - I am so sorry to hear of Brian's passing. He was one of the good ones! You are in my thoughts and prayers.*



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**Pam DeSantis-Rounds** - February 10, 2020 at 06:49 PM

PG

“ *Brian, Dusty and I will miss you. You were one of our kids. Brian. you saw in your heart what our eyes tried to see. Hey guys, remember Brian navigating thru our garage. Phi & Dusty Griffith*

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**Phil Griffith** - February 10, 2020 at 06:45 PM

TF

“ *Joanie and family;  
Sending you and your family much love and lots of prayers. Brian will be missed but always lived his life to the fullest.  
Much love, Jeff and Michelle Tolle*



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**Tolle Family** - February 10, 2020 at 05:50 PM

KB

“ Brian and I went to our Junior prom together in 1977. We stayed out all night and then went canoeing with a bunch of friends up at Mohican the next day. I think Brian forget to tell his parents what our plans were and when we got home the police were looking for us. I have so many wonderful memories with Brian. Skating at the roller rink in Sunbury on Friday nights with Janie Ross and I. Riding horses at my childhood home in Lock. I'm sorry to say that we didn't see each other as often as I would have liked over the past few years but we did continue to keep in touch and get together occasionally. He was one of my best friends and I will miss him terribly. R.I.P Brian.

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**Kathy S Blackstone** - February 10, 2020 at 05:25 PM

AG

*Thank you for sharing this story. We all sure put our parents through so much. RIP to all of them.*

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**Arlene Griffith** - February 11, 2020 at 06:08 AM



Stephen Thacker

“ Brian was always a good and decent person in high school and I have no doubts he never changed once through his life but to the better. RIP Brian.

*Steve Thacker  
Class of 78'*

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**Stephen Thacker** - February 10, 2020 at 04:07 PM

PB

*Brian was one of the best! He will definitely be missed!*

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**Pam Oswald Bowers** - February 10, 2020 at 04:13 PM

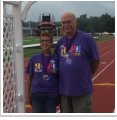


SM

*Brian was never afraid to try something new and I know he will be missed by family and friends. RIP*

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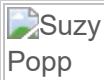
**Steve Moore** - February 10, 2020 at 05:16 PM



*Gary and Arleen, sorry to hear about Brian. I remember he was not afraid to try anything.*

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**Jim Bostic** - February 11, 2020 at 06:42 PM



Suzy Popp

*I'm sorry to hear of Brian's passing. Joanie, you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Brian lived life to the fullest! He will be missed!*

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**Suzy Popp** - February 11, 2020 at 08:32 PM