



Bret M. O'Brien

July 7, 1977 - July 23, 2014

Bret M. O'Brien, 37, of Grayslake, IL passed away on Wednesday, July 23, 2014.

He was born in Park Ridge, IL, the son of Michael and Linda O'Brien. Bret spent his boyhood years in the northern suburbs, graduating from Lake Forest High School and then attending college at the University of Missouri.

As a young man, Bret invested much of his time reading about world history. An avid historian, he believed that only in understanding our past could we change the future. Bret was also well known for his kindness to animals and spent many years caring for his cat Smokey and his three chihuahuas Jasmine, Ariel, and Belle. His gentle nature, compassion for all living things, and fierce loyalty were apparent to all who knew him and he will forever be missed by his family and friends.

Bret is survived by his parents Michael O'Brien and Linda O'Brien and stepfather H.K.; siblings Blake (Rebekah) O'Brien, Caitlin O'Brien, and stepbrother Bluey; maternal grandparents Robert and Mary Ellen Muskat; niece and nephew Maeve O'Brien and Blake O'Brien; very dear friend Veronica and many aunts, uncles, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents William and Coral

Edith O'Brien and by his uncles David O'Brien and Michael Madock.

A memorial visitation will be from 9 - 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 2, 2014 at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 135 S. Milwaukee Ave (Rte 83) Lake Villa, IL 60046; 847-356-7915. A memorial Mass will begin at 10 a.m. on August 2, 2014 at Prince of Peace Church. In lieu of flowers, Bret's wish was to have friends and family donate blood in his name to Lifesource or to the American Red Cross.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG 2. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church
135 S. Milwaukee Ave
Lake Villa, IL 60046
(847) 356-7915

Mass

AUG 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bret M. O'Brien*

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Bret M. O'Brien*

December 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *The O'Brien Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Bret M. O'Brien.*



The O'Brien Family - July 31, 2014 at 07:07 PM



“ *I heard from a friend from HS in L.A. of Bret's passing. My deepest sympathy goes out to his family and friends. Its been twenty years since I have seen or talked to Bret but the picture of him holding the wall phone is spot on! He was a great friend, skier, and i know he loved his family and always spoke highly of them! It saddens me me he was so young! May he rest in peace!*

Mary Cran - July 31, 2014 at 09:51 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Bret M. O'Brien.*



July 27, 2014 at 04:02 PM



“ *Deepest condolences to the O'Brien family. Thoughts and prayers to carry you through this most difficult time. Respectfully, The Doty Family*

LuAnn Doty - July 27, 2014 at 02:55 AM



“ *Bret was the best friend a person could have. He was fiercely loyal and unconditionally loving. He was loved by everyone who knew him. I have so many wonderful memories of Bret; skiing the burm in Snowmass, taking the train to the Davis Cup, spending time at the lake, and causing trouble at Big Foot to name a few. I was always amazed and impressed by Bret's intellect and interest In history. He taught me a lot about life and love. He will be forever in my heart. May peace be with Bret and his family during this difficult time.*



Love, joy

joy - July 24, 2014 at 06:50 PM



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Ringa Funeral Home and Cremation Service - July 24, 2014 at 10:55 AM