



Brian Joseph English

October 7, 1966 - September 2, 2023

Brian Joseph English of Roswell, Georgia passed unexpectedly on Saturday, September 2, 2023 on the UGA campus with the chapel bells ringing following the home opener game. Brian was born on October 7, 1966, and spent his childhood in both Metuchen and Edison, New Jersey.

Brian was adored by his mother and grandparents who lovingly called him “Briney Boy.” Together they traveled the country via Winnebago and loved all things Disney. Brian shared his passion for “the most magical place on earth” with his brothers, sisters, and children, even managing to convert his wife. They would talk endlessly about new attractions, rides, resorts and snacks, traveling there more times than anyone can count.

Brian graduated from Rider University in New Jersey with degrees in history and journalism. He later attended the School of Visual Arts in New York City, where he crafted a creative portfolio that would launch his career in advertising. While he did not have a Don Draper swagger, his creative talents were superior, working at ad giants like WB Donor, Amirati Puris Lintas, Saatchi & Saatchi, BBDO and local superstars Ames Scullin O’Hare and Fredrick Swanston. Brian spent the last 10 years doing what he loved the most – radio – creating clever, award-winning scripts for iHeartMedia. He received numerous awards and accolades for his hilarious wit and unmatched talent, but it was the friendships he formed that held the greatest significance.

While Brian flooded his friends with jokes in thousands of texts and emails, his formidable football knowledge proved insufficient to securing himself a championship in the iHeart Fantasy Football League.

Thanks to rugby, Brian met the love of his life Carol and the best friends a guy could ever know. Known to all as “Benglish,” he played at Princeton Rugby in college and later for Manhattan Rugby Club and Bayonne Bombers Rugby. Brian played prop and used his high school musical theater talents (yes, he was a thespian too) to lead the crowd in rugby songs from atop bars up and down the East Coast.

Brian and Carol met in 1992 at O’Neal’s in Hoboken after a St. Patrick’s Day parade. They married in 1994 and lived in Bayonne, Hoboken and Cranford, New Jersey as well as Baltimore, Maryland. But they both fell deeply in love with the South after spending their honeymoon on Kiawah Island, a few miles from historic Charleston. Eventually they would settle in Georgia in 2005 and raise a family. The benefits of being married to such an extraordinary writer resulted in stacks and stacks of beautifully crafted love letters that Carol still holds dear to her heart.

Where Brian really found his passion was with his family. Having been a big brother to four much younger siblings, Brian was well prepared for parenthood. When his children Molly and Thomas came into his life, he was a man head-over-heels in love. He devoured them, beamed with pride and served as their history and English tutor, scout leader, football coach, drama director, swim team announcer and go-to encyclopedia for all facts, spellings, definitions and more.

Brian was preceded in death by his mother, Kathleen Aurilio (née Dolan), grandparents Kay & Dan Dolan and beloved dog Copper English. He is survived by his loving wife, Carol English (née McCarthy), daughter Molly, son

Thomas and siblings Pam (Brian Cresenzi), Chris Aurilio, Kevin Aurilio (Jess Shaheen), Kait Gesek (Matt) and stepfather Dr. Joseph Aurilio. He was loved by his family, friends, coworkers, nieces, nephews, in-laws, and of course his two doodles, Gus and Kirby.

There will be services in Georgia and New Jersey. Brian was cremated on September 6th and a visitation will be held on Thursday, September 7th from 6:00-8:00pm with a prayer service at 7:30pm at Northside Chapel in Roswell, GA. A funeral mass will be held at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield, NJ on Saturday, September 9th at 12:00pm.

Cemetery Details

Cremation - Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Prayer Service

SEP 7. 7:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

SEP 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Helen Roman Catholic Church
1600 Rahway Ave
Westfield, NJ 07090
(908) 232-1214

Tribute Wall



“ *Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Brian Joseph English*



Northside Chapel - October 04, 2023 at 07:24 AM



“ *Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Brian Joseph English*



Northside Chapel - October 04, 2023 at 07:24 AM

JS

“ *When I started working with Brian in 2008, it was the beginning of the most enjoyable stretch of my 30-year career in advertising. He was a wonderful writer, a great friend and a huge inspiration to me. As a fellow writer, I still strive to be as interesting, as entertaining and as prolific as he was. I send my sincere condolences to his family, and I hope they will find comfort in memories of their happiest times together.*

—*Joe Schrack*

Joe Schrack - September 17, 2023 at 01:26 PM



“ Joseph J. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Joseph English.

Joseph J. - September 17, 2023 at 01:19 PM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Brian Joseph English.



September 08, 2023 at 11:23 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Brian Joseph English.

September 08, 2023 at 11:23 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Brian Joseph English.



September 08, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Brian Joseph English.

September 08, 2023 at 10:23 AM

DW

“ Desiree W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Joseph English.

Desiree W. - September 08, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brian Joseph English.



September 07, 2023 at 08:06 PM

KH

“ Katie H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Joseph English.

Katie H. - September 07, 2023 at 07:57 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brian Joseph English.



September 07, 2023 at 05:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Brian Joseph English.

September 07, 2023 at 05:12 PM

JO

“ Jay O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Joseph English.

Jay O. - September 07, 2023 at 04:58 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Brian Joseph English.



September 07, 2023 at 04:29 PM

JF

“ Dude....I miss you.....and, yes, I have a generator....I never forget how hard we laughed about that! Peace, J.J.

J.J. Foxx - September 07, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Brian Joseph English.



September 07, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Brian Joseph English.

September 07, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Brian Joseph English.*



September 07, 2023 at 07:11 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Brian Joseph English.

September 07, 2023 at 07:11 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Brian Joseph English.*



September 07, 2023 at 07:03 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Brian Joseph English.

September 07, 2023 at 07:03 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brian Joseph English.*



September 06, 2023 at 10:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brian Joseph English.* ”



September 06, 2023 at 09:59 PM