

# **BRIAN RAYMOND TARASI**

January 20, 1963 - August 26, 2024



Brian Raymond Tarasi, 61, of Sewickley, Pennsylvania, was called to eternal rest on August 26, 2024. Born to Patricia and Louis M. Tarasi Jr. on January 20, 1963, Brian was cherished by his friends, family, and all who knew him.

Brian's education began at the St. James School, followed by Quaker Valley High School. While in high school, he participated in a German exchange program, igniting his desire to travel

the world. He then enrolled at the University of Pennsylvania, earning his degree in Economics and German.

Brian's academic excellence paved the way for a distinguished 33-year career with American Airlines. He held many titles within the organization; however, his most significant contribution was developing the Chase Training Program for flight attendants, a testament to his leadership and loyalty to the aviation industry. His love for travel, history, astronomy, and nature led him to explore countless cities and 128 countries throughout his career.

Brian's encyclopedic knowledge made him an expert in any conversation he held. His quest for knowledge was never-ending as he was an avid reader and studied the bible, history, vocabulary, and the military, among many other things. Every person who had the pleasure of meeting or getting to know him was better off than before. His genuine care and concern were always as evident as his calming presence.

A faithful servant of God, Brian was a devout Catholic. He practiced his faith with fervor and grace, a commitment that comforted and reassured those around him. His dedication to his spiritual life was as steadfast as his wellness and fitness.

Brian is survived by his loving mother, Patsy; his siblings: Susan (Jay) Sherbine, L. Michael III, Beth (Tony) Tarasi-Sinatra, Patricia (David) Mantelmacher, and Matthew (Chris) Tarasi - Brick; his nieces: Sarabeth, Emma, and Eliza; his nephews: Teddy, Ben, and Aidan; great niece Riley Rose Hunter and by his devoted life partner, Yvonne Kass, and their three beloved pets. He is preceded in heaven by his father, Lou, who passed on December 30, 2023.

Brian's life was a testament to love, respect, and the pursuit of knowledge. His memory will continue in the hearts of those he touched forever.

The family invites friends and loved ones to a Mass of Christian Burial on September 28, 2024, at 10:30 am at Divine Redeemer Parish (200 Walnut St, Sewickley, PA 15143). Further details and a celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Pain & Disability Foundation ([americanpaindisabilityfoundation.org](http://americanpaindisabilityfoundation.org)) in honor of Brian's memory and the blessing that he is no longer suffering in pain.

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