



Brian L. Porter

February 2, 1962 - October 20, 2009

Brian L. Porter, 47, of Newington, husband of Sandra Tanzi Porter, passed away peacefully at his home Tuesday October 20, 2009 surrounded by his loving family. Born in Anderson, Indiana, son of the late Harold and Carmel Clark Porter, he lived in East Hartford and Coventry before moving to Newington in 2000. A graduate of Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana in 1984 with a degree in Geology, he worked at the Aetna Insurance Company in Middletown since 1991. An avid sports fan, he loved the St. Louis Cardinals, UConn Huskies Basketball and enjoyed golfing and fishing. He was a member of St. Marks Episcopal Church in New Britain and the Micromounters of New England.

Besides his wife Sandra, he leaves a son, Curtis Porter of Newington; two sisters, Cindy Farris of Cookeville, TN and Paula Clayborn and her husband John of Marion, Indiana; his mother-in-law, Marlyn Tanzi of Newington; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews; and his bulldog, Bozley.

Funeral services are Friday 10 AM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Calling hours are Thursday 5 to 8 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Earlham College, 801 National Road West, Drawer 193, Richmond, IN 47374. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by clicking on "GUESTBOOK" at the bottom of this page.

Tribute Wall

BE

“*Brian was a lifelong friend and the best man at my wedding. He was the definition of friend and I am deeply saddened by his passing. My heart felt sympathies go out to his family.*

Brian Elsten - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

MB

“*Sandi, my heart just breaks for you, Curt and both of your families with the loss of Brian. My prayers are with all of you. Brian gave one of the greatest gifts... he shared his love and his life, even for the short time, and touched my dear friend Sandi's heart forever. I thank him for that wonderful gift. May God's love and Peace be with him.*

Mia Batz - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

LH

“*My heartfelt sympathies go out to all of Brian's family and friends. Brian and I went to Earlham together. We had lost touch over the years, but I still remember all the fun we had in college. All the late nights playing Uno, Euchre and Spades into the wee hours. Brian was a good friend to me and I wish I had taken the time to reconnect with him when I had the chance. He will be missed.*

Laurie Millar Hanley - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

LW

“*Sandi and Curt you are in our thoughts and prayers. We could not have asked for a better neighbor than Brian. We will miss the duets he had with Bozley on your deck. Brian was a true gentleman and we will miss him.*

Larry & Marion Wheeler - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

MB

“ Sandi, I'm so very saddened by the news of Brian's passing. We worked together on some difficult projects, and Brian was always so helpful. We had some fun conversations about gem mining, and he always lit up when he talked about you. Both of you are in my prayers.

Michele Burke - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

PT

“ My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Brian's family. I had the pleasure of working with Brian several years back. He was always kind, considerate and light hearted. He will truly be missed.

Peg Tancredi - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

TG

“ Sandi, Curt & the rest of the Porter family - our thoughts & prayers are with you in your time of sorrow.

I'll never forget Brian's thunderous laugh & booming voice.

I'll always wish we had the chance to take that ride buddy!

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal.

From a headstone in Ireland.

Trefon & Kim Goulias - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

CP

“ Sandi - I was stunned and saddened to read of Brian's demise. Please accept my sincere condolences.

Curt Poland - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *Sandi, My thoughts and prayers are with you. I am glad to have had the opportunity to know Brian. You and your family are in our prayers.*

Ray Shuey - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ *Cindy, I will keep you and your family in my prayers.*

Emily Lee - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *Sandy - my heartfelt condolences go out to you and your family at this very difficult time. I had the pleasure of working with Brian and he was always so calm and collective and a joy to work with. The love you both had for each other was very obvious. May all those memories comfort you in the times ahead. Don't forget you have all your family and friends to help you through it.*

Annamarie Mancini - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Sandi, my thoughts and prayers are with you. I had the pleasure of working with Brian during the Infolayer days at Aetna. He was a wonderful, funny guy. He will truly be missed by all who knew him.*

Maureen Beauchemin - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *My heartfelt prayers are with you all. Brian was a good friend in college. Although, we did not stay in touch over the years, it was wonderful to have met back up on Facebook. He was always a good, kind sweet man and he will be greatly missed.*

Deborah Taylor Wagner - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Brian...I will always cherish the memories of Earlham and all the fun we had in the geo. dept.. The field trips, the late nights studying in the lounge...the pranks, the laughs, the pizzas and who can forget the way George always gave you a hard time. We fell out of touch for many years and talked a little after I found u on facebook. I remember being so shocked to find out about your health problems. I loved how easily you laughed...you had a positive energy around you and a good spirit...take care my friend and I'll see you again. You are in my thoughts.

michael putnam - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ I worked with Brian during my early years at Aetna. He was always very supportive and I thoroughly enjoyed working with him. I considered him a friend as well as a co-worker. He was a great man and will be missed. My prayers go out to Sandy and his family.

Stacy Resch - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ My sincere condolences to Brian's family. I worked with Brian for a brief time years ago at Aetna P&C. Brian was a pleasure to know and work with.

Pam Beverly - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Brian's warm smile and great sense of humor will be sorely missed by his co-workers. He was always a pleasure to work with, no matter how difficult the task at hand.

JoAnn Azzara - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

IK

“ Sandi, I was very saddened to hear of Brian's death. I know the happiness he brought to your life and your shared love of your canine 'children'. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Irene

Irene Kritzer - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ I worked very closely with Brian over the past 5 years on PSBoR. I loved working with him. He always found humor in every stressful situation and was willing to go the extra mile to make projects successful. He was a wonderful colleague and individual. I will miss him very much.

Rochelle Murphy - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ When I came to Aetna, they put me next to Brian. He got me right up to speed with Aetna's systems. I worked some of the toughest jobs and longest nights with Brian and they are some of my best accomplishments. They are also some of the funniest memories. My wife and I offer our prayers and we will sincerely miss Brian. Amen.

David Laborde - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ I met Brian when he was in high school, and came to work for me at the local movie theater. He was smart, witty, and a good friend. I got reconnected with Brian several months ago and learned of his illness. It really saddens me he's gone. Prayers to his family and friends.

Debbie Ross - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ *My prayers are with Brian's family. He was a great coworker and was always available for help. He will certainly be missed.* ”

Anil Kedia - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Our dear Cindy and family,*

May each of you be comforted by the love of our Lord Jesus Christ and friends during this most difficult time.

*"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." Psalm 23:1
Prayerfully,*

John and Joyce

John and Joyce Smith - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *My thoughts and prayers to his family as he will be greatly missed.* ”

Doug Allen - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *My condolences, thoughts and prayers go out to Brian's family and friends. Always so helpful even with the silliest questions from work issues to which team to choose in my football pool. He will be missed.* ”

Carol Cox - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Cindy, I did not have the privilege of meeting your brother but want you to know I am praying for you and your family as you go through this time in the life of your family.

Barbara Jared - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dearest Sandi, I will always remember Brian as a person who made everyone feel valued, with his patience, sincerity, humor and kindness.
You are in my prayers.

Melissa Stachelek - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ I feel so fortunate that I had the opportunity to meet Brian during a 2 day class at Aetna about a year ago. I'm sorry for such a great loss and my heart goes out to his family.

Terri Robinson - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ I had the pleasure of working with Brian. What a great person. My thoughts and prayers are with Sandi and Curt.

Brenda Walsh - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Sandi,

My thoughts and prayers are with you, Curtis and Brian's family.

Carol Tremont - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Brian was such a wonderful and caring person who was well liked, respected and/or loved by everyone who met him. We can never thank him enough for the way he loved and cared for Sandi and our Mom and how he made all of our lives greater for having known him. It was an honor to witness the love that Sandi & he had for each other and to have him as a part of our family. He will never be forgotten but will always be missed. Love, Phil, Doreen & Kelsey Marquis

Doreen Marquis - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Cindy and Sandy, We were so sorry to hear about Brian passing when Cindy called Tuesday night. Our thoughts & prayers are with you all during this difficult time.
We Love You All

Dan & Mary Lyons - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Cindy,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. I hope that the special and happy times you shared with your brother will bring you some comfort at this time.
With sympathy,
Barbara Brimi

Barbara Brimi - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time. I had the privledge of working with Brian and he will be sorely missed by all.

Christine Potash - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *There are no words, Cindy. I send my love and prayers. Anna*

Anna Fritz - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *Dear Sandi,
We are so sorry to hear that Brian passed away. He was a very special and kind person who always had a good word to say! We fondly remember many conversations we had with him about his beloved Cardinals! We know what a source of strength and courage you were to him! He will be missed professionally and personally by all who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you & Curt.*

Jeanine & Kevin - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *Sandi and Curtis--I am saddened to read of the untimely death of Brian. I still remember his booming laugh. He will be missed.*

Pat Murray - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *In Brian's short life he touched and brightened so many lives. Men with his qualities are few and far between. I feel blessed to have known him. He will be forever remembered.*

Cheryl Barbour - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *Sandy, I am so sorry for your loss. Words simply cannot express how my heart goes out to you and your son at this time of sorrow. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.
your friend,
Patty*

Patty Briglia St Clair - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ I have many fond memories of the time I spent with Brian whilst I was working at Aetna. My deepest sympathies to Sandy & Brian's other family members. You'll be missed mate.

Sid Hayward - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Brian was a real gentleman and I enjoyed working with him on EBS. His stories about his family always made his face light up. He will be greatly missed at Aetna.

Chrissy Fragola - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Sandy, I am so sorry for your loss. Brian will be deeply missed. My thoughts and prayers are with Sandy and the rest of the family.

Thomas Truong - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

IC

“ Sandi, No words can express how sad everyone is for you. Even I after all these years can hear Brian's laugh in my head and see that sweet smile. Lov ya Ida

Ida Clark - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ As Brian's 1984 graduating class gathers this weekend at Earlham, his loss will be felt and old friends will be together with a chance to remember him. We know he was looking forward to being at the reunion gathering with us.

Martha Henn - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *Sandy and Family, so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Brian was a great neighbor to my parents, and he will be deeply missed.*

John and Kate Nimmons - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *My deepest sympathy to Sandi and Brian's family. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

Carol Habershon - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ *My condolences! My thoughts and prayers are with Sandi and the rest of the family. Sandi, you were such a great couple - made for each other! He will always be with you, and what great memories you will have forever of your great life together!*

Lynn Ferro O'Keefe - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Sandy, I am so sorry to hear about Brian's death. I have known him since we both came to Middletown in the early 90s. I have fond memories of working with him on CRS Tax and will treasure them always. My thoughts and prayers are with you and his family during this time. Bernadette*

Bernadette Foley - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Sandi we are so sorry to hear of Brian's passing so soon. Unfortunately we are out of town in Tucson and cannot attend the wake or the funeral service. Our hugs to hold you and help wrap you are sent and our prayers to help you get through this awful time are sent in this note. We will contact you when we get home.

Sheila and Don - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Missing your smile, laughter and overall wonderful perspective on life and the game of golf!

Sue Brayton - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Mr. Porter, you will be missed!! I am sorry the Cards and Redskins sucked this year, but you were use to that! We will be brewing a beer next week in your honor called 'Brians Porter'. Our heart goes out to Sandra and family.

Mark Perkins - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ Sandi,
I didn't personally know Brian, but through a personal relationship with you,I came to know Brian as someone whom loved and cherished you and Curt. Never before have I seen such love, gentleness, strength and faith between two people. I Thank God that you and Brian had the time that was given to you to show the world the Love of God that was shared between the two of you. I know that you and Curt will truly miss him, but he will always be near in your hearts. I love you and you and your family are in my prayers. May you find comfort in the Lord; Isaiah 57:1-2

Nanette Wright - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ I had just started at Aetna in 2002 and needed some information on a project I was working on. Someone suggested I call Brian Porter, who I did not know. So, I picked up the phone and a big friendly voice with a hint of a twang to it said "Where do you sit ? I'll come over and help you". That was not a typical response. We chatted and worked side by side that day. I will never forget his kindness. A few years later I had the privilege of working with Brian on EBS. We got to spend some long hours talking at our Saturday implementations - and I'd like to share how often he'd talk with love and pride about his wife and son. My sympathy to all of you - he was a great guy.

MaryJane Waddington - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Sandi & Curt,
I am so very sorry to hear about the passing of your husband and father, Brian. Please take comfort in knowing my thoughts and prayers are with you both during this very difficult time.

Joe Ruiz - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven. I am so blessed to have had the chance to know Brian. To witness so much courage in the face of adversity, and such a close, loving relationship with Sandi - To quote Bri, "no one could have asked for a better partner". In witnessing your love and care of him, I would say he was absolutely right. God Bless.

Jane Nevico - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *The world has lost a wonderful person who will be missed by all those who knew him. My thoughts and prayers to Sandi and Curt and the rest of his family.*

Tara Miller - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Sandi I wanted to let you know how very sorry I am. I am glad that you and Brian found each other and were able to share part of your lives together. I know they were very happy years for you both and in time the good memories will bring you comfort. Brian will always be with you.*

Marcia Sigman - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Sympathies, thoughts and prayers to Brian's family and friends. Brian was an exceptional individual and his presence will be sorely missed.*

michele dankowski - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *Sandra my heart and prayers are with you and your family.*

Donna Puchalsky - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *My sympathies, thoughts and prayers to Brian's family and friends. Brian was a true gentlemen, colleague and friend to many of us. He will be sorely missed.*

Scott Sanford - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Brian's big smile and carefree swing will surely be missed in the DCPS Golf League! Love ya Big Guy!

Donna Pizzo - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Walking through the Middletown building there is a certain sadness everywhere. Everyone talking about how Brian is now gone and how much he will be missed. So glad I had the opportunity to work with Brian....truly a special individual!

Celine L'Heureux - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Missing you a lot Brian. I am running out with words to thank you. It was great fun as well as learning while working with you.

Bikash Sahoo - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Brian will always be remembered in our hearts. He was a truly special person and will be sorely missed by everyone. Our prayers and thoughts are with his family.

Brian and Marcia Sigman - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Sandra Lee.... You and Brian were a perfect match and everyone who knew him will miss him terribly. I am here for you whenever you need me! I love you.

Sandi Ruiz - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *We'll all miss you Brian.*

Mark Mauro - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *Miss you bud!!!*

John Laguna - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM