



## Brian Matson Becker

December 13, 1964 - November 8, 2023

IN MEMORY OF:  
BRIAN MATSON BECKER

Serving Location:  
CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME  
31 Memorial Drive (Old Route 13), Murphysboro, Illinois

Brian Matson Becker of Carbondale passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, in Jackson County, Illinois after suffering cardiac arrest. He was only 58 years old.

Brian is survived by his sons, Blake (Kathryn) Becker, Grant (fiancé, Koryn) Becker, and Chase Becker; daughter, Stevie Becker; mother, Tedda Becker; sister, Alison (Eric) Schmulbach; brother, Jeffrey (Renee) Becker; nieces, Jennifer and Alexandra Becker, and Christine Deen; nephews, Nicholas Schmulbach, Derek Sapp, Michael and Hunter Martin, and Ryan Becker; other relatives and a great many friends.

Brian was predeceased by his father Jerry Becker just 19 months ago.

Brian was born December 13, 1964, in Palo Alto, California, the youngest of three children to Jerry and Tedda (Matson) Becker.

With a natural athleticism and inherent competitiveness, Brian excelled as a golfer in his youth and would maintain a passion for sports throughout his life as a spirited fan of the Notre Dame Fighting Irish, San Francisco 49ers, New York Mets, and Boston Celtics. After graduating from Carbondale High School in 1983, Brian attended Southern Illinois University before building a successful sales career spanning several sectors, industries, and fields of interest. The same charismatic personability and razor-sharp wit that helped him excel in his professional life also applied to his personal life, where he made friends with ease and left lasting impressions on those around him wherever he went.

Brian was a deeply intelligent man with a knack for thoughtful conversation and a keen awareness of how (and when) to deploy a gut-busting story that would have the entire room in tears. His humor was matched by a kindness that radiated throughout his various social circles and stops along the journey of his life. Those who knew him knew there was no one else truly like him.

There wasn't a thing in the world Brian wouldn't do for his four children, and his tireless devotion to their happiness and wellbeing will long live on in the hearts and cherished memories of those children and their expanding families. Following the death of his father in April 2022, Brian stepped up and moved in with his mother to provide assistance, support, love, and companionship in her time of need.

Cremation rites have been accorded with Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the American Heart Association in Brian's honor at <https://www.heart.org/>.



# Tribute Wall

KD

“ Where do I even begin. Hesitant to hire me my mother convinced him to give it a try I was the only girl in a sea of men. (There was another woman for a short time ) I learned so much from Brian. His love of Notre Dame and sports in general to his eclectic knowledge of things that was so valuable to me. They say you are a product of your environment and you learn along the way. He is a part of who I am as a person his stories were one of a kind. Rest in peace Brian.

*Bueller*

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**kelly dwyer** - January 25, 2024 at 09:39 PM

EK

“ Brian and I became friends when we both moved in next to each other on Wateroak Dr. in Palm Bay FL in 1993. Our families become fast friends, Blake and our son, Ashley were the same age. We lost touch when they moved to St. Louis but our hearts open up to his family at this most difficult time.



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**Ed Kinsel** - January 13, 2024 at 09:11 PM

DB

“*Tedda, I never knew your three children, but I know you loved them dearly. I worked at University Bank in Carbondale with you in the early 80's. My name is Debbie Bennett (Blaise). I was a college student and worked four years at the bank, beginning in June of 1979. I still remember most of the tellers I worked with and helped to train many who came to stay a year or two. Many were there for several years. You may not remember me, but I certainly enjoyed working with you, a great employee and one who brought much fun and laughter to your fellow workers. Although I've lived away from Carbondale since I married in 1984, I still look at the local paper online. Your husband was my math methods professor during my time as a student working toward my Elementary Education degree. I'm so very sorry for your two great losses, of both Jerry and now Brian. Your pain and loss is often difficult to endure, I'm sure. But please know I am praying for you and your family in this time of grief. May the Lord hold you close, and provide His comfort and peace. --Deb Bennett*

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**Debbie (Blaise) Bennett** - November 21, 2023 at 06:46 PM

ED

“*I am so sorry to hear of Brian's untimely death. Brian's father was my husband's cousin. We enjoyed seeing them when they came to MN. Please know that the entire Becker family are in my thoughts and prayers and have my deepest sympathy.*

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**Evon Draeger** - November 19, 2023 at 08:40 AM

JL

“ Brian was one of my best friends for all of my adult life. I started working for him at Cutlery & Gifts in 1991, and again at Wireless Dimensions in 2000 when we moved our families to St. Louis. Him and his family always treated me and my then wife and young son like part of their family. Brian would give anyone the shirt off his back. I enjoy being part of his life. I loved working for him, and enjoyed playing golf with him. He would outscore me with ease, but never once did he make me feel bad for not being as good at golf as he was. He could lighten any room with ease. He will be missed and always remembered. RIP Admiral...

John Lohne - November 15, 2023 at 07:01 PM

SB

“ Brian's father was my first cousin. Always loved seeing him and Tedda. My sympathy goes to the whole family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Suzanne Bacon - November 15, 2023 at 09:35 AM

KM

“ Sending my condolences to the Becker family. Went to high school with Brian. Didn't know Him well but knew He was wise and loved sports. Keep His legacy alive in your hearts, minds, and souls. He will be missed by those who knew Him especially from CCHS Class of 83. Prayers. Karen McNeely McMinn Carbondale IL



Karen McNeely McMinn - November 14, 2023 at 08:03 PM