



Brian Bird

December 3, 1976 - July 17, 2025

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY IS SHARED IN MEMORY OF BRIAN AND IN HONOR OF HIS LOCAL FAMILY AND FRIENDS WITH THE PERMISSION OF CROUSE FUNERAL HOME.

Charles “Brian” Bird, age 48 of Salem, passed away on Thursday, July 17, 2025, at St. Louis University Hospital in St. Louis. Brian was born on December 3, 1976, in Paducah, Kentucky, the son of Debbie Sikorski. He married Steve Maxey on April 27, 2016, in Cancun, Mexico and he survives in Salem. In addition to his partner, he is survived by his mother and stepfather, Debbie Sikorski and husband Paul of Vienna; stepson, Hunter Maxey of Salem; and brother, Mike Bird. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, John Gillespie. Brian attended Salem Grace Church of the Nazarene. He had worked for many years as a travel agent. He enjoyed traveling, loved the water and his dogs. A Celebration of Life for Brian Bird will be held on Friday, July 25, 2025, at 2:00 pm at Crouse Funeral Home in Salem with Trent Ice officiating. Memorial contributions can be made to the Donor’s Choice and can be received at the funeral home. Online condolences can be left at www.CrouseFH.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **25**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Crouse Funeral Home
403 South Broadway
Salem, IL 62881

Tribute Wall

CL

“ *Carol Loban lit a candle in memory of Brian Bird*



Carol Loban - August 22, 2025 at 12:49 PM

JT

“ *Jane Treece lit a candle in memory of Brian Bird*



Jane Treece - July 23, 2025 at 04:19 PM

JT

Brian was a remarkable young man and I was blessed to have been his teacher. May sweet memories of Brian flood your grieving heart. God bless, Mrs. Treece

Jane Treece - July 23, 2025 at 04:24 PM

BJ

“ *Barbara Jeffress lit a candle in memory of Brian Bird*



Barbara Jeffress - July 21, 2025 at 01:08 PM

MM

“ Margaret Mathis lit a candle in memory of Brian Bird



Margaret Mathis - July 19, 2025 at 11:45 PM

MM

He lived across the street for a time when he was young and was just the cutest little boy! Condolences to his family.

Margaret Mathis - July 19, 2025 at 11:51 PM

RR

“ Rosemary McCuan Rouse lit a candle in memory of Brian Bird



Rosemary McCuan Rouse - July 19, 2025 at 04:50 PM

LK

“ Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of Brian Bird



Linda Koehler - July 19, 2025 at 08:14 AM

CS

“ Cheryl Storr lit a candle in memory of Brian Bird



Cheryl Storr - July 19, 2025 at 06:18 AM

CS

“ Ken & I met Brian and Steven in Mexico (go figure). We ended up on the same Segway tour and had so many laughs, and so we met later on. From that moment, we knew we'd be friends for life. Although we are up in Canada, we always said we would meet on that same beach one day (sadly, that never happened)... We will honor Brian the next time we go and we will make sure to sit quietly and remember the fun we had and smile looking out at the waves. Steven, we have you in our thoughts & prayers ~. Fly high Brian, we will see you again ☐ 🌹

Cheryl Storr - July 19, 2025 at 06:16 AM

MP

“ Matthew Prewitt lit a candle in memory of Brian Bird



Matthew Prewitt - July 18, 2025 at 08:40 PM

MP

“ *Matthew Prewitt lit a candle in memory of Brian Bird*



Matthew Prewitt - July 18, 2025 at 08:39 PM

TH

“ *Prayers for comfort and peace for each of you. Love Scotty, Tresa and Bailey Hargrove.*



Tresa H - July 18, 2025 at 07:18 PM