



Brian R. Kalinowski

January 24, 1965 - March 11, 2026

March 11, 2026, age 61, unexpectedly, of Lancaster, NY.

Beloved husband of 31 years to Katherine M. (nee Solomon) Kalinowski; loving father of Evan and Kaitlyn Kalinowski; dearest son of the late Joseph and Marilyn (nee Wright) Kalinowski; devoted brother of Shawn (late David) Drysdale; dear brother-in-law of Deborah (Keith) Muscarella, Richard Solomon, Robin (Christopher) Werdein, Michael Solomon, and Jennifer (Sean) Mohan; also survived by nieces, nephews, and many friends. Brian was the owner of BRK Machine & Performance in Alden, where he specialized in building engines for racecars, hot rods, and boats. He was a dedicated racing enthusiast who regularly attended local tracks. Brian also enjoyed cooking, swimming in his pool, fishing, and valued time spent with his family and friends. His contributions to his field and community will be remembered. The family will be present to receive relatives and friends on Sunday, March 15th from 2-8PM at the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME, 2510 Union Rd., Cheektowaga (2 blocks south of William St.). A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, March 16th at 10AM in Sacred Heart Church, 5337 Genesee Street, Bowmansville, New York 14026. Please assemble at Church. Flowers are welcome. Please leave condolences online at www.SmolarekCares.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 15. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (est)

Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home - Cheektowaga
2510 Union Road
Cheektowaga, NY 14227
(716) 668-3122
<https://smolarekfh.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 16. 10:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church
5337 Genesee St
Bomansville, NY 14206

Please Assemble at Church

Tribute Wall

CC

“ Christine (Heary) Cione & Joe Cione purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Brian R. Kalinowski.



Christine (Heary) Cione & Joe Cione - March 13 at 04:44 PM

KM

“ Keith M. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Brian R. Kalinowski.



Keith M. - March 13 at 01:11 PM

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“ From Holly OConnor (LHS) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Brian R. Kalinowski.



From Holly OConnor (LHS) - March 13 at 11:18 AM

SP

“ Shawn, Madison & Paulie purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Brian R. Kalinowski.



Shawn, Madison & Paulie - March 13 at 09:56 AM

MF

“ Mohan Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Brian R. Kalinowski.



Mohan Family - March 12 at 06:31 PM

AI

“ Automotive Consultants - Ithaca, NY purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Brian R. Kalinowski.



Automotive Consultants - Ithaca, NY - March 12 at 02:01 PM

AI

“ Automotive Consultants - Ithaca, NY planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian R. Kalinowski.

Automotive Consultants - Ithaca, NY - March 12 at 02:01 PM

AI

“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Brian R. Kalinowski.



March 12 at 12:27 PM

MS

“ *Mark Southcott lit a candle in memory of Brian R. Kalinowski*



Mark Southcott - March 12 at 02:09 AM

KH

“ *Karl & Cheri Hehr purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Brian R. Kalinowski.*



Karl & Cheri Hehr - March 11 at 06:57 PM

SB

“ *Brian was always there for anyone who needed him. But his family always came first. He was very proud of his kids. He spoke of them often telling their accomplishments. When he spoke of his wife, his smile extended across his face. Racing filled his heart, along with other various activities like swimming & fishing. He was such a great friend to all, and such a loving father & husband. Godspeed Brian. Watch over all of us! We need it in these times...*💔💔💔💔

Sandy Boczar - March 11 at 06:30 PM