



Brian D. Kostelny

May 16, 1969 - July 12, 2024

July 12, 2024, Age 55, Unexpectedly, of Depew NY. Beloved husband of 20 years to Sandy (nee Zdrojewski) Kostelny; Loving son of Thomas A. and the late Emily (nee Smolarek) Kostelny; Devoted brother of Anne Marie (Michael) Doerfler, Thomas L. (Suzanne) Kostelny, and Lisa (Paul) Malikowski; Dear son-in-law of Jean (William Miller) and the late Daniel Zdrojewski; Dearest brother-in-law of John Zdrojewski, Sue Zdrojewski, and Brian (Molly Robbins) Zdrojewski; Cherished uncle of Kasey and Sammy, and Abby, Anna, and CassaDee; also survived by aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends. Brian was a current Erie County Deputy Sheriff within the Jail Management Division and a past funeral director with the Smolarek Funeral Home. He was an avid hunter and a Die-Hard Sabres Fan. The family will be present to receive relatives and friends on Friday July 19th from 2-7PM at the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME, 2510 Union Rd. (2 blocks south of William St.), Cheektowaga. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday at 10AM in St. Andrews R.C. Church, Sloan. Please assemble at church. Please leave condolences online at www.SmolarekCares.com

Please feel free to wear your Buffalo Sabres gear to the visitation this Friday ! He has always been a fan and we think he'd really like that!

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **19**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (est)

Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home - Cheektowaga
2510 Union Road
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL **20**. 10:00 AM (est)

Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home - Cheektowaga
2510 Union Road
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Please Assemble at Church

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Joe, Jolene, and the boys purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Brian D. Kostelny.



Joe, Jolene, and the boys - July 19, 2024 at 12:00 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brian D. Kostelny.



July 18, 2024 at 04:38 PM

LJ

“ Love , Julie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian D. Kostelny.

Love , Julie - July 18, 2024 at 04:38 PM

JS

“ Brian lived a few houses down from me on the left. Darren Juskiewicz lived a few houses down on right. I lived between two friends. Growing up, we all played together; Legos, army men, and "Ghost in the Graveyard", etc... As we grew up, we played sports together. We'd play baseball or softball at Standard Park or at the end of the block with the old gang that included Brian and his siblings. We would also play football in the street! Brian and I attended Highschool together. He was so proud to play football for JFK Highschool. We became separated during the college years and when I moved to the Washington DC area for further education and a career. When I would visit Cheektowaga, Brian and I occasionally met for a beer at "IV Stallions" and recap the Glory Days. Brian, you will be missed.

John Sojka - July 18, 2024 at 03:40 PM

JS

“ John Sojka purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Brian D. Kostelny.



John Sojka - July 18, 2024 at 03:23 PM

JS

“ John Sojka planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian D. Kostelny.

John Sojka - July 18, 2024 at 03:23 PM

DL

“ Dawn Rud & Bill Lange planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian D. Kostelny.

Dawn Rud & Bill Lange - July 18, 2024 at 11:37 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Brian D. Kostelny.*



July 18, 2024 at 11:37 AM



“ *Love Dena and Geri purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Brian D. Kostelny.*



Love Dena and Geri - July 18, 2024 at 10:29 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Brian D. Kostelny.*



July 17, 2024 at 11:27 AM



“ *Dan, Claudia, Jacky, Jamie Lee, Samira planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian D. Kostelny.*

Dan, Claudia, Jacky, Jamie Lee, Samira - July 17, 2024 at 11:27 AM

JA

“ Brian was a great employee and a better friend. He was dedicated, honest, extremely helpful and always calm. With his calm stoic demeanor, he could cool any situation just with his presence. He will be missed by all at the Sheriffs Office.

Justin Adamek - July 15, 2024 at 09:46 AM

CD

“ I worked with Brian at the Jail. He was an amazing guy and fun to work with. I am so sorry for your loss. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow. May the love of friends and family carry you through your grief. God Bless 🙏💙🙏
Deepest Sympathy

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God Bless

Christie Dziulko - July 14, 2024 at 06:59 PM

RS

“ Robert & Wendy Sell purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Brian D. Kostelny.



Robert & Wendy Sell - July 13, 2024 at 08:01 PM

MK

“ May the memories of Brian comfort your family during this difficult time.

Mike Kellar

Michael Kellar - July 13, 2024 at 06:44 PM

JG

“ Brian was a friend who will never be forgotten and was loved by many. Wishing peace and strength in the days ahead for his family, friends and loved ones.



Jolene Bryman and Joe Gleason - July 13, 2024 at 05:06 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Brian D. Kostelny.



July 13, 2024 at 11:09 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brian D. Kostelny.



July 13, 2024 at 10:58 AM

DB

“ Having grown up together as families on Patricia Lane this really hits us hard. We will always have our memories of summer nights playing til dark and families stopping to talk with each other on their front porches. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers at this time of sudden loss. The Zak Family

Dorene Bett - July 13, 2024 at 10:56 AM

KD

“ So very sorry for your loss, Brian was a great guy and Co-Worker. Rest in Peace....
Kathy and Jenn Danieiu

Kathleen danieiu - July 13, 2024 at 10:14 AM

KK

“ My condolences to the family

Karl King - July 13, 2024 at 10:11 AM

AL

“ Amanda Teague and Michael Logan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian D. Kostelny.

Amanda Teague and Michael Logan - July 13, 2024 at 10:09 AM

AL

“ Amanda Teague and Michael Logan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Brian D. Kostelny.



Amanda Teague and Michael Logan - July 13, 2024 at 10:09 AM

TZ

“ Todd Z. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian D. Kostelny.

Todd Z. - July 13, 2024 at 09:57 AM

LL

“ I am so saddened and shocked to hear of Brian's passing. The summer of 2009 I was home from Mortuary School and worked with Brian at the funeral home and he truly took me under his wing and taught me foundations for being a funeral director. He was always so kind and answered all of my questions. I will always be thankful for his guidance. My condolences go out to the entire Kostelny family.

Lauren LeRoy - July 13, 2024 at 09:50 AM

KH

“ Condolences to the family.
I always heard nice things about Brian, as he worked with my son

Karen Hoofallen - July 13, 2024 at 09:38 AM

TZ

“ My sincerest condolences to Brian's whole family. Brian was a great person and I enjoyed my time working with him at the hotel. He always made work more fun. Thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Todd Zeltman - July 13, 2024 at 09:21 AM

LV

“ Love Kat and Chad Vergine planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian D. Kostelny.

Love Kat and Chad Vergine - July 13, 2024 at 07:04 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Brian D. Kostelny.*



July 13, 2024 at 07:04 AM



“ *We are deeply saddened to hear about the unexpected loss of Brian, whom I had the pleasure of meeting as someone always ready with a joke. Please accept our heartfelt condolences during this difficult time. May you all find strength and comfort in the great memories you shared with him. With sympathy and love, Jamie Lee Schuster (Wiles) & Family*



Jamie Lee Schuster (Wiles) from Germany - July 13, 2024 at 02:53 AM



“ *With Love, Auntie Bernie purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Brian D. Kostelny.*



With Love, Auntie Bernie - July 12, 2024 at 11:35 PM



“ *Don & MJ (IV Stallions) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian D. Kostelny.*

Don & MJ (IV Stallions) - July 12, 2024 at 11:09 PM

DS

“ Don & MJ (IV Stallions) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Brian D. Kostelny.



Don & MJ (IV Stallions) - July 12, 2024 at 11:09 PM

DW

“ Emily used to babysit me so I spent a lot of time with the Kostelny family. My deepest condolences to Sandy, Mr.K, Tommy, Anne Marie and Lisa.

So many great memories with Bri: throwing up at his cabin after drinking uncountable hurricanes, trying to get his furry kids to like me, especially Baxter. We were always able to find time to meet up while I was on Army leave or visiting from Germany after I moved there.

Bri was always ready to help if you needed it.

He was recently at my Dad's wake and I really appreciated that.

Thankfully we were able to celebrate his 55th birthday together, more the shock now to hear this terrible news.

I will never forget you bro!



Dan Wiles - July 12, 2024 at 10:49 PM

JP

Very sorry to hear of Brian's passing. He was not only a friend but a great teacher.

Jim Pilat - July 13, 2024 at 04:50 PM

SD

I'm deeply sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Sheila Durawa - July 16, 2024 at 08:39 AM