



## Brian O'Keith Dunbar

July 19, 1968 - January 10, 2020

Brian O'Keith Dunbar, 51, of Columbus, died at 10:39 a.m. January 10, 2020, at his home. He was born July 19, 1968 in Bartholomew County, the son of Perry McArthur Dunbar and Dale (Stargel) Dunbar.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He enjoyed collecting tools. Brian took very good care of his mom and sister and was helpful to others by being very generous to those in need.

The funeral will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, January 18, 2020, at Jewell-Rittman Family Funeral Home with Pastor Chuck Kennedy officiating. Calling will be from 1 p.m. until time of service.

Survivors include his father, Perry McArthur Dunbar of Kentucky and mother, Dale Stargel Hennisley of Columbus; son, Brandon O'Keith Dunbar; daughter, Kayla Nicole Dunbar; and sisters, Elizabeth LeEtta Dunbar- Hughes, Perre Jo "PJ" Bryant.

# Events

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**JAN 18**   **Visitation**   01:00PM - 03:00PM

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Jewell-Rittman Family Funeral Home  
3855 25th St, Columbus, IN, US, 47203

**JAN 18**   **Funeral Service**   03:00PM

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# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



**Jewell-Rittman Funeral Home** - January 16 at 12:21 PM



“ I'm gonna miss u my friend, Love ya fly high til I c u again RIP Buzz

**Rhonda** - January 16 at 04:21 PM



“ I love and miss u buzz fly high until we meet again u was and always will be my best friend

**Whitney Hatcher** - January 18 at 09:01 AM



“ You Did Not Deserve To Die

Most of the time, I can deal with your death. I can hold back the tears and accept that you are gone.

I force myself to believe the cliché words that get thrown around, about how only the good die young and how God takes His favorites first. About how it was your time and how everything happens for a reason.

However, sometimes, that silver linings attitude fades away and all that I can simply feel is anger. All that I can feel is hurt and all that I can feel is confusion .. Emptiness and the constant feeling of being lost.

Brian, I am sorry that I cannot be strong all of the time. Brian, I am sorry that there are days when I even question my faith. Brian, I am sorry that there are days when I absolutely hate the entire world and every single person inside of it. Brian I am sorry that there are days when I am bitter about the way that life has turned out.

Brian, I am sorry that I cannot walk around with un-flinching hope when I know just how shitty that this world is. Brian I am sorry that I am not perfect. And Brian I am sorry that I am carrying so much damn anger and sadness inside of me.

Brian I am pissed, because you left your mom and your sister behind. Brian You left people who still needed your love, who still needed your voice, who still needed your hugs, who still needed your kisses. Brian People who cared about you more than they even cared about themselves. Brian People who would do anything to have even just one more minute with you.

I'm pissed, because I keep seeing these shitty people running around without a care in the world, living for decades longer than you had the chance to. Because the goodness in your heart should have earned you more days, months, years.

I'm pissed, because you deserved better. You deserved to celebrate more milestones. You deserved to see the people around you grow up. You deserved to grow old yourself and pass away peacefully in your sleep after ninety years of living your best life.

I'm pissed, because it's not fair. That sounds whiny to say, childish, but it's the truth. What happened to you wasn't fair. What happened to your family wasn't fair. Nothing about your death was fair.

I miss you. And I hate that I miss you, because I shouldn't have to. I should be able to call you up. I should be able to knock on your door. I should be able to see you face-to-face anytime I want.

You should still be here, right now, sending me texts to ask how I've been doing. You should still be here, right now, giving me a reason to laugh instead of cry. You should still be here, right now, alive and well.

No matter how many cliches are thrown at me about how only the good die young, no matter how many of those sayings I choose to believe to find some semblance of comfort, I will always believe that your death was bullshit.

I will always believe that there was some sort of mistake, that you didn't deserve it.

I will always believe that you deserved so much more.

Four months later and you not being here with me is killing me. I just hope that eventually it does not hurt quite as bad

Love always,

B.B.





“ I was there when Brian was born. We were so excited to welcome a new little boy into the family. Uncle Charles and I loved him so much. His cousins, Charles Victor and John Kevin, spent a lot of time with him and LeEtta just enjoying being children. We have such good memories of those years. I am deeply saddened that he had to leave his family at such a young age. Praying for the family. Love, Cyndi

**Cynthia Stargel** - January 18 at 02:59 PM



“ Thanks Cynthia. Just no saw your comment.

**Perry Dunbar** - April 14 at 11:39 PM



“ Your in my thoughts

**Tammy lawles** - January 18 at 02:39 PM



“ Erica Newland lit a candle in memory of Brian O'Keith Dunbar



**Erica Newland** - January 18 at 09:31 AM



“ Beth Patrick lit a candle in memory of Brian O'Keith Dunbar



**Beth Patrick** - January 18 at 09:00 AM



“ It’s been 10 years since a former friend of ours introduced us. We use to sit and talk about so many different things all the nights you stayed with me. It doesn’t seem real it wasn’t 12 hours prior to your death we was that game. I want so bad to come tomorrow but it’s for your children. I going to miss you



**Robbie Hubbard** - January 17 at 11:59 PM

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“ The day we met I knew there was something different about you. You weren't like everyone else I was used to being around. You had this energy around you. And I was drawn to it. As time went on I realized what it was. You were/are an angel. There was a reason and a purpose for you being in my life. And you arrived when I needed ya the most. You knew of the demons I was fighting. But when I was around you, those demons weren't around. You brought peace to my soul, my heart and mind. B, you were and always will be my guardian angel. I know this. Because even though you are gone, your presence is right here with me whispering in my ear to stop crying and keep on keeping on. As long as you stay by my side and help me get through this hell we call life, I'll be just fine. I appreciate you giving me shit when I was screwing up. And I knew it was only because you cared. Your heart was bigger than the whole world. And I'd like to make you proud and continue sharing that heart of yours with anyone who might need a shoulder to cry on or a ear just to listen. I love ya Brian. Just stay here with me. I promise this next half is gonna be amazing with you by my side.

**Melissa Hill** - January 17 at 11:39 AM

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“ Brian was one of my closest friends more like family and he was by my side through some hard times and never judged me only listened with concern and he literally gave me the coat off his back. That's the kinda guy he was. He and I made some memories that I will cherish forever. Like the rooftop we sat on once that was so special and the way he rigged my headlight with a solar light so I wouldn't get pulled over driving and for telling me I made a great assistant but I sucked holding a flashlight. He made me laugh more times than I can count but I'll never forget who he was to me.. Love always and forever..miss you so much



**Melissa Petro McQueen** - January 17 at 03:29 AM

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“ You have left this world but not our hearts, truley gonna miss those big hugs !!!!



**Debbie** - January 16 at 09:24 PM

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“ Lee B lit a candle in memory of Brian O'Keith Dunbar



**Lee B** - January 16 at 09:07 PM

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“ Remember his parents Perry and Dale. You are in our prayers.

David and Pat Kimbler

**David Kimbler** - January 16 at 07:03 PM

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“ Rip my friend



Kim - January 16 at 03:54 PM

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“ Me and Brian at one point was going to get married and have a baby boy. However, due to complications we lost it and it which led to the strain of our relationship. We started at friends and soon had developed a very close friendship. After we decided to end our serious relationship we had been able to remain the very best of friends. We both still had each other's hearts even up. To the day that he died. We seen each other every single day and never went more than 2 days without seeing each other . There will forever be a void inside of me that will just never be able to be filled. Brian took my heart as well as my soul the moment that he passed away. He was my best friend and I will never refer to another person in life as my best friend because Brian was, he has been and he will forever remain my best friend for the rest of my life because well that is what he was. He never judged me he never gave up on me and no matter what he was always encouraging me to be and do better and anything that I do from this day forward to the good will be in honor of Brian and our friendship of almost 10 years. I am glad that we got the chance to make as many memories as we did and I will always keep them in a very special place within me and hold them very close to what is left of my heart. I love you B.B. ( As I have always called him). He has called me Precious him and his sister as an inside joke but now precious is not funny anymore because now B.B. you are my precious one. I just hate this .

Love always,  
Crystal Kay

Crystal Floyd - January 16 at 03:42 PM

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“ Micheal Humes lit a candle in memory of Brian O'Keith Dunbar





“ I will always keep you in my heart I love and miss you so much already untill we meet again watch over me



Rhonda chandler - January 16 at 09:32 AM

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“ Brian Abner lit a candle in memory of Brian O'Keith Dunbar



Brian Abner - January 16 at 07:05 AM



“ R.I.P old friend!

Garrett Shipley - January 16 at 08:30 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Teri - January 16 at 12:35 AM

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“ Semper fi devil dog!!!!  
Thank you for time we shared...



**Karen Cardinal** - January 15 at 11:06 PM

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“ I can't believe your gone Brian. I will miss you and think of you as long as I live. We had alot of fun together. You were always so polite and made me laugh. I love you Buzz. R.I.P until we meet again.

**Tina Merrick** - January 15 at 11:03 PM

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“ Vicki Shepherd sent a virtual gift in memory of Brian O'Keith Dunbar



**Vicki Shepherd** - January 15 at 10:14 PM

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“ You will greatly missed Brian. My thoughts and prayers go out to your family. Till we meet again. Fly high my friend.



**Deana Western** - January 15 at 09:27 PM



“ Thank you so much,  
Annette(Stargel) Butler

**Annette Stargel Butler** - January 15 at 10:33 PM

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“ At such a point in time, may you know that thoughts and prayers are being sent to you and your family. May good memories give comfort during this time of loss.

With Sincere Condolences,  
Velina Swords,  
Jamestown, KY

**Velina Swords** - January 15 at 08:59 PM

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“ Stacey Johnson lit a candle in memory of Brian O'Keith Dunbar



**Stacey johnson** - January 15 at 07:49 PM

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“ How do you say good bye to a childhood friend you don't you just say until we meet again

**Kenny Hignite** - January 15 at 04:33 PM

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“ John & Ann Hughes lit a candle in memory of Brian O'Keith Dunbar



**John & Ann Hughes** - January 15 at 04:06 PM



“ You will be miss Brian. Always a smile on your face ,  
**John &Ann Hughes** - January 15 at 04:08 PM

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“ This broke my heart when I heard. Brian and I go way back to high school. We stayed very close always. Talked on several different occasions even though I live in California. He will be missed by many. I will always love him. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. God bless. Love to all



**Annetta Garland** - January 15 at 03:51 PM

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“ Lisa Hammack lit a candle in memory of Brian O'Keith Dunbar



**Lisa Hammack** - January 15 at 07:40 AM