



## Brian Nelson Gaskins

May 6, 1955 - March 17, 2024

Gaskins, Brian Nelson, 68, of Nashville passed away surrounded by his loving family on Sunday, March 17, 2024.

Brian was born in Memphis, Tn to Thomas L. and Loretta Gaskins on May 6, 1955. Soon after, the family moved to and planted roots in Inglewood, where he made many lifelong friends. He graduated from Stratford High School, class of 1973. Brian then attended college at MTSU, where he met his wife, Sandy. Brian and Sandy had just celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary on March 11th.

Brian was a business owner whose focus was always customer service. His success was primarily due to his friendly demeanor and customer-first attitude. Brian was an avid sports enthusiast and athlete. In his youth, he was extremely passionate about baseball, basketball, fast-pitch softball, and golf. He spent several years as a member of the Capitol City Golf Association, and in later years spent many days at the tee with the Bogie Boyz of Two Rivers Golf Course. Anyone who knew him also knew he was always ready to cheer on his 'Dores. Brian was a fisherman, boat enthusiast, and an avid gardener, setting up an annual community garden where he would sell and give away tomatoes. Later in life, some of his happiest times were meeting and greeting his Maplecrest neighbors in Donelson. Above all, Brian was a family man. He loved them very much and will be greatly missed.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Leroy Gaskins and Billie Loretta Gaskins.

Brian is survived by his wife, Sandra Shearin Gaskins; Daughters, Brandi Jirka (Leo) and Lori Gaskins; Grandchildren, Brian Leojon Jirka and Julia Billie Jirka; Siblings, Sharon Elrod and Thomas Gaskins (Rita); Beloved grand-dog, Zodie; And many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home on Gallatin Rd on March 30th. The visitation will be held from 11am-3pm. Friends and family who wish to publicly share their memories with Brian are welcome to do so starting at 2pm.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 30. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home  
2707 Gallatin Pike, Nashville, TN US 37216  
Nashville, TN 37216

## Celebration of Life

MAR 30. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Brian Nelson Gaskins*



Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home - March 30, 2024 at 02:52 PM



“ *Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Brian Nelson Gaskins*



Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home - March 27, 2024 at 03:48 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Brian Nelson Gaskins.*



March 29, 2024 at 11:39 AM

LD

“ Love, Wanda, David and Dianne planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Nelson Gaskins.

Love, Wanda, David and Dianne - March 29, 2024 at 11:39 AM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Brian Nelson Gaskins.



March 27, 2024 at 03:46 PM

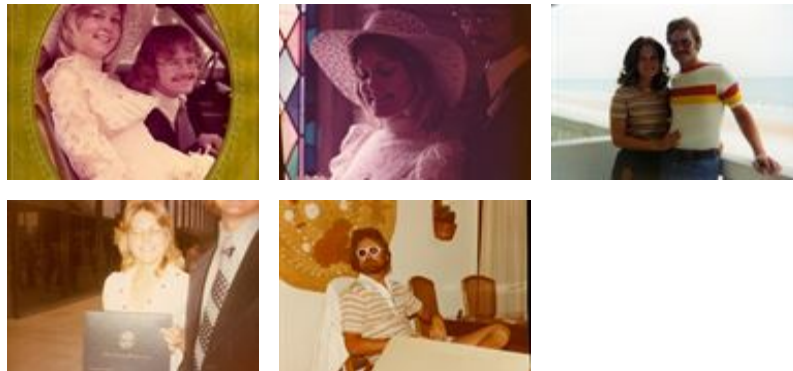
SM

“ Scott, Monica, Katherine and Madison planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Nelson Gaskins.

Scott, Monica, Katherine and Madison - March 27, 2024 at 03:46 PM



“ 177 files added to the album LifeTributes



Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home - March 27, 2024 at 01:31 PM

LJ

“ *Lisa Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Brian Nelson Gaskins*



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**Lisa Jacobs** - March 27, 2024 at 01:02 PM

BM

“ *I met Brian at Bayside in Marin, CA in the summer of 2017. Upon checking in, I immediately gravitated toward people who were serious about their recovery which included Brian. Brian was an inspiration to me. He was always candid about his personal struggles and I learned a great deal about owning and facing up to my own struggle with addiction. Although I was not a smoker, I always woke early and met a group at the designated smoking circle where Brian was spinning some story that was self-effacing, funny, and always entertaining. He was a bright light and was always willing to engage with humor, and nonjudgemental insight into other's recovery. After I left Bayside, I've kept in touch, along with two others (Jay and Alex), with Brian on a periodic messaging thread. Any one of us would start the conversation when we felt like checking in on each other, and we all responded with updates of our lives. We were seriously moving toward a reunion this summer and I know we were all looking forward to seeing each other after 7 short years. My heart breaks upon hearing of Brian's passing. He will be missed on our texting threads. To his family, of whom he spoke of often, my deepest sympathies for your loss. I am thankful for his presence in my life, which doesn't stop with his passing. I am witness to the positive and genuine impact he had on lives he touched. His great spirit I will always hold dear and close to my heart, and I will smile, even laugh, as I always have, whenever I remember him. Bryce Morton*

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**Bryce Morton** - March 23, 2024 at 07:53 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brian Nelson Gaskins.*



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March 23, 2024 at 05:18 PM



“ *Brian and I met in the late eighties. We both owned and operated a vending company and often saw each other at our supplier, Automatic Food Service. Brian was a first class man. I feel my life is blessed by having known Brian and will forever remember the great times we shared together.*

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**johnny fof** - March 23, 2024 at 11:34 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Brian Nelson Gaskins.*



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March 21, 2024 at 10:09 PM



“ *Sincerely Phil and Karen Travis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Nelson Gaskins.*

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**Sincerely Phil and Karen Travis** - March 21, 2024 at 10:09 PM

RW

“ Brian had a very gentle spirit and was a pleasure to be with. I always enjoyed talking about Vanderbilt and UT baseball with him. He was a very special person and I will miss him very much. Until we meet again in Heaven.  
Ron Wincek

Ron Wincek - March 21, 2024 at 06:14 AM

AB

“ All the Bogie Boyz purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Brian Nelson Gaskins.



All the Bogie Boyz - March 20, 2024 at 09:24 PM

AB

“ All the Bogie Boyz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Nelson Gaskins.

All the Bogie Boyz - March 20, 2024 at 09:24 PM

GT

“ Greg Kirsch, President TRSGA purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Brian Nelson Gaskins.



Greg Kirsch, President TRSGA - March 20, 2024 at 09:17 PM

GT

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Greg Kirsch, President TRSGA - March 20, 2024 at 09:17 PM

RD

“ There are too many memories between lifelong friends to try to pick out one or two. Brian was a true friend, always supportive and encouraging and more interested in how you were doing above how he was doing. He was one of a kind and he is already missed tremendously.  
I love you partner. Rest in peace.

Russell Drake - March 20, 2024 at 04:18 PM

RJ

*I couldn't put it any better. Love you Coach- RIP*

Rob Jacobs - March 20, 2024 at 09:21 PM

TT

*I played KnotHole baseball with Brian 60 years ago. He was the kind of fellow that you still remember even if you haven't seen him in 60 years.*

Tony Tidwell - March 21, 2024 at 10:35 AM

RJ

*Loved him like a brother! So many great memories for many years! RiP my dear friend!!!*

Rick Jacobs - March 22, 2024 at 05:36 PM