



## Brian Matthew Satorius "Opie"

November 9, 1973 - August 20, 2021

Brian Satorius, known by many as "Opie", 47, of Petersburg, passed away tragically in a farming accident on Friday, August 20, 2021. He leaves behind his loving wife of 14 years, Brianne (Blout) Satorius, and their two children, Ethan (10), and Ava (6). Brian was born November 9, 1973 to Marsha (Kemper) Satorius of Petersburg, and James Satorius of Petersburg. Also surviving are his sisters Jennifer Satorius of Petersburg (Scott Hewitt), and Ashley (Satorius) Rutz (Matt), of Zionsville IN, a niece Raegan, and many other aunts, uncles, cousins, in-laws, and countless friends. He was preceded in death by his brother Michael, and his grandparents.

Brian was a true hometown boy. He was a graduate of PORTA high school where he participated in many sports and FFA. In recent years, he has been involved in the Friends of the PORTA FFA alumni group. He always looked forward to his class reunions and keeping tabs on old friends through his wife's Facebook account. Brian was an alum of 4-H where he enjoyed showing hogs. He has passed along that tradition with his son, who had his first county fair show this past summer. Brian graduated with his Master's degree from the University of Illinois, and his Bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University. He was in an engineering role at TeeJet Technologies, working with GPS products for over 20 years. His job took him all over the world to install, repair, and educate, making good friends along the way.

Brian was an avid sports lover. University of Illinois Men's basketball was his favorite, with Green Bay Packers football as a close second. He and the family could often be seen in the backyard playing one sport or another. Passing on his love and knowledge of sports to his son, especially, brought him such joy. They would talk about his sports, how to improve, and plans for his next game. He has also groomed him to yell equally as loud at the tv during ball games.

Brian was a true advocate for agriculture. Farming was his passion. He was growing our farming operation, always finding ways to improve, while also bringing new opportunities, ideas, and education to others. Brian loved being a part of Farm Bureau, serving as the president in Menard County for many years, and being in various specialty groups on the state level. Brian was an alum of the Illinois Ag Leadership program where he made many great friends.

Brian had a strong faith and relationship with God. He was very active in the Central Presbyterian Church and has served in many roles.

Everyone who knew Brian loved him. He was so full of life. In a social situation, he could always be counted on for a "great idea" or for a hilarious, sometimes 20 year old story to make people laugh. He was a family man; always being goofy together and down for a good snuggle. His daughter says "he was the best tickler" but that she is the better singer. He loved his family and friends fiercely and had a genuine love of this community. Brian's absence will be felt forever, but his legacy will live on in his children and in all the lives he has touched. We are all better for having had him in our lives. Gone too soon but loved forever.

"The pain you feel is the price you pay for having had such a special person in your life".

– source unknown

Funeral will be held on Sunday, September 5, 2021 at 1 p.m. at Wankel's of Petersburg, 18239 Kelly Street, Petersburg. There will be a Celebration of Life directly following. Graveside service will be in between for immediate family and a select few. Arrangements are being handled by Hurley's of Petersburg. [www.Hurleyfh.com](http://www.Hurleyfh.com) .

Memorials may be made to the family for an education fund for Ethan and Ava. For those feeling compelled to contribute to Ethan and Ava's future. There were previously established educational and custodial accounts for each of them. Checks can be made out to Edward Jones or Alliance Community Bank, please indicate in the memo how you'd like the funds to be applied. They can be mailed or dropped off at a local location. Alliance Community Bank c/o Brianne Satorius PO Box 470 Petersburg, IL 62675, Edward Jones c/o Brianne Satorius 325 S 6th St Petersburg, IL 62675.

# Cemetery Details

## Rose Hill Cemetery

Petersburg, IL 62675

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

SEP 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

Wankel's of Petersburg  
18239 Kelly St.  
Petersburg, IL 62675

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brian Matthew Satorius "Opie"*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Shawn, Lindsay, Ally and Chelsea Wilken purchased the Gable Gift Box for the family of Brian Matthew Satorius "Opie".*



**Shawn, Lindsay, Ally and Chelsea Wilken** - September 03, 2021 at 09:47 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brian Matthew Satorius "Opie".*



September 02, 2021 at 05:43 PM



“ *Dave and Devin Kerrigan purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Brian Matthew Satorius "Opie".*



**Dave and Devin Kerrigan** - September 02, 2021 at 03:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Brian Matthew Satorius "Opie".



September 02, 2021 at 10:20 AM



“ *Rita Casey purchased the Celestial Love* for the family of Brian Matthew Satorius "Opie".



**Rita Casey** - September 01, 2021 at 08:32 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Brian Matthew Satorius "Opie".



September 01, 2021 at 07:28 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Brian Matthew Satorius "Opie".



August 31, 2021 at 11:22 AM

CL

“ *Marsha, my heart is grieving as I read about Brian's death. I can't imagine what his precious wife, kids and extended family is feeling right now. I can't express how very sorry I am - please know all of your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Sadly, I will be out of state at the time of his service, but I wanted you to know I'll be thinking of you. Special ((Hugs)). Cindy Henderson Lash*

Cindy Henderson Lash - August 27, 2021 at 02:57 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brian Matthew Satorius "Opie".*



August 27, 2021 at 09:52 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Brian Matthew Satorius "Opie".*



August 25, 2021 at 08:30 PM



“ *Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Brian Matthew Satorius "Opie".*



August 25, 2021 at 03:30 PM

JS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Brian's entire family in this time of loss. We pray for peace and comfort. Condolences to the family.

*John & Norma Stiltz*

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**John and Norma Stiltz** - August 25, 2021 at 02:31 PM

JH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this time of sorrow.  
May your memories bring you comfort and peace. Sincerely, Judy Hollis

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**Judy Hollis** - August 25, 2021 at 02:04 PM

SE

“ Satorius Family,

*Hoping, soon your tears will be replaced with smiles of the many memories you have of a wonderful man.*

*Johnny & Sandy Estill*

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**Sandy Estill** - August 25, 2021 at 11:46 AM

DM

“ So sorry for your loss, continued prayers for all of Brian's family.  
Danny and Dot Morgan and Stacey (Morgan) Jim and Alexis Williamson.

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**Dorothy M Morgan** - August 24, 2021 at 10:43 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Brian Matthew Satorius "Opie".*



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August 24, 2021 at 09:57 PM



“ *Condolences to the family. May each memory bring a smile to your face, may God ease you pain and sorrow.*

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**Mike Carter** - August 24, 2021 at 08:05 PM

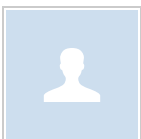


“ *Dave, Gail, JD, Jeff, Dianne and Brian purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Brian Matthew Satorius "Opie".*



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**Dave, Gail, JD, Jeff, Dianne and Brian** - August 24, 2021 at 06:19 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brian Matthew Satorius "Opie".*



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August 24, 2021 at 02:54 PM

NS

“ We are so sad to hear of the news of Brian's untimely passing. We are thinking of his family and loved ones, and are praying for their strength and healing in this difficult time.

*Illinois Agricultural Leadership Foundation*

Nicole Solberg - August 24, 2021 at 02:45 PM

RS

“ Jim, Words are very inadequate, I know. Karen and I want you to know we are praying for you and your family. We hope that your faith will carry you through this, when you think of your Brian, be sure to smile, from what I read, that is what he would want.  
Bless you,  
Rick and Karen Setzer

Rick Setzer - August 24, 2021 at 10:50 AM

GL

*I had not seen Brian in a few years, but I still consider him a very good friend and a swell kid that I loved very much. I always appreciated his witty sense of humor and his decency in life. I am deeply sorry for his loss will be greatly felt in the community. Condolences to the family. God Speed 🙏*

Gary Leming - August 24, 2021 at 02:59 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brian Matthew Satorius "Opie".



August 24, 2021 at 09:30 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Brian's passing. We will keep the family in our thoughts and prayers.

*Jake Glick and Haley Dixon*



**Haley Glick** - August 24, 2021 at 08:14 AM

JC

“ I have not seen Brian since he graduated from PORTA. I remember him as a fierce and worthy competitor against us when I was coaching at Athens. His dad, Jim, was so proud of him and his accomplishments. I know the world was a better place because of Brian. Now heaven will be better.

**John Curry** - August 24, 2021 at 07:38 AM

RS

“ Ron And Susie Sanert lit a candle in memory of Brian Matthew Satorius "Opie"



**Ron and Susie Sanert** - August 24, 2021 at 06:58 AM

AB

“ Got to know Brian in 2003, in my first trip ever to US - I'm from Brazil and we worked together at TeeJet. What a nice, friendly and good man was Brian. Just unbelievable that this happened. May God bless his family and give them strength to carry on.

**Alexandre Ballarotti** - August 24, 2021 at 06:54 AM

MT

“*Brian. Opie. Hannibal. One of my oldest friendships. Perhaps my first sleepover. Though we rarely saw each other as adults, this one is hard. Because you were everything good about where I come from, and where I will always call home. You were the Jimmy Chipwood in Hoosiers, if not the Gene Hackman. You are what I love and respect about small towns and about Central Illinois: God, family, pride in community, hard work, easy smile, helpful hand, honesty, sincerity, actions over words. Your work took you around the world, but your heart never left Menard County. That whole area bleeds today because it has lost one of its best sons. But it's a better place because of you. What better measure of a man's worth than the lives he touched in a positive way? By that measure, you can look down and surely see that you were invaluable. You are and shall be sorely missed, old friend.*

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**MT** - August 23, 2021 at 11:06 PM

MH

*To Marsha and family, I am so very sorry for your loss of Brian in his prime years of life! I can't imagine the pain you are feeling. Sending most heartfelt prayers to your family!*

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**Margie Hofferkamp** - August 24, 2021 at 03:11 PM



“*Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brian Matthew Satorius "Opie".*



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August 23, 2021 at 10:35 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Brian Matthew Satorius "Opie".



August 23, 2021 at 09:49 PM



“ There are not enough words to describe what a wonderful person Brian was. There are very few people in this world so willing to help at any time. Our prayers go out to Brianne, the kids and the entire family. Brian was a rare jewel.

Dallas Geis - August 23, 2021 at 09:19 PM



“ Sorry,for your loss.Prayers for your family!



Melinda Combs - August 23, 2021 at 08:43 PM



“ Sorry,for your loss.Prayers for your family!

Diane Willing - August 23, 2021 at 08:41 PM

DW

“ Sorry,for your loss.Prayers for your family



Diane Willing - August 23, 2021 at 08:37 PM

MC

“ Sorry, for your loss.Prayers for your family!



Melinda Combs - August 23, 2021 at 08:35 PM



“ I am so sorry for the loss of your husband Brianne ,and I will keep praying for you

Lisa Maness Boggs - August 23, 2021 at 06:44 PM

MA

“ Doug and I and the girls all send our love and prayers to the family. Brian was a sweet, gentle man and it was so evident how much he loved his family. We will miss him.  
Doug, Marty, Mindy and Micki

Marty - August 23, 2021 at 05:16 PM

DI

“ We were working on something at the sound board and standing in the back of the sanctuary at Central Presbyterian. Out of the blue, Brian got a bit misty and very quietly said, "One day, I wanna walk Ava down this aisle."

Oh, God, our hearts are broken. We look to you to put us back together, knowing the fissures will always remind us of loved ones we miss. Be with Brianne, Ethan, and Ava, with Marsha and Jim and so many who grieve because they love. Amen.



DianeLudington - August 23, 2021 at 04:47 PM

BC

“ So sorry for your loss, 🙏



brenda otto craig - August 23, 2021 at 01:29 PM

RJ

Jim, so sorry to hear of your Son's passing. My prayers are with you and your family.

Rick Juergens - August 24, 2021 at 09:22 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Brian "Opie" Satorius



Hurley Funeral Home - August 23, 2021 at 01:20 PM

ES

*I'm having trouble finding the words. Praying for his wife and children, Jim and Marsha! Brian was such a fine person! He is the 9th former player that has gone way too soon! I will miss you as I miss the others! Hard to understand but I know God has a plan for all of them!!! I hope you all get together and play some hoops and know how much you are missed!!!!!!*

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**eric sarff** - August 24, 2021 at 08:02 PM