



## Brian Neil Conaway

August 4, 1969 - October 15, 2024

Brian Neil Conaway,

55, of Fishers, passed away October 15, 2024. He was born August 4, 1969 in Gary, Indiana to Thomas W. and Patricia A. Conaway. Brian was a graduate of East Gary Edison High School, Class of 1987. He had a double major in psychology and philosophy; then received his master's degree in psychology from Purdue University. He established Conaway Counseling and Consulting where he served as a behavior clinician to individuals throughout Indiana. As a licensed mental health counselor, he became a certified cognitive behavior therapist and clinically certified forensic counselor. He was a member of the American Psychological Association, Association for Psychological Science and the National Association for Forensic Counselors.

Brian personified music. Starting from his early years of being recognized for earning awards as a drummer for his high school band to his mastering of the electric guitar, his passion for music was seen and heard everywhere. If he was not playing the guitar, Brian would be found sharing his other joy of philosophy with his children and wife. He loved reading and philosophy, especially anything by Nietzsche, Foucault and Rorty to name a few. Brian was a proud Purdue alum. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends building long-lasting memories and traditions.

A memorial visitation will be Thursday, October 24, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. until the time of service at 2:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Road, Fishers.

Brian is survived by his wife, Amy T. Conaway; daughters, Kagan Conaway and Kendall Conaway; son, Rylan Conaway; brother, Jason Conaway (Meilan Chen); and father, Tom Conaway. He was preceded in death by his mother, Patricia Conaway and brother, Michael Conaway.

Memorial contributions may be made in Brian's memory to the Tunnels to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10306.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **24**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel  
9900 N. Allisonville Road  
Fishers, IN 46038  
(317) 841-7878  
info@shirleybrothers.com  
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

## Memorial Service

OCT **24**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

KH

“ Brian was our daughter's behavior specialist for over 8 years and he was incredibly talented!! He was genius with creative ways to help bring about positive changes in her life. Not only that, his warm, engaging personality with our whole team, and his love for Kelsey was evident in the way he showed up. He always went above and beyond when there were problems. Brian was an exceptional soul! We have added him to a nationwide Mass of Remembrance on November 2nd. If you find The God Minute website and click on All Souls Day tab, you will see that his obit photo was added to the collage of those who have passed this year. The collage will show up on that date. Special prayers will be sent at that time by many people who visit this app daily for prayer and inspiration all year long. Let his life be an inspiration to all the lives he has touched as an example to love and give freely the talents we have been given, to make our world a better place. RIP --- The Harris Family

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**Kathy and Scott Harris** - October 28, 2024 at 09:37 AM

LB

“ There are not words to describe how tragic this loss is for so many individuals that Brian was truly significant for and valued. He was so kind, intelligent and dedicated to the clients he served. Losing him is one of the most difficult losses for many. Nobody can replace him and his light he brought to the world but he was loved and appreciated by many. I worked with Brian and his clients for almost 7 years and directly saw how revolutionary he was to some people's lives. I saw his hard work in action and his influence truly made many stronger and better people. I am sorry for your loss and hope the memories written here give you some peace. He made this world a better place. His memory remains in the hearts of so many.

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**Lauren Brannon** - October 24, 2024 at 11:12 AM

SK

*Yeah my behavior specialist 20 year it so hard for me take it in*

**STEVEN KRUG** - October 24, 2024 at 01:11 PM

AF

“ *Allen Fazekas purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Brian Neil Conaway.*



**Allen Fazekas** - October 24, 2024 at 01:00 AM

AF

“ *Allen Fazekas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Neil Conaway.*

**Allen Fazekas** - October 24, 2024 at 01:00 AM

BS

“ *Brent S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Neil Conaway.*

**Brent S.** - October 23, 2024 at 05:32 PM

JD

“ *Brian was our son's BC for over 20 years. He guided us all through some very tough years. We will always be so very grateful for his knowledge, patience, and kindness. He will be greatly missed. We are so sorry for your loss, and are keeping you in our prayers.*

**Janet Dieterly** - October 23, 2024 at 04:36 PM

ZM

“ Brian was not only a savior in my life he turned out to be my friend I was a client for almost 20 years I could not ask for a better guy to help me threw my time growing up I was his client since i was young man thank you Brian for being a wonderful friend my condolences to all his family r.i.p my dear friend

Zackary Martino - October 23, 2024 at 03:58 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Brian Neil Conaway.



October 23, 2024 at 03:20 PM

PG

“ Preston, Rocky, and Rock Garage planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Neil Conaway.

Preston, Rocky, and Rock Garage - October 23, 2024 at 03:20 PM

SK

“ He was a good friend he's been with me as my behavior specialist for 20 years he always took me to my mom's to see her in Lafayette it's a heavy heart to know he died hard to take it in he will be missed

STEVEN KRUG - October 22, 2024 at 03:38 PM

AB

“ I’m so sorry to hear of Brian’s passing. I worked with him as a case manager to some individuals he served. It was an honor working with him and he will be greatly missed. Sending prayers of comfort to his family and friends.



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**Amy Bartlett** - October 22, 2024 at 12:42 PM

AF

“ Aleksandra Nowacki & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Brian Neil Conaway.



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**Aleksandra Nowacki & Family** - October 22, 2024 at 09:04 AM



“ I met Brian in 1987 working at Savemore grocery store. We quickly became friends and would do what most teenagers did back then. Go to the beach, record stores, concerts, listening to music and him playing guitar 🎸 with Darren and the band.

We also rode bicycles 🚲 and did a couple of centuries (100 miles). We decided to ride down to West Lafayette where our friend Al was attending Purdue which was also 100 miles or so. We successfully made the ride down and visited with Al for the weekend. When it was time to ride backup north I called my Dad to come down with his Chevy pickup to throw them in the truck bed and ride home in comfort as our legs were finished from the ride down.

Darrin let me know about Brian's untimely passing this past week. We were all good friends back then just starting our life. I have so many good memories of us all hanging out and having fun together with lots of laughter and happiness.

RIP Brian my friend ☐

Thoughts and prayers of comfort 🙏 for your loved ones, colleagues, friends and patients.



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**Matt Gray** - October 21, 2024 at 11:23 PM



“ Brian was an extremely talented multi instrumentalist, and more importantly, an extremely sweet human being. We shared a love for the band Cheap Trick, and when I commented on his extensive hoodie collection (I don't know if I ever saw the same one twice!), one Christmas he got me a hoodie. This is a very sad loss, and on behalf of the Rock Garage community, my thoughts and prayers go to his family.

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**Preston Nash** - October 21, 2024 at 09:36 PM



“ Brian has been our autistic son's long time behavioral therapist. His gentle spirit, obvious concern, personal touch, knowledge, and sense of humor were invaluable to us, and we will certainly miss him very much. We are in shock right now, but can't imagine what his dear family is going through. You have our sincerest condolences. Rest assured he was excellent with our son, and was a unique and gifted individual. Our prayers are with you

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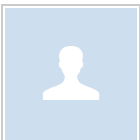
**Catherine H McGrew** - October 21, 2024 at 08:46 PM



“ Sharon A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Neil Conaway.

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**Sharon A.** - October 21, 2024 at 05:29 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brian Neil Conaway.



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October 21, 2024 at 05:29 PM

BS

“ Brian and Jenny Swinehart planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Neil Conaway.

Brian and Jenny Swinehart - October 21, 2024 at 01:07 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Brian Neil Conaway.



October 21, 2024 at 01:07 PM

JT

“ Brian was a wonderful person and behavior consultant. He worked with my family for over 25 years. Both of my boys benefited from his knowledge and expertise in his field. He will be greatly missed. Not sure how we will ever be able to find someone to fill his shoes.

Jeanie Taylor - October 21, 2024 at 10:43 AM

MN

“ My Condolences to the family. Brian and I worked together for 18 years and I always enjoyed his openness, honesty and the way he advocated for the individuals he served. I know they will miss him dearly. To so many people Brian was the individual they could count on to always be there for them. RIP Bri, job well done on Earth, you will be missed. Mary B. Nichols

Mary B Nichols - October 20, 2024 at 04:39 PM

UT

“ Uncle John Aunt Sharon Don and Chad Tarr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Neil Conaway.

Uncle John Aunt Sharon Don and Chad Tarr - October 20, 2024 at 12:09 PM

UT

“ Uncle John Aunt Sharon Don and Chad Tarr purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Brian Neil Conaway.



Uncle John Aunt Sharon Don and Chad Tarr - October 20, 2024 at 12:09 PM

TW

“ Brian was great I loved talking to him he was a very wise man and he will be greatly missed he always had a smile on his face and always gave positive vibes spread your wings Tami williams

Tami williams - October 19, 2024 at 03:27 PM

II

“ lu l. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Neil Conaway.

lu l. - October 19, 2024 at 12:56 PM

JC

“ We are so very sorry to hear of Brian's passing. His children Kagan, Kendall, and Rylan loved their father very much. He loved his children and helped them grow into very fine and loving adults. We wish all the family peace and comfort as they grieve. Jacques & Gene Camp

Jacques Camp - October 18, 2024 at 08:05 PM

DS

“ I will always remember Brian as a hero. He fought hard as an advocate for our mutual clients, making sure their needs were met and help them live their best lives. My heart goes out to all his loved ones.

Dan Sanger - October 18, 2024 at 07:45 PM

MM

“ I am Brian's mother-in law. He was more like a second son. I Loved him and will miss him. He was so good to my daughter and my step grandchildren. He was such a kind and caring man who touched so many lives with his goodness.

Mary Morgan - October 18, 2024 at 07:24 PM

TF

“ Thomas, Brian's father planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Neil Conaway.

Thomas, Brian's father - October 18, 2024 at 05:45 PM

TF

“ Thomas, Brian's father purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Brian Neil Conaway.



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**Thomas, Brian's father** - October 18, 2024 at 05:45 PM

SS

“ I will miss Brian so much he was my behavioral therapist for 24 years he always made me feel better when I was having a bad day from Sara Smith

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**Sara Smith** - October 18, 2024 at 04:34 PM

JD

“ Julianne D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Neil Conaway.

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**Julianne D.** - October 18, 2024 at 03:51 PM

DL

“ Darren Locasto purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Brian Neil Conaway.



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**Darren Locasto** - October 18, 2024 at 02:38 PM

DL

“ Darren Locasto planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Neil Conaway.

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**Darren Locasto** - October 18, 2024 at 02:38 PM