



Brian Joseph Eltz

February 8, 1952 - December 6, 2021

Brian Joseph Eltz of Middletown, NY, passed away on December 6, 2021. He was born on February 8th, 1952, in Middletown, NY, to parents Linford and Mary Eltz.

He graduated from Middletown High School in 1970, recently celebrating his 50th class reunion.

Brian married the love of his life, Gretchen Petersen, who he endearingly referred to as 'Honey', on April 29th, 1979, in Middletown, NY, celebrating every day of their 45 years together. After high school he apprenticed as a butcher under Richard Zoghby; working at Zoghby's Prime Meats until 1983 when he became the owner and proprietor of Brian Eltz Prime Meats. He owned the business for twenty years. His wife and children played an integral role in the life of the business following his personification of work ethic and professionalism. He was a consummate professional and absolute artist when it came to being a butcher, mentoring many young men. Everyone who worked for him left with life lessons of professionalism and work ethic.

An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting, snowmobiling and spending time at his weekend home nestled in the Adirondack Mountains, especially when his family was there to share in his love for the land and home. He found a kind of indescribable solace there, as did all the family. A member of the White Oak Gun Club for over 40 years, he hunted with his father-in-law (whom he referred to as 'Dear-old dad'), son and many other hunters (referred to as the 'Old-Timers'). He was the camp cook during hunting season, and he tirelessly

enjoyed his love of cooking and the camaraderie. He was also a member of the BPOE Lodge #1097 for nearly 50 years.

Referred to as the 'Legend' by friends and family because of his kindness, whimsical nature and ability to always see the best in life, he embraced life to the fullest and had a genuine kindness in his heart for those he loved; always putting others first. His family was his life, and he would often say how incredibly proud he was of their accomplishments and their love of family and of life. His children and grandchildren were the light of his life. He will be fondly missed by all, and he will remain in the hearts of many.

He is survived by his loving wife, Gretchen, son Erik Nicholas (Christina), daughter Brienne Rae (Eddie), grandchildren Raegan, Otto and Remington; brother Thomas Eltz and sister Marylin Morrissey. He was predeceased by his parents, Linford and Mary Eltz.

A memorial service will be held at Martinez-Morse Funeral Home on Sunday, December 12th from 2PM to 5PM.

The family wishes to extend their appreciation to CRHC physicians Dr. Yeddu, Dr. Sethi and Dr. Hulse for their support, compassion and collaborative care.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Brian's memory to St. Jude's Children's Hospital on their website www.stjude.org.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC **12**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Martinez-Morse Funeral Home
33 Railroad Ave
Middletown, NY 10940
(845) 343-6918
martinezmorsefcs@gmail.com
<https://www.MartinezFuneralHomes.com/>

Tribute Wall

KS

“ *Gretchen and Family*
Words could never express how very sorry I am, my heart goes out to all of you, I pray that god will carry you through this most tragic time, god bless all of you. Your in my thoughts
Love Kelli Stewart and all of us on the night shift

Kelli Stewart - December 15, 2021 at 06:21 AM

JM

“ *My prayers are with you and your family Gretchen. Sincerely, Julie Marasco*

julie maresco - December 12, 2021 at 07:54 PM


Curtis'Jam
Jackson

“ *Mr Eltz was the epitome of “Dad”. Supportive, caring, and selfless he loved us all as more than just teammates of Erik. Condolences to The Entire Eltz Family.*

Jamaal C Jackson.

Curtis'Jamaal Jackson - December 12, 2021 at 03:47 PM

JC

“ *Gretchen, I am so sorry to hear the news of your husband Brians passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Take care of yourself and your family.*
Joe Chionchio

Joesph Chionchio - December 12, 2021 at 07:45 AM

DM

“ *Our sincere condolences to the entire family . Brian will be missed by many. Kevin and Donna Morley*

Donna Morley - December 12, 2021 at 06:17 AM

KC

“ *Rest in peace, Brian*

Keith Currier - December 11, 2021 at 07:38 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Brian Joseph Eltz.*



December 11, 2021 at 07:27 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Brian Joseph Eltz.*



December 10, 2021 at 02:46 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Brian Joseph Eltz.*



December 10, 2021 at 12:46 PM

JK

“ Brian how I am going to miss you. As years go by I do meet some great people that I work for and you are at the top of my list. I will never forget our great conversations over a beer sitting on the front porch, you will forever be in my heart as my friend .I'm so sorry for your family cuz I can't imagine the loss of someone like you. Rest in peace my friend😞😞

James kristoff - December 10, 2021 at 11:31 AM

BS

“ My sincere sympathy to Brian's family. It seems like only yesterday when I walked down the street to Dick's meat market and found a new face behind the counter. He was a very friendly kid who I could tell was enjoying his new job. I watched him become a master butcher as the years passed and he also became a good friend. It was always a pleasure talking to him. He enjoyed life, his work and the company of others. I will miss him. Bill Sprague

Bill Sprague - December 10, 2021 at 10:46 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Brian Joseph Eltz.



December 10, 2021 at 09:46 AM

PH

“ so very sorry for Brians's loss. He was the best landlord I ever had. He was always so great to make this easy for me during a life's transition. My sincere condolences to his family. You lost a great guy.

Pat Hunt - December 10, 2021 at 08:31 AM



“ 38 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Martinez Funeral Homes - December 09, 2021 at 02:41 PM

JM

“ *Brian and I were friends when in elementary school. When he started working as a butcher it was down the street from where I lived. He was such a nice person. My condolences to his family.*

jean myers - December 08, 2021 at 09:41 PM

BB

“ *Barbara Bertholf lit a candle in memory of Brian Joseph Eltz*



Barbara Bertholf - December 08, 2021 at 08:34 PM

MM

*It is with great sadness, yet many wonderful memories that I acknowledge your Loss. Brian and I shared many memories from school and beyond.
May His Memory Be For A Blessing.
Rest In Peace my dear friend Brian
Marie Morey*

marie morey - December 08, 2021 at 09:41 PM

CK

“ *My mom, Nathalie Meltzer Ellman used to shop at his store frequently. She used to say how she enjoyed going there because Brian and everyone were so friendly. I’m so sorry for your loss. May his memory be a blessing.*

Carol Meltzer Klein - December 08, 2021 at 07:39 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Brian Joseph Eltz.*



December 08, 2021 at 07:30 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Brian Joseph Eltz.*



December 08, 2021 at 06:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brian Joseph Eltz.*



December 08, 2021 at 10:41 AM

PS

“ I've been friends with Brian for many years and we've shared many laughs together. It was great seeing him at our reunion.....it was fun! Thanks Gretchen for closing me up!
Although I am unable to attend the services as I live in Florida, I am sending you all love and prayers. God Bless.

Pat Breakell Simmons

Pat simmons - December 08, 2021 at 09:00 AM

MI

How very sad to hear this ! My 90 year old Mom Judith Ingrassia was just speaking of Brian on Sunday saying his store was the best and he could cut the finest pork roasts and any cut of meat to perfection! Our deepest sympathy and prayers to Gretchen and family! Brian was wonderful to everyone and we shall always remember his warm smile and k kindness. With our deepest sympathy ❤️🕊️ Judith and Maria Ingrassia

maria Ingrassia - December 08, 2021 at 09:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brian Joseph Eltz.



December 07, 2021 at 05:38 PM