



Mr. Christopher Brian McKinney

January 8, 1973 - April 4, 2024

Christopher Brian McKinney was born Monday January 8, 1973 to Thomas and Gracie Mae McKinney at St. Mary's Hospital in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Some say the best things in life come in pairs. Thomas and Gracie were pleasantly surprised to learn God gave Christopher a built-in best friend, his twin brother Clifton Bret. Lots of things came early and with competition in regards to the twins, specifically their date of birth. The twins were born into this world weighing less than 11 pounds put together. Christopher always had to be first...first to be born, first to be held, first to be weighed, and definitely the first to eat.

The oldest brother Thomas Jr. had his hands full. But, they would all make way for their younger siblings

Carmen Camille, Kerrie Raine, and Olivia Beatrice.

Christopher was affectionately known to his family as Brian. During his early childhood years, Brian received formal education through the Milwaukee Public School System. Brian at an early age that it was important to be active in the community that he lived in. To show his comradery and share his sense of brotherhood, Brian was engaged in many extracurricular activities. Brian would learn what it meant to be prepared and develop outstanding leadership skills with his

neighborhood Den as a Cub Scout. With his mom as the Den Leader, Brian gained enduring friendships with other members including his honorary brother Kemmon Gee, Christopher Watts, Edwin Scott, Eric Carr, Mario Mallet, and Jeff Wenzell.

During his adolescence, Brian showed more interest in sports. He played with Beckum-Stapleton Little League baseball, Senior League baseball, and softball. Brian was involved with the group: Athletes for Youth (AFY), where he was a running back in football, with the Brown Deer rams. Brian and Bret never backed out of bantering with the opposing team. The twins would be called McKinney Crud. Somehow the name only 'stuck' with Brian Entered the nickname he will forever be known for... "CRUD."

Brian was a product of a progressive household who endured many challenges, like civil unrest. They fought for the right to become all of who they knew they could be. Brian and the majority of his Siblings were trailblazers. In efforts to promote cultural and racial integration, they attended Cudahy High School, in Cudahy, WI. They took the school by storm. There wasn't much this family didn't do. Again, Brian created lifelong friendships with some of his classmates including but not limited to Michael Ladell, Houston Boone, Neil Kelly, Giovanni Russo, and Terrence Burkett. Brian was a good sport! He played for a plethora of teams and received tons of accolades in basketball, baseball, track, wrestling, and football before graduating in the year of 1992 .

Brian wanted to increase his independence, maturity, responsibility,

accountability, excellence, and future opportunities by attending the University of Whitewater-Wisconsin and the Rochester Community College in Rochester, MN. Brian was no stranger to hard work and experienced several fulfilling positions in general labor. For over 10 years, Brian was a Security Director at Bryant & Stratton College in Wauwatosa, WI., and took courses in pursuit of his Associates Degree in Criminal Justice.

Brian found pleasure in taking road trips to see his baby brother Bret out of State, listening to music (any genre), spending time at his local Starbucks for coffee and conversation, fishing, tuning into Green Bay Packer games, and going live to play his Xbox in none other thanfootball.

Brian accepted Christ into his life, early in his life. He enjoyed attending Parklawn Assembly of God in Milwaukee, WI.

Brian's family including his grandparents, aunts/uncles and cousins loved him dearly and cared for him. Brian's sister-in-law. Tammy and honorary sister Mrs. Myanna Pinkston cherished him. He loved his nephews: Qadry, randy, Tyree (Noelia) and Noah. His nieces: Kendall, Tatiana, Camille, and Khylee were quite fond of him. Brian was also excited about his 2-year old great-niece, Amora Gracie.

In this life, there are times for everything. Brian knew that most of all. he also knew that if he didn't hit his mark, he'd continue on and encourage himself. He never gave up.

Brian entered the very presence of and found himself home with the Lord at

the age of 51 on Thursday, April 4, 2024. He was preceded in death by his loving mother, Gracie.

Cemetery Details

Graceland Cemetery

6401 N. 43rd St.
Milwaukee, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

World Outreach Center
3410 W. Silver Spring Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53209

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Carmen McKinney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Christopher Brian McKinney* ”



Carmen McKinney - October 15, 2025 at 11:08 PM



“ *Thomas McKinney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Christopher Brian McKinney* ”



Thomas McKinney - August 15, 2025 at 10:59 PM



I miss you little bro pals forever

Thomas McKinney - August 15, 2025 at 11:00 PM



“ *Kerrie McKinney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Christopher Brian McKinney* ”



Kerrie McKinney - March 04, 2025 at 06:38 PM

SH

“ Shannon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Christopher Brian McKinney



Shannon - September 22, 2024 at 03:56 PM

CM

“ Carmen McKinney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Christopher Brian McKinney



Carmen McKinney - September 19, 2024 at 02:08 PM



“ Kerrie McKinney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Christopher Brian McKinney



Kerrie McKinney - May 28, 2024 at 11:45 PM

CM

“ Carmen McKinney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Christopher Brian McKinney



Carmen McKinney - April 30, 2024 at 11:02 AM

MM

“ *Monica McDowell lit a candle in memory of
Mr. Christopher Brian McKinney*



Monica McDowell - April 11, 2024 at 10:29 AM