



Brian J. Norton

August 9, 1976 - February 5, 2022

Brian “B” J. Norton, age 45, of Paxton, passed away on Saturday, February 5, 2022 at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana. He was born on August 9, 1976 in Danville, the son of John Richard and Donna Sue (Dreadfulwater) Norton.

Brian is survived by his father, John Norton of Hoopeston; longtime girlfriend, Hannah Ritter, and her children, Landon Ritter and Devin Bradford, all of Paxton; one brother, Jeff Norton of Normal; and his best friends, Officer Jason Dunavan of Danville, and Ryan White of Los Gatos, CA.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Donna; an uncle, Steve Johnson; and his maternal and paternal grandparents.

Brian was a Deputy for the Ford County Sheriff’s Office since 2019. He started his Law Enforcement career in 2009 at Rossville Police Department. In 2011, he transferred to Paxton Police Department part-time; then in 2013 became a full-time patrol officer. Brian had also served the communities of Onarga and Gilman.

He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police and was a Cherokee Nation Citizen.

Along with serving his community, Brian was an avid golfer, and enjoyed MMA

fights, the Chicago Cubs, the Indianapolis Colts, and 80's rock bands. He loved traveling to baseball games and going to concerts with his brother, Jeff, and enjoyed being with friends and family during summer cookouts. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, February 19, 2022 from 11:00am until the 2:00pm memorial service, at Cox-Knapp Funeral Home in Paxton (142 W. Patton St.). Memorials may be made to Gift of Hope or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

A benefit for Brian will be held on Sunday, February 27, 2022 from 2:00pm – 6:00pm, at 103 East Bar & Grill in Buckley (103 E. Lincoln St.).

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

FEB **19**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Cox-Knapp Funeral Home
142 W. Patton St.
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coxknappfh@gmail.com
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Tribute Wall

FE

“ Heartfelt condolences to Brian's family, friends, and those he served with. Honors to him for his service and organ donation. Back the Blue!



Fred Ermanovics - February 21, 2022 at 08:43 PM

MN

“ MIKE AND KELIKA NORTHAM purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Brian J. Norton.



MIKE AND KELIKA NORTHAM - February 18, 2022 at 05:25 PM

JR

“ Brian was a great coworker, partner and friend. More than that he was a phenomenal person. He will forever be loved and missed. We'll hold the line from here buddy.

S7 😞

Justin Rzechula - February 18, 2022 at 04:46 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Brian J. Norton.



February 18, 2022 at 04:36 PM

CS

“ Met Brian when he and Hannah first met, such a great person. Always nice and had a smile you could not forget. My heart goes out to Hannah , his brother and family.

Carol Shaw - February 17, 2022 at 08:01 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Brian J. Norton.



February 16, 2022 at 01:26 PM

JF

“ Johnson, Swanson, Velazquez family purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Brian J. Norton.



Johnson, Swanson, Velazquez family - February 16, 2022 at 08:13 AM

TP

“ Tabitha Powell lit a candle in memory of Brian J. Norton



Tabitha Powell - February 15, 2022 at 02:35 PM

MC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Monty Cassidy - February 13, 2022 at 09:03 AM

RS

“ Rossville Community Ambulance Service purchased the Bountiful European Dish Garden for the family of Brian J. Norton.



Rossville Community Ambulance Service - February 11, 2022 at 10:44 AM

MF

“ Michael Sroufek Jr. & Family purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Brian J. Norton.



Michael Sroufek Jr. & Family - February 11, 2022 at 09:55 AM

BS

“ I am just heartbroken over his loss. He was an amazing friend and help me through one of the most devastating times of my life. He always knew how to make me smile and laugh! You are truly missed my friend. Much love from your Arkansas friend, Bonnie. Please keep an eye out on me as I may still need help with using my blinker. ❤️🙏

Bonnie Dennis Siefert - February 11, 2022 at 08:38 AM

MC

“ *Monty & Heidi Cassidy purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Brian J. Norton.*



Monty & Heidi Cassidy - February 10, 2022 at 10:19 PM

MC

“ *They say friends are the family we choose. Being chosen by Brian was one of the greatest moments of my life and when B passed, it was the one of the worst moments of my life. Honoring a friend's death is truly about honoring their life. I am grateful I can revel and reflect on all our moments as family. We all thank you for your service and may you rest in peace brother. You are 10-42, We have the watch now.*

Monty Cassidy - February 10, 2022 at 09:56 PM

GY

“ *Gene And Celia Finch Young lit a candle in memory of Brian J. Norton*

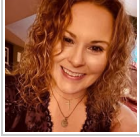


Gene and Celia Finch Young - February 10, 2022 at 10:27 AM

GY

Oh how I remember Brian as a child. He and Jeff were 2 of my favorites of all of the kids in town! 2 sweet little boys that both turned into awesome men. My heart is broken that Brian has left this earth and I pray for strength for Jeff to keep living a full life. Sending love and hugs!

Gene and Celia Finch Young - February 10, 2022 at 10:30 AM



“ *Our police training talks were always something I looked forward to. You were a great friend, always there to talk. I’m grateful to have known you. Rest easy now, I’ll see you again someday, friend.* ”



Brennan Sayler - February 10, 2022 at 05:32 AM



“ *Melinda Storm lit a candle in memory of Brian J. Norton* ”



Melinda Storm - February 09, 2022 at 05:00 PM