



## Brian Edward Murray

August 17, 1957 - November 14, 2016

Brian Murray, 59, passed away during the evening of Monday, November 14. Born in Columbus, Ohio, he moved to Lubbock in 1974. Brian attended Texas Tech University and there met and married the love of his life, Lynne Hart Murray on April 12, 1980. After graduating from Texas Tech, he went on to attend the Texas Tech University School of Law, and graduated in 1982. He stayed in Lubbock and practiced law around the South Plains. Brian dedicated himself to criminal defense work, though he maintained a general practice. He served twice as President of the Lubbock Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, and believed strongly in representing the indigent. His two oldest sons decided to follow in his footsteps, and become lawyers. His oldest son, Brendan, died during his second year of law school. Patrick graduated and began practicing law under his father's mentorship. He also had a soft spot for the deaf community, oftentimes providing pro bono representation for them, because he was keenly aware of their struggles because of his own experience with his youngest son, Roarke.

Friends and family knew Brian for his steadfast loyalty, his wit, and often irreverent sense of humor. He may have appeared gruff at first, but quickly opened up and would tell a joke with a twinkle in his eye and a mischievous grin. He never went anywhere he didn't recognize someone and could strike up a conversation anywhere, and be at least somewhat knowledgeable on the topic. Brian was an unabashed, proud Democrat, and would let anyone and

everyone around him be aware of his viewpoints, wherever he went.

Brian is preceded in death by his parents, Anne and Paul Murray; his son Brendan; and his brother Hugh. He is survived by his wife Lynne; his sons Patrick and Roarke; siblings Daniel (Lisa) Murray of The Plains, Ohio, Teresa (Rick) Paulette of Olympia, Washington, and James (Gertrude) Murray of Gahanna, Ohio; his mother-in-law Marie Hart of Levelland, Texas; brother in law John (Bobbie) Hart of Bellevue, Washington, and sister in law Beth Hart of Lubbock, Texas; He is also survived by many nieces, nephews including Grant Murray and Nickolas Hart of Lubbock. He is also survived by countless friends, colleagues, and chosen family.

Visitation at Sanders Funeral home begins at 5 p.m. on November 18, and a Rosary will follow at 6. Funeral Mass will be Saturday November 19 at 11 a.m. Holy Spirit Catholic Church, officiated by Bishop Placido Rodriguez, Father Rudolf Crasta, and Father Jonathan Phillips. Burial to follow at City of Levelland Cemetery. .

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Brendan Murray Criminal Defense Endowed Scholarship Fund, Texas Tech University School of Law, 1802 Hartford Lubbock, Texas 79409.

# Cemetery Details

## City of Levelland Cemetery

1402 Ave H  
Levelland, TX 79336

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 18. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Sanders Funeral Home  
1420 Main Street  
Lubbock, TX 79401  
(806) 763-6433  
director@sandersfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.sandersfuneralhome.com>

## Rosary

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## Mass

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NOV 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
9821 Frankford Ave  
Lubbock, TX 79424  
<http://holyspiritcathparish.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lynne and family. I am so sorry to hear about Brian's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Donna Cook - December 11, 2016 at 05:25 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Sanders Funeral Home - November 18, 2016 at 04:41 PM

BB

*wolf it down*

boy bye - January 30, 2020 at 07:57 AM



“ *27 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Sanders Funeral Home - November 18, 2016 at 01:38 PM



“ *Christopher Paulette purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Brian Edward Murray.*



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**Christopher Paulette** - November 18, 2016 at 02:18 AM



“ *Christopher Paulette lit a candle in memory of Brian Edward Murray*



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**Christopher Paulette** - November 18, 2016 at 12:49 AM



“ *My Uncle Brian was a wonderful man. He was one of the funniest, most humorous people I have known. Along with his humor, he was wise and gave good advice. We had many discussions about many things but one thing he knew well was politics! We definitely had many discussions about that. He advised me through some difficult times and was there for me. My heart goes out to my family right now as we all are going through this. I am currently living in Bangkok and unable to fly back to the states for his funeral, however I am there in my heart.*

*Uncle Brian thank you for your love, dedication to your family, your civic duties and your kindhearted nature. I will miss you very much and I'm sending my love to the Murray family. I love you.*

*-your nephew, Chris*

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**Christopher Paulette** - November 18, 2016 at 12:48 AM

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“ I taught one of Brian and Lynn's sons for a good while. Brian LOVED his family so much. He was also a good friend willing to help at a moment's notice. I appreciate the good father, husband, and man he was. He will be missed.

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**Sylvia Bandy** - November 17, 2016 at 05:41 PM

JM

Lynn I'm so sorry to hear this. I do pray that you will find comfort in the coming days .

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**Jenny Lynn McClure** - November 21, 2016 at 09:05 PM



“ I want to send my love and prayers for Roarke and his families and knowing that the Lord take care of him and he is watching over and keep y'all safe may God Grant yall an strengths.... we will see him again someday as we rise... the light will be leading us all to beautiful treasures in heavenly...

*With all my loves out to this families*  
*Jasmine Williams*

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**Jasmine Williams** - November 17, 2016 at 03:52 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brian Edward Murray.



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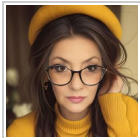
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Sanders Funeral Home - November 17, 2016 at 11:05 AM



“ My prayers are with Brian, My condolences are with his family. I knew Brian from way back. He always carried his heart on his shoulder when young but never hesitated to voice his own, especially when it came to defending someone. Hugh and Brian were really close growing up back then, I wonder if they "just didn't wanna go alone, but together " God bless.

Kimberly (Sims) Stevens.



Kimberly Stevens - November 16, 2016 at 09:23 PM

JT

“ Brian was like a brother to me, we met while we were both going to Tech.

*I could always talk to him about anything. I have been focusing on the superb qualities he displayed every day at work and home and everything he taught me about life, people and right vs wrong.*

*More than anything he taught me to take that which truly matters in life seriously, but never to take yourself seriously.*

*Judi and I send sincere condolences to Lynne and the family.*

*They always made us feel that we were an adopted part of their family.*

*Rest in peace my brother, the world was richer by your presence and poorer by your exit.*

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**John W Thomas** - November 16, 2016 at 07:16 PM

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“ Charley & Tracey Rekieta lit a candle in memory of Brian Edward Murray



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**Charley & Tracey Rekieta** - November 16, 2016 at 05:30 PM