



## Brian S. Kardos Jr.

April 3, 2004 - March 12, 2021

Wantage - Brian S. Kardos, Jr., age 16, unexpectedly passed away due to a tragic accident while working on Friday, March 12, 2021 in Wantage. Born on April 3, 2004 in Newton, Brian attended Sussex-Wantage schools, then the Sussex County Charter School for Technology and was currently a Junior at Sussex County Technical School in the diesel program. Brian was an active member of the Sussex Tech Archery Club, the North Jersey Antique Engine and Machine Club and had raised money by shaving his head in solidarity for the St. Baldrick's Foundation for 9 years, having reached the level of "Knight of the Bald Table." His greatest love and absolute favorite past time was tractor pulling his John Deere 112. Brian enjoyed tinkering with his tractor and trying to find new ways to achieve the "full pull." He also loved hunting, fishing, camping, farming, watching the Green Bay Packers and going to work. He was an extremely hard worker with an outstanding work ethic. Brian had a huge heart and was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone who crossed his path. He was loved by all and has certainly left a hand print on everyone's heart with his good nature, laughter and cheerfulness. Brian was a friend to all, was a listening ear to many and had an enormous infectious smile.

He is survived by his mother, Sherri Cameron and her husband Chris of Wantage; his father, Brian S. Kardos, Sr. and his wife Melanie of Wantage; his sisters, Baylee and Chessa Kardos of Wantage; his maternal grandparents, William and Georgina Brown of Milford, PA; his paternal grandparents, Sharon

and John Kardos of Wantage; his step grandparents, Michael and Linda Iaconetti of Ridgefield Park; his step great-grandfather, Eugene Iaconetti of Ridgefield Park; countless aunts, uncles, and cousins; his loving dogs, Spencer, Penny and Biggie; and his cat, Callie. Friends may pay their respects to the family on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Interment will immediately follow at Clove Cemetery with a repast at the Sussex Fire Department after the burial. Due to New Jersey government health restrictions, attendees will be limited and are required to wear face masks at all times and practice proper social distancing. Virtual services will be available for anyone who would like to view Brian's service. The link is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mdOe5kQL74>

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation in Brian S. Kardos Jr.'s memory to the North Jersey Antique Engine and Machine Club, 67 Branchville-Lawson Road, Newton, NJ 07860 or to the Sussex Fire Department, St. Baldrick's Team, 15 Loomis Avenue, Sussex, NJ 07461 . Online condolences may be offered to the family at [www.pinkelfuneralhome.com](http://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Clove Cemetery

Route 23  
Sussex, NJ 07461

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pinkel Funeral Home, Inc.  
31 Bank Street (Route 23)  
Sussex, NJ 07461  
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alexis@pinkelfuneralhome.com  
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## Service

MAR 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Virtual Service

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MAR 17. 11:00 AM.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mdOe5kQL74>

# Tribute Wall

DZ

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts.

David Zelov - March 19, 2021 at 11:51 PM

DZ

“ David Zelov lit a candle in memory of Brian S. Kardos Jr.



David Zelov - March 19, 2021 at 11:43 PM

HR

“ Never met Brian, but heard the best about the man. You will be missed.

haylee rossi - March 17, 2021 at 07:14 PM

AM

“ Was a very smart man, And was a great classmate 🕊️

Alyssa M. - March 17, 2021 at 06:07 PM

HE

“ Dear Kardos family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. Brian was the best friend ever. He is definitely the worst goodbye I have had to make. May you all always be in my prayers.



Hannah Ellicott - March 17, 2021 at 02:01 PM

DC

“ *David Conklin lit a candle in memory of Brian S. Kardos Jr.*



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**David Conklin** - March 17, 2021 at 01:43 PM

DC

“ *Dear Kardos, family, I am so sorry for your loss. Brian was a great friend and a great kid. He was always happy and was one of the most caring friends.*

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**David Conklin** - March 17, 2021 at 01:42 PM

DK

“ *Dakota Kershaw lit a candle in memory of Brian S. Kardos Jr.*



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**dakota kershaw** - March 17, 2021 at 12:15 PM

HE

“ *Hannah Ellicott lit a candle in memory of Brian S. Kardos Jr.*



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**Hannah Ellicott** - March 17, 2021 at 11:23 AM

JR

“ *Brian was my preschool student. He was such a kind and happy boy who grew up to bring joy to so many. Words cannot express how I feel. This was a tragic loss for so many. I think of him often. My love and prayers to the family.*

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**June Ruggiero** - March 17, 2021 at 10:53 AM

DC

“ *With our deepest Sympathy,  
Love from The Deacon Board of Sparta Evangelical Free Church,  
God Bless you all.*

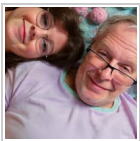
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**Dawn Cutillo** - March 17, 2021 at 10:06 AM

BP

“ *Bridget Peterson lit a candle in memory of  
Brian S. Kardos Jr.*



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**Bridget Peterson** - March 17, 2021 at 09:42 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Words cannot possibly express my  
sadness. God be with you all.*

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**Kim Burns** - March 16, 2021 at 01:53 PM

HE

“ *" In life, we loved you dearly, in death we love you still. In our hearts  
you hold a place, no one else will ever fill."*

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**Hannah Ellicott** - March 16, 2021 at 01:26 PM

HE

“ *" A true friend is never truly gone. Their spirit lives on in the memories of those who loved them."*



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**Hannah Ellicott** - March 16, 2021 at 01:23 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Brian S. Kardos Jr..*



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March 16, 2021 at 12:28 PM

TS

“ *I can't believe after knowing Brian for years since Charter, I only started talking to him this year. But I wouldn't trade in the little time I was friends with him for anything. He was one of my best friends and the biggest ray of sunshine in everyone's lives. He never failed to put a smile on everyone's faces and to make everyone laugh. I remember when we first started becoming friends he made a joke about the Grinch, so the Grinch will forever mean a lot to me. I loved how often we would talk, and he would always call me and we would talk for hours. Brian and I always had something to talk about. I'm never going to forget him and that huge amazing smile of his. A piece of me will forever hold onto him. I love you Big Angel <3  
-Taylor Schoenfeld*

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**Taylor Schoenfeld** - March 16, 2021 at 11:54 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Brian S. Kardos Jr..*



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March 16, 2021 at 11:01 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brian S. Kardos Jr..*



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March 16, 2021 at 10:46 AM



“ *I was made aware of this tragic incident and learned of the impact it had on the community. I am sorry for everyone's loss and I hope the community comes together to heal. I heard Brian was a good person, and as I read everyone's comments it seems like he was an all around good person. Again I am sorry for everyones loss. Stay Strong*  
*- Adam Calhoun*

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**Adam Calhoun** - March 16, 2021 at 10:27 AM



*Adam, he was a HUGE fan of both you and Ryan Upchurch. If you go to the funeral home's YouTube page, there is a video tribute that included Holler Boys. Thank you for bringing my son joy with your music*

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**Sherri Cameron** - March 18, 2021 at 03:21 PM

SC

*Adam, my son Brian was a huge fan of your music and also Ryan Upchurch. If you go to the Pinker funeral home YouTube channel, there was a video tribute of his processional made using Holler Boys. He was a Holler Boy for sure*

**Sherri Cameron** - March 18, 2021 at 03:23 PM

HE

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



**Hannah Ellicott** - March 16, 2021 at 09:34 AM

MM

“ *I'm sorry for your loss Brian was an amazing kid with a big heart. I remember him making me laugh last year every day in math class and facetime. Just remember he's watching us now up in the skies wanting all of us to smile and laugh.*

**Megan Mercer** - March 16, 2021 at 09:23 AM

HE

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. He was a good kid and he was always willing to help others in any way that he could.*



**Hannah Ellicott** - March 16, 2021 at 09:08 AM

HE

“ Brian was always there for everything. Brian was the one that I went to for everything. He was the one I went to when I just wasn't feeling myself and he would always have a way to help me. He was the one that gave the best advice. He was also the one I went to when I needed someone to talk about some problems I was having and he always knew how I should fix them. Now I never met Brian but over Snapchat, he was my best friend. He is still my best friend and always will be. I hope you are fixing everything you can find up there. Brian this was the worst goodbye I have ever had. I know you wouldn't want us to be sad this long but your goodbye is the hardest for a lot of people. "The worst goodbyes are always the ones that are unexpected." For your family, I am so sorry that he was taken out of your life at such a young age. Brian rest in peace and I wish I could be at all the services that your family is having for you but just know if I could come you know I'd be there. -Hannah Ellicott



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Hannah Ellicott - March 16, 2021 at 09:04 AM

KF

“ Kevin Lodema & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Brian S. Kardos Jr..



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Kevin Lodema & Family - March 15, 2021 at 08:06 PM



“ Ray Murray, Inc. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Brian S. Kardos Jr..



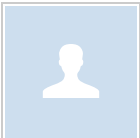
Ray Murray, Inc. - March 15, 2021 at 07:31 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brian S. Kardos Jr..



March 15, 2021 at 07:06 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Brian S. Kardos Jr..



March 15, 2021 at 05:43 PM



“ Marshall Excelsior Company purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Brian S. Kardos Jr..



Marshall Excelsior Company - March 15, 2021 at 02:33 PM

DS

“ Dear Sherri, Baylee, Chris and the Kardos family, We send you all our deepest sympathy for the lose of such a fine young man! We remember Brian, in the County parade when he was so very small, he was asleep on his dad's lap riding on the tractor, in the parade. Such a precious memory. There are no words for us to say ,please, know our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.  
Sincerely, David & Dee Shepherd

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**David Shepherd** - March 15, 2021 at 02:23 PM

AT

“ Dear Families and Friends of Brian Kardos Jr.,

*Brian was my student in fifth grade at Wantage School. He was such a light in the classroom and if an opportunity arose to help me or another student Brian was the first to offer his help. He was kind, sincere and fun. He loved to laugh and our truck talks would turn to tractor talks. He loved his family, pets and friends. He was truly a special young man and will be missed by us all. May he rest in peace. I offer my heartfelt condolences to the family. May God bless you all and bring comfort to you all.*

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**Allen W Terwilliger** - March 15, 2021 at 01:01 PM

SC

*Thank you Mr. T*

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**Sherri Cameron** - March 18, 2021 at 03:26 PM

KI

“ There are really no words to convey, but please know that there are those of us that can understand the grief and the loss that your family faces . There are people who are praying for your peace. Broken hearts are shared with you and you are with us in thought and prayer. May God cover your family with his Grace and May Brian Kardos Jr rest in peace until you see him again.

Kimberly - March 15, 2021 at 11:06 AM

AD

“ Please hold the blankets tight we are sending you in memory of Brian. He will be in our hearts forever.

David and Amy Dennis



Amy and David Dennis - March 15, 2021 at 08:01 AM



“ I Have You In My Heart Plush Blanket was purchased for the family of Brian S. Kardos Jr..



March 15, 2021 at 07:40 AM



“ I Have You In My Heart Plush Blanket was purchased for the family of Brian S. Kardos Jr..



March 15, 2021 at 07:37 AM

KU

“ To the family of Brian, Although I did not know Brian and do not know any of you I do know all too well the pain and suffering you are all experiencing. We are all part of the farming legacy of Sussex County and I am always proud to see young people that develop an interest in the hardest work known to any young person. You are all in my thoughts and my heart goes out to you.

Keith Utter - March 15, 2021 at 04:45 AM

SL

“ Our sincere condolences to Sherri and the Kardos family!  
From Bob and Sue Lordy

Sue lordy - March 15, 2021 at 02:28 AM



“ 8" Angel holding Dove was purchased for the family of Brian S. Kardos Jr..



March 14, 2021 at 07:30 PM

MD

“ HI DEAR KARDOS FAMILY, EVEN THOUGH I NEVER MET YOUNG BRIAN I AM THE AUNT OF GRANDDAD JOHN ; AND HAD THE PLEASURE OF SPENDING TIME WITH DAD BRIAN WHEN HE WAS A LITTLE BOY. YEARS GO BY VERY QUICKLY AND AUNT ANN KARDOS WAS MY FAVORITE PRSON IN THE WORLD. NOW, HER GREAT GRANDSON WILL BE JOINING HER AND SHE WILL WATCH OVER HIM WITH TENDER LOVE. LOVE WITH BLESSINGS, BETTY LEPES DECKER XO

Mary Decker - March 14, 2021 at 07:22 PM

MM

“ His obituary says it all. Brian Jr helped out a lot at our tractor club, always had a smile on his face and was eager to lend a hand no matter what the task. I was truly impressed with his maturity and his knowledge at such a young age. We will certainly miss you. Mary and Danny

Mary Muys - March 14, 2021 at 04:43 PM

CK

“ It was an honor to have that young man drive and drive and drive and drive my Oliver tractor at the fair grounds last year. The Kardos family came into our lives just a few short years ago and what an impact young Brian had on Chuck and I. What can we say about young Brian...mom and dad said it all...it was beautiful.

chuck and linda klim - March 14, 2021 at 02:56 PM

JF

“ Janice Fitzsimmons purchased the Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet for the family of Brian S. Kardos Jr..



Janice Fitzsimmons - March 14, 2021 at 02:50 PM

EP

“ I will always remember his smile. Great young man.

Edware Phipps - March 14, 2021 at 02:45 PM

MA

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Mary - March 14, 2021 at 10:42 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Brian S. Kardos Jr..



March 14, 2021 at 08:33 AM

IS

“ I will always remember that smile, the happiness you had that was sooo contagious, the love you had towards thing you were passionate about, your gleaming happiness, your joy, your kindness, your humor, YOU! YOU, will always be a memory that I will always keep, I miss you, and you will stay in my heart Brian.

Ishtar - March 13, 2021 at 11:56 PM

AF

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



A Dear Friend - March 13, 2021 at 11:50 PM

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**A Dear Friend** - March 13, 2021 at 11:49 PM

KC

*This video is everything. Thank you.*

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**Kelly Little Cart** - March 17, 2021 at 12:13 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Brian S. Kardos Jr.*



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March 13, 2021 at 07:27 PM