



## Brian O'Connell

October 17, 1942 - September 14, 2019

Spring, TX – Brian James O'Connell, age 76, died on Friday, September 13, 2019, at his home.

Brian is survived by his wife, Jani, children: Michael James Lawrence, Hope and her husband Scott Berry. He also leaves behind his brother William and sisters-in-law: Patricia Falconett Komes and Hannah Miller.

Brian is a veteran of the Vietnam War, where he served as Staff Sergeant, E-6, from 1966 – 1970. He had a sense of patriotism and discipline that he learned from the Army, which he took with him through life, as he continued to serve over the years with pride as a Corrections Officer in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and as an Immigration Officer with Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security. From here, Brian retired in 2013.

Brian grew up in New York City, the middle child of James and Rose O'Connell, where his father was a New York City Fire Fighter. At a young age Brian became infatuated with military history and building models of planes, ships and tanks. Even as an adult he would build models with his son, Michael, and incorporate his creations into dioramas depicting scenes from specific military engagements.

A military funeral will be held in Brian's honor on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 11:15am at the Houston National Cemetery 10410 Veterans Memorial

Drive, Houston 77038. Reception to follow at Gleannloch Farms Golf Club, located at 19393 Champion Forest Drive, Spring 77379.

Please no flowers. Donations in memory of Brian can be made to The Home Place of Texas, a non-profit organization for adults with disabilities - a day program that Michael attends. <http://www.hpotx.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brian O'Connell*

July 20, 2022 at 05:14 PM



“ *I believe I saw Brian on stage in Vietnam with Bob Hope? If not, please delete this. If it was Brian, he was seeing pictures from his wife of the twins he'd never seen before. Quite a moment. I thank Brian for serving in Vietnam and his life of service after.*

Sandra Allen - October 16, 2020 at 12:51 PM



“ *With deep sympathy and condolences, our family is keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Love, The Songs*

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Karl Lonieski - September 23, 2019 at 04:36 PM



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*a few seconds ago*

*My heartfelt condolences to Jani and family. I worked with Brian at LGA.*

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**Karl Lonieski** - September 23, 2019 at 04:37 PM