



## Brian Walter Schostak

June 28, 2015

Brian Walter Schostak, formerly of Macedonia, Ohio died at his home in Houston, Texas on Sunday, June 28, 2015. He was 52 years old. Brian was the beloved son of Elizabeth and Walter S. Schostak, husband of Susan Smith, and father of Brian Smith.

Brian attended Nordonia High School, graduated in 1980 and went on to The Ohio State University where he studied surveying. He graduated with a double major with Bachelor of Science degrees in both Surveying and Civil Engineering in 1985.

Brian was hired right out of college by Shell Oil Company where he was employed until his death. He first worked for Shell in New Orleans where he and his team of surveyors received an award for the accuracy of their calculations of the depth of the ocean floor. He moved to Houston, Texas and began to travel the world for Shell Oil, entralling his family and friends with photos and stories of his adventures. Brian worked in the Geomatics department for Shell Exploration and Production Company and was head of the department from 2005 to 2009. He was Head of Data Management for Shell from 2009 to 2011 and then moved to Geophysical Operations where he became manager in September 2013 acquiring both land and marine geophysical data throughout North and South America.

A founding member of APSG (Americas Petroleum Survey Group), Brian served as Chair of Education 1999-2000 and was Secretary Treasurer from 2007-2009. He was Executive Chair of OGP Joint Industry Project GIGS and

was given the APSG Meritorious Service Award and inducted into the APSG Hall of Fame because of his work.

Brian was fond of surprising his mother on birthdays and holidays, giving her the joy of an unexpected visit.

Brian spent the last 10 years married to Susan Smith in Houston, Texas.

Together they raised Brian Smith, who initially was her son, but quickly became Brian's son too. "Big Brian" took great pride in "Little Brian" and his baseball career throughout high school, junior college, and finally Rice University. "Big Brian" also loved spending time with Susan and their dogs Duke, Jack, and Jett.

Preceded in death by his father, Brian is survived by his mother, Elizabeth Schostak of Stow, Ohio; sisters, Diana (John Packard) of Florida, Susan of Stow, OH, Sandy (Bob Williams) of Streetsboro, OH and brother Walter (Cynthia) of Silver Lake, OH; as well as nephews, Adam, Andrew, and Ben Wehmann, Ryan Packard, Walter Schostak; and nieces, Erika Packard and Julia Schostak.

Memorial service will be held on July 10, 2015 at 1:00 PM at Addison Funeral Home in Spring, Texas.

May his memory be eternal.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brian Walter Schostak*

July 20, 2022 at 05:14 PM



“ *Rahimin Kamarudin lit a candle in memory of Brian Walter Schostak*



**Rahimin Kamarudin** - August 08, 2018 at 12:01 AM



“ *I've known Brian for the last few years through many meetings and presentations to him and his team at Shell. He was always totally courteous and professional with us and it was always a pleasure to see him. I last talked with Brian a few months ago, stan*

**Richard Bottomley** - August 08, 2018 at 12:01 AM



“ *Richard Bottomley lit a candle in memory of Brian Walter Schostak*



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JB

“ *John Berry lit a candle in memory of Brian Walter Schostak*



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**John Berry** - August 08, 2018 at 12:01 AM

JE

“ *Jonathan T. Ellison lit a candle in memory of Brian Walter Schostak*



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**Jonathan T. Ellison** - August 08, 2018 at 12:01 AM

JC

“ *Jerry Coggins lit a candle in memory of Brian Walter Schostak*



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**Jerry Coggins** - August 08, 2018 at 12:01 AM

JC

“ *I work at Shell for many years, and occasionally consulted with Brian. He was 'one of the good guys' as I like to say. He was smart, kind, and positive; I never heard an unkind word about him or from him. I wish his family, extended family, and frrien*

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**Jerry Coggins** - August 08, 2018 at 12:01 AM

CM

“ *Cory Moore lit a candle in memory of Brian Walter Schostak*



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**Cory Moore** - August 08, 2018 at 12:01 AM

JP

“ *Jackie Portsmouth lit a candle in memory of Brian Walter Schostak*



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**Jackie Portsmouth** - August 08, 2018 at 12:01 AM

BK

“ *Bish Karko lit a candle in memory of Brian Walter Schostak*



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**Bish Karko** - August 08, 2018 at 12:01 AM

PH

“ Many have already commented with accuracy as to how good, dedicated, and friendly Brian "always" was.

*I've known Brian since the 90's and can without any doubt whatsoever, reiterate how the world was a better place with Brian in it.*

*He will be sadly mis*

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**Phil Howells & Harvey-Lynch** - August 08, 2018 at 12:01 AM

JP

“ John Kelly And All At Hydro Projects lit a candle in memory of Brian Walter Schostak



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**John Kelly and all at Hydro Projects** - August 08, 2018 at 12:01 AM

TC

“ Thomas Chance lit a candle in memory of Brian Walter Schostak



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**Thomas Chance** - August 08, 2018 at 12:01 AM

TC

“ I offer my heartfelt condolences to Brian's family. I have known and worked with Brian for about 25 years. He was certainly a kind and wonderful person who was taken from this earth far too prematurely.

*As former owner of C & C Technologies, a key su*

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**Thomas Chance** - August 08, 2018 at 12:01 AM

ML

“ I joined Shell in 2014, and read some of the previous material Brian had written and worked on in the past, from which I immediately noticed what a knowledgeable and valuable professional he was.

*I eventually met Brian in person, and was with him only a*

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**Michael Lees** - August 08, 2018 at 12:01 AM

ML

“ Michael Lees lit a candle in memory of Brian  
Walter Schostak



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**Michael Lees** - August 08, 2018 at 12:01 AM

SG

“ Brian was my boss and you simply could not ask for a better one. He was kind, compassionate, thoughtful and supportive. He would always take time to listen and, though understated, he had a great sense of humor. We both had bought properties and talked

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**Shari Griswold** - August 08, 2018 at 12:01 AM

CL

“ Cheryl Lynn Loeb lit a candle in memory of Brian Walter Schostak



Cheryl Lynn Loeb - August 08, 2018 at 12:01 AM

PW

“ I know Brian for about one year. Although short, he impressed me as a kind and calm man who also excels in his profession. He is a man that I feel I can trust as a dear friend for life and a mentor for career.

*I cherish every minute that I worked with Br*

peng wang - August 08, 2018 at 12:01 AM

PW

“ Peng Wang lit a candle in memory of Brian Walter Schostak



peng wang - August 08, 2018 at 12:01 AM

SC

“ Brian was a good,decent man. He was truly one of the good ones. His approach to all things was honest, direct and forthright.

*Having known Brian since the early nineties when he was in New Orleans, he was always a pleasure to communicate and work with.*

Steve Carter - August 08, 2018 at 12:01 AM

CF

“ *Chip French lit a candle in memory of Brian Walter Schostak*



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**Chip French** - August 08, 2018 at 12:01 AM

JD

“ *My sincere condolences to the Schostak family. May you find strength in these difficult days. I had the privilege working with Brian over my last 11 years in the USA. I have always appreciated his professionalism in his job, and his calm, friendly character*

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**Jan Douma** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ *Please accept my sincere and heartfelt condolences. I first met Brian in 2012 and he immediately earned my respect as pleasant and professional colleague and true gentleman. Over the last two years we cooperated closely in the Geophysical Network Acquisition*

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**Gerd Kleemeyer** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *My colleagues and I had the sincere pleasure in getting to know Brian as a result of working on a project that he co-managed called the "marine vibrator." We interacted with Brian (in person) several times over the past few years and we will miss him goi*

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**Jim McConnell** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ We send our deepest condolences to the Schostak Family...  
May God raise Brian up on Eagles wings and hold him in the palm  
of his hand. May he Rest in Peace and the perpetual Light shine  
upon him.

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**David Zunick Family** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ David Zunick Family lit a candle in memory of  
Brian Walter Schostak



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KB

“ I have had the pleasure to be on several teams with Brian over the  
years. I will remember Brian as one of the very best colleagues to  
work with, not only because of his excellent technical and  
organizational skills, but because of his calm demeanor and se

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**Kenneth Brown** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Kenneth Brown lit a candle in memory of  
Brian Walter Schostak



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CS

“ *Cathy Sumner lit a candle in memory of Brian Walter Schostak*



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**Cathy Sumner** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Janice Brannon lit a candle in memory of Brian Walter Schostak*



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**Janice Brannon** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *Bill Lyons lit a candle in memory of Brian Walter Schostak*



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**Bill Lyons** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

HV

“ *I'd like to express ny condolences to Brian's family. I found him a very pleasant and knowledgable colleague. We'll miss him.*

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**Herman van Voorst Vader** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

HV

“ *Herman Van Voorst Vader lit a candle in memory of Brian Walter Schostak*



Herman van Voorst Vader - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *Please accept my condolence on your loss. I had known Brian since the early 1990's when I was working in New Orleans. We started working much more closely since 2010 and got to know Brian as a kind, soft spoken, and helpful colleague. He will be sorely mi*

Sohail Jafarey - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *Sohail Jafarey lit a candle in memory of Brian Walter Schostak*



Sohail Jafarey - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ *My heartfelt condolences to all of Brian's family and friends. I wish you the strength and peace to cope with this tragic loss.*

*I worked with Brian from 2011 when he joined the Geophysical Operations team, first as a co-worker and then as my manager. His*

AJ Cozzens - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ *My condolence to the Schostak family with Brian’s passing. I pray that you have been able to find some comfort through this difficult time with family and those close to your heart. This tragedy touches each us deeply in Geophysical Operations. We are a*

Warren Mautz - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ *Warren Mautz lit a candle in memory of Brian Walter Schostak*



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AC

“ *AJ Cozzens lit a candle in memory of Brian Walter Schostak*



AJ Cozzens - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *I worked with Brian when he was over the Survey group. I am deeply saddened by this loss. My thoughts and prayers are with the family through this most difficult time. The only comfort I may suggest to you now is to focus on all the memories of Brian yo*

Sharon Hartdegen - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Sharon Hartdegen lit a candle in memory of Brian Walter Schostak*



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**Sharon Hartdegen** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Brian’s family and friends at this tragic loss. I was fortunate to work with Brian over the years, starting in the early days of deepwater drilling. He was such a pleasure to work with, always very kind and thoughtful. H*

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**Sue Waters** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ *My heartfelt condolences go out to you and your family. We will surely miss the presence of a truly loveable and kind person*

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**Erkan Ay** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Matthew Ristau lit a candle in memory of Brian Walter Schostak*



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**Matthew Ristau** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Sue Waters lit a candle in memory of Brian  
Walter Schostak



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**Sue Waters** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Theresa Butler lit a candle in memory of Brian  
Walter Schostak



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**Theresa Butler** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time.  
I knew and worked with Brian for more than 20 years, and also had  
the good fortune of being his friend. I cannot express how much he  
will be missed, both as a professional, but most es

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**David Schewitz** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ We love you and miss you Uncle Brian.

*May his memory be eternal.*

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**Walter Schostak** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *David Schewitz lit a candle in memory of Brian Walter Schostak*



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**David Schewitz** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *We are all grieving with you. Brian was such a special person for all of us. He had such a cool attitude and always presented his views in a calm, thoughtful manner. When Brian spoke we all listened. He will be greatly missed by all his colleagues.*  
*We*

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**Madhu Kohli** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *Madhu Kohli lit a candle in memory of Brian Walter Schostak*



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**Madhu Kohli** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *I am saddened and shocked to hear of Brian's passing. I have known him professionally for twelve years and always found Brian to be calm, kind, and approachable. He was one of those people that you could count on for giving a thoughtful and helpful resp*

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**Patrick Cunningham** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *Brian, a fine human being. I worked for service companies for Shell and met Brian in his beginnings with Shell. Brian was a great professional, a perfect gentleman, a wonderful person to work for/with on projects. Brian treated everyone he met with the*

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**Mike Kaluza** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ *Thalia Aspeslet lit a candle in memory of Brian Walter Schostak*



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**Thalia Aspeslet** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *I'm shocked and utterly saddened by the loss of Brian. I absolutely adored Brian, we served together on the APSG board and served together. He was such a sweet sweet guy and will be greatly missed!! I'm so very sorry for your loss.*

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**Melissa Wood** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ *My sincere love, prayers and condolences to the Schostak Family. Brian was my boss back in 2003-2005. I truly enjoyed working for him and with him, as he was also a very good friend. I will always remember the smiles he gave to me and how I enjoyed m*

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**Sharon S. Eubanks** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Brian was one of the nicest people I had the pleasure of working with. I will be keeping your family in my prayers.

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**Alyce Meyers** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ Sharon S. Eubanks lit a candle in memory of Brian Walter Schostak



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**Sharon S. Eubanks** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ My sincere condolences to Brian's family. We were all shocked to hear this sad news. Brian will be sorely missed.

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**Rob. Lupton** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RL

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MM

“ Sympathies go out to Brian's family. He will be missed and remembered by many.

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**Mark Munne** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

NJ

“ I pray your memories help you through your grief. Brian put the "gentle" in "gentleman"! He was loved by so many. The world is a sadder place without him here. God bless all of you.

Nona Johnson - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

B(

“ Bert Ulbricht (Shell) lit a candle in memory of Brian Walter Schostak



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JT

“ Jody L Tassin lit a candle in memory of Brian Walter Schostak



Jody L Tassin - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ J Mark Wilkinson lit a candle in memory of Brian Walter Schostak



J Mark Wilkinson - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ *Brian, you will be missed. I enjoyed working with you. You had a very kind, humble way about yourself. You were truly a special person. My heart goes out to your family. Andrea*

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**Andrea Patton** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *Dave Robertson lit a candle in memory of Brian Walter Schostak*



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**Dave Robertson** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ *My little cousin. I will miss you. Condolences to the family.*

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**Sharon Kleppel** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ *My heartfelt condolences to Brian's family. I was shocked and saddened to hear the news that we have lost such a good person. He will be missed a great deal.*

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**Nick Henderson** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AO

“ *My deepest condolences goes out to Brian's Family. So shocking but very sorry to hear of Brian passing, he was such a wonderful person. And always took the time to say Hello and have a small chat when he visited Shell Canada. He will be missed but not for*

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**Arlene O'Donnell** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ *Brian will be missed by many, I knew him to be a great guy who always took the opportunity to greet me and chat at various corporate functions, please accept my heartfelt condolences.*

Christopher Tonkin - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *My deepest condolences to Brian's family and may they find strength during this emotional and difficult time. Brian was highly thought of by those who ever worked with him due to his intellectual ideas and contributions with his kind, calm and friendly pe*

Cathy Sumner - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ *Nigel Payne lit a candle in memory of Brian  
Walter Schostak*



Nigel Payne - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ *The tragic news of Brian's passing was a great shock. Having known him for the last two years through an oil industry project, I have found him to be thoughtful, balanced, knowledgeable, and likeable. He was a pleasure to work with and he will be missed.*

Graham Johnson - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ The news of Brian's passing came as a shock to me. I had the pleasure of working with Brian on an industry sponsored project for the past 2 years and found him to be a calming personality with great technical depth, a wonderful dry sense of humor and als

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**David Behrman** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ My deepest condolences to Brian's family. Brian was the nicest person I have ever had the pleasure of working with. He will be missed by so many people.

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**Selma Hawk** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ I offer my deepest condolences to the family. Brian was my friend and mentor for over 20 years.. He was one of the most special people I've ever known and ever had the opportunity to work with. He will be missed.

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**Roberta Maranto** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ It was a pleasure to work with Brian. No one could ask for a more dedicated co-worker. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this time of loss.

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**Mike Lydon** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ My heart felt condolences to all of Brian's family. We have all been truly blessed to have had Brian cross our path in the journey call life, I know that I have. I have known Brian for over 25 years and can truly say that he was one of the good ones. H

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**Darren Oalmann** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Mei Mendoza lit a candle in memory of Brian Walter Schostak*



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**Mei Mendoza** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *My deepest condolences to Brian’s family. I had the great pleasure of working with Brian since the early days of Shell’s deepwater operations some 25 years ago. Brian was an intelligent, hard-working, thoughtful, and considerate professional and gentlem*

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**Mike Loveland** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM