



Brett T. Carmine

January 16, 1958 - December 16, 2021

Brett T. Carmine, age 63, of Newark, Delaware, passed away at his home suddenly on Wednesday, December 15, 2021. Born in Newark, Delaware, on January 16, 1958, Brett was part of the first graduating class of Glasgow High School in 1976. Brett earned a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Delaware.

Brett's first job was working at the Delaware Cycle Center on Elkton Road. Beginning in high school, Brett worked with the family business Carmine Associates, an electronics manufacturer's representative business which garnered national attention. From an early age Brett enjoyed traveling to Las Vegas for the CES consumer electronics annual trade show.

Soon after graduating high school, Brett met Marguerite Piazza. For the next forty-four years, they built a life in Newark enjoying many shared passions including family, animals, photography, Formula One racing, antiques, and travel. Brett traveled extensively throughout the United States and the world, including trips to France and Canada.

Brett was an avid car and motorcycle racing fan as well as an accomplished race car driver, first attending the Circuit Paul Ricard racing school near Marseille, France and later winning his first Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) race at Texas World Speedway. Over the years he amassed a

curated-collection of motorcycles and automobiles, always enjoying the sport of the sales negotiation. He was never afraid to try new things, even recently attending skeleton training in Calgary, Canada with the Olympic trainers.

Brett was an impassioned caretaker of animals and steward of nature. From adopting the stray cat in the neighborhood to providing round-the-clock medical care to any wild creature in need, few people loved nature and animals as much as Brett. In later years he adopted a vegetarian lifestyle that aligned with his moral reasoning and personal ethics. From his childhood, Brett had ties to the Eastern shore of Virginia and enjoyed open waters and visiting the shore. He cared deeply about his family, providing long term care for his Mother and Uncle Lawrence in their time of need.

Brett possessed great intelligence and pride. He could strike up a conversation with anyone he met on the street. Brett could cross through worlds with ease, as comfortable at a black-tie affair as he is at the local Elks Lodge. Brett had a sophisticated palate while still enjoying simple pleasures: he was as fond of enjoying a glass of red wine from the Loire Valley as much as he enjoyed a butternut donut from Dunkin' Donuts. Brett was always able to recount a humorous anecdote and leave the conversation with a witty one-liner. His humor often involved word-play and his humor was dry to the point of arid.

Brett championed causes that he believed in throughout his life. An astute participant in government and civics, Brett had no patience for politics and rather applied common sense and fairness in his community efforts. When friends and neighbors faced obstacles in navigating bureaucratic issues, Brett was available offering caring counsel and sage advice. He always made time to help a friend in need and many in the Newark community have benefitted from his generosity.

Brett was preceded in death by his father, Ferrell S. Carmine; his mother, Bertha Z. Carmine; his brother, Ferrell D. (Darry) Carmine; his uncle, Lawrence V. Carmine; and all of his grandparents, aunts and uncles. Brett is survived by his lifelong companion, Marguerite Piazza; her siblings: Joe (Andrea Miller), Mike, Vince, Mark, Tom (Machelle); and many cousins and their families.

A visitation will be held Wednesday, December 29, 2021, from 9:30-11 AM at Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home, 635 Churchmans Rd., Newark, DE 19702 followed by a service in celebration of Brett's life at 11 AM. Entombment will be private. For directions or to send an online condolence visit www.stranofeeley.com

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 29. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home
635 Churchmans Rd
Newark, DE 19702
(302) 731-5459
info@stranofeeley.com

Service

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Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Brett was a kind and caring person. He had a heart for helping others. Marguerite, we are so sorry for your loss. You and Brett were inseparable, I never saw one without the other. I think of you often and I ask the Lord to give you peace. I will keep you in prayer.*

Becky Short

Becky Short - December 28, 2021 at 08:34 PM

GY

“ *Blessings from the entire extended Yoder family.*

Gibson C. Yoder - December 28, 2021 at 04:53 PM

TL

“ *I had just arrived for the inspection of my new home when the Mayor and First Lady of Knickerbocker Drive pulled up and introduced themselves. Marguerite, you and Brett were inseparable in life and purpose. You are in my prayers.*

Theresa Lindsay - December 24, 2021 at 04:05 PM

MA

*Marguerite,
I am so very sorry for your loss. So used to seeing both of you everyday out and about. Hugs and prayers for you.*

Marty - December 28, 2021 at 12:16 PM

RY

I grew up on the block, the same age & grade as Brett. He was super witty, smart, fearless, and loved living life to the fullest, yet at the same time, he was very kind and sharing. He was very generous to me personally. I could always count on Brett to give me a lift to school, or home after golf, or other school affairs. I joined the military soon after graduation, & except for a year between military & college I haven't lived in Delaware since then. Whenever I was back in the old neighborhood, I would usually end up having a nice long talk with Brett. I am sorry for your loss Marguerite. God Bless You & your family.
Roy Yoder

Roy Yoder - December 28, 2021 at 05:53 PM

JJ

Marguerite,

Please accept the condolences of the entire Hopper family. Jay contacted us recently to tell us of Brett's sudden passing. The Brookside community will surely miss his presence as one of its lifelong Knickerbocker Drive residents.

Janet Johnson - January 01, 2022 at 07:32 PM