



Brian Curtis Sutton

October 24, 1970 - October 28, 2025

Brian Curtis Sutton, 55, of Stevensville MD, was a decorated veteran, devoted husband, and fiercely loyal friend. He passed suddenly at home on October 28th, 2025 while being treated for advanced heart failure since June of 2025

Born on October 24th, 1970, in Indiana, he was the son of Carla Crisler Sutton and Robert Eugene Sutton.

Brian always said that joining the Army right out of high school was the best decision he'd ever made. He retired after 20 years as a public affairs chief. He was a single Dad who found the way forward to raise his 2 sons through 3 combat tours and multiple duty stations around the world. He spent time teaching at the Defense Information School, DINFOS, at Fort Meade, Maryland, both as an NCO and later as a DoD civilian employee.

Brian had a deep appreciation for his family. He grew up happily surrounded by both immediate and extended members. Some cherished memories included baseball, firetrucks, state fairs, dirt bikes, and trailering the family's horses to parks for camping adventures that included grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

His parents gave him his first guitar and he continued to develop his skills, build guitars, record music with friends near and far, and play in bands most of

his life. Yes, there was long hair and spandex along the way!

After the military and time with the DoD, he discovered art and became a Certified Bob Ross Instructor, running an art business with his wife Karen for a number of years in both Indiana and Maryland. He taught 1000's of students, created a YouTube channel, and branched out to plein air painting. With his move to Maryland in 2023, Brian jumped into a real estate career and hit the ground running. Brian and his wife were nearly inseparable and he felt blessed they were able to work together in both art and real estate.

Brian's insatiable curiosity and zeal for learning were always apparent. A charismatic leader with a spirit of giving and a huge grin, Brian touched those around him deeply and will be sorely missed. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

He is survived by his beloved wife Karen Saunders, parents Bob and Carla Sutton, sister Deborah Noon, brother-in-law Jason Noon, children Matthew and Daniel Sutton, and stepsons Luke, Ben, and Caden Theodore.

A Celebration of Life will be Thursday, November 20, 2025 from 4-7 PM with military funeral honors at 5 PM at the American Legion in Stevensville, MD. It will be an informal time of remembering Brian. Please send your RSVP to khaki571@gmail.com to help us get a head count for food.

To make a donation in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Gary Sinese Foundation.

Previous Events

celebration of life

NOV **20**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

American Legion Post 278
800 Romancoke Road
Stevensville, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Brian Curtis Sutton*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 18, 2025 at 02:42 PM

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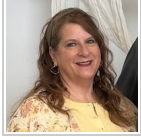
“ *I loved being with Brian and Karen at their painting classes in Indiana. Brian was so much fun. I was so sad when they left because I was losing (2) friends. My condolences on the loss of your sweet Brian.*

Debbie Middleton - November 11, 2025 at 11:07 AM

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“ *It feels like just yesterday that I saw Brian walking beside Karen with his warm smile. His steady presence by her side was something everyone admired, and our hearts ache deeply knowing he is no longer with us.*
May God's grace and peace be with you during this difficult time.
From Edward and Family

Edward K - November 06, 2025 at 11:59 AM



“ I was so blessed to meet Brian in December 2020. I wanted to paint a snowman plate and couldn't get anyone to come with me - so I went on my own. Little did I know I would make friends with Brian and Karen. I took drawing classes and painting classes at both of their Indiana locations. Brian taught me to paint trees and tried really hard to teach me clouds! It's still something I haven't quite mastered.

Brian - you will be missed. Your wit and sense of humor, your passion for art. Your love for Karen. All things that everyone who met you knew immediately. RIP my Friend.

Jen Anderson - November 04, 2025 at 09:21 PM



“ Brian was a unique individual loaded with many talents and wisdom. Glad to have gotten to know Brian during his time in Indiana. Hate that we lost touch abruptly and never had the chance to reconnect.

Craig Warren - November 04, 2025 at 09:55 AM