



Mr. Brian Charles Alam, Sr.

October 20, 1946 - January 27, 2022

NEW HARTFORD – Mr. Brian Charles Alam, Sr., age 75, passed away on Thursday, January 27, 2022, in the comfort and dignity of his home.

Born in Utica on October 20, 1946, Brian was the son of the late Joseph F. “Hottie” Sr. and Martha (Campanaro) Alam. He was raised and educated in Utica. A proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps, Brian honorably served his country from 1967-1969 during the Vietnam Era where he was wounded while on active duty. Brian and Francine McConkey shared in a loving relationship of 53 years and were married on September 28, 2001, a devoted union the couple cherished until the end.

As well as serving his country in the military, Brian also served his community as a Firefighter with the Utica Fire Department for 10 years, up until his illness. A man of true convictions, he was steadfast and set in his ways, and every task or endeavor had to meet his specifications. The outdoors brought Brian his greatest enjoyment ~ fishing with his cousin Frankie at Alex Bay, which was a source of solace and great gratification. He also loved the soothing sounds of music, especially jazz. A Catholic by faith, Brian shared a spiritual connection with the Lord that brought him a sense of peace and purpose throughout his life.

Brian is survived by his wife, Francine; and his son, Philip “Phil” McConkey. He held close to his heart the memory of his son Brian Charles Alam, Jr. who passed away on May 5, 1992. He also leaves his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews; cousins, especially acknowledging Michelle Gulla,

Ricky Gulla, Philip Gulla, Michael Peterson, and Debbie and Raymond Jadhon; in-laws, Carol Ann Rupley, Tina Marie McConkey, Mary Angela Cunningham, Kathleen McConkey, Anthony C. McConkey and Claire Dillard, Bernard C. and Amy McConkey Jr., and Nicholas A. McConkey and many wonderful friends. He was predeceased by his nephews, James Alam, and Philip Gulla, Jr.

The family is grateful to the 3rd Floor staff of MVHS at St. Luke's Healthcare for the loving and compassionate care provided to Brian during his stay; and his primary caregiver, Chelsea Savage.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Brian's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Friday, February 11, 2022, at 1:30 pm at Historic Old St. John's Church where his Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be offered. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass. Regardless of vaccination status, face masks will be required to remain in compliance with the state and county mask order.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 11. 1:30 PM (ET)

Historic Old St. John's Church
240 Bleecker Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6159
<https://www.historicoldstjohnschurch.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Brian Charles Alam, Sr..*



February 10, 2022 at 05:05 PM



“ *Frannie . So sorry for you loss!*

Nikki McConkey - February 01, 2022 at 07:23 AM



“ *Fran & Phil,*

I'm deeply sorry for your loss. My thoughts & prayers are with you during this sad time. He will live on in our great memories of him.

*Luv ya,
Sister/Aunt
Carol*



Carol - January 31, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Brian. Rest in peace....Michael joseph*

Michael Joseph - January 31, 2022 at 03:13 PM

GC

“ *Phil so sorry to hear of your dads passing. Love you cousin xoxo*

Gina Zegarelli Corridori - January 29, 2022 at 04:28 PM

AC

“ *We are So Sorry to hear Brian"s Loss, Our thoughts and prayers are with the Family! Rest in Peace MY FRIEND Andy & Linda Convertino*

Andy & Linda Convertino - January 29, 2022 at 03:15 PM

RD

“ Brian you left and didn't say goodbye, I'm going to miss you buddy. We went back to when we were just kids in shorts pants on Lansing Street. You were one funny kid. We shared a great deal over our many years, laughs, wild times and also our times shared with serious and sad conversations throughout these past several years, many people did not know your bark was worse than your bite, you truly had a big heart, I knew this, I knew you well.. When they said we “we're on deck” I never figured you were up.. Brian you're now rejoined with your family that you loved so strongly and that have passed before you. Again, I'm going to miss you because you always put a smile on my face and for the sake of a bit of humor..... Charles, Charles ??? I'm sad and laughing my azz off at the same time. You could know someone your whole life and still not know a tidbit about them, your lucky I didn't know about ‘ Charles ‘ when we kids or running and gunning I would have tortured you over that.... 😊 Lol Looking back over the years, we both served our country, we were proud veterans, you were a proud and honorable Marine. Brian I could go on and on. I wish I did not need to be writing these words for you now at this time. You were my friend, you are my friend and always shall be. I mourned with you Brian and sadly now I mourn for you. Brian Rest In Peace ❤️, you've gone ahead like a good Marine brother, I'm behind you and I got your back. Rest easy Bother until we see each other again.

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Rocco DiPierro - January 29, 2022 at 03:06 PM

MG

Thank you Rock, that was absolutely beautiful!

Michelle Gulla - January 29, 2022 at 04:31 PM

TD

To Brians family.

I too met Brian in east Utica when we were 5 yrs old.. Rocco DiPiero said everything in his tribute that I wanted to say but, I joined the Navy instead. I always teased my friend Brian that the marines were just a part of the Navy and he would give me that look or stare that he was capable of and then we'd laugh. So much fun & laughter at Quinns playground and Conkling school.

In any case Brian I was richer knowing you and proud to say you were my friend. Rest in peace From one 75 yr old to another.

*Tony Domanico
Tucson, AZ.*

tony domanico - January 30, 2022 at 09:42 AM

DM

Brian, we first met, when I moved to the 400 block of Landing St. In 1954, that's when our long friendship started. We had many laughs, hanging out together. I remember seeing you, when were in Boot Camp at Paris Island South Carolina, then at Camp Gieger NC. We worked together at the DPW, where we had many laughs. We worked together on the Utica Fire Dept. You were one great firefighter. I was there for you, when your son passed away, and you were there for me, when my son passed away. That's what friends are for.. I will always have a Brian Alam story to tell. You're my childhood friend, a brother firefighter, a brother Viet Nam Vet, and a brother U.S. Marine. This Viet Nam poem I dedicate to you.. When I go to heaven, Saint Peter I will tell, "Another Marine reporting, Sir, I've served my time in Hell." RIP my friend...

Dick Martell - January 30, 2022 at 12:21 PM

KB

Brian you will be greatly missed. You brought many memories love and kindness to so many. Rest In Peace Kathy Carbone Bronk

Kathy Bronk - January 30, 2022 at 04:03 PM