



Brian Ray Tontegode

August 11, 1972 - December 29, 2025

Brian Ray Tontegode was born on August 11, 1972, in Lincoln, Nebraska, to Raimonds (Ray) and Judy (Weiand) Tontegode. He grew up in Lincoln and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1990. As a child and young man, Brian was curious, creative, and full of energy. He loved building with Legos, collecting baseball cards, riding his bike around Lincoln and Fremont, playing tennis, and exploring new places. Music was an important part of Brian's life, and he spent many years playing guitar in his band, sharing his love of music with friends and family.

Brian earned his Associate Degree in Computer Programming from Southeast Community College in Lincoln in 1999 and later received his Bachelor of Science degree in Finance and Commercial Banking from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 2010. He worked for 12 years as a Programmer Analyst at West Corporation and then spent another 12 years as an Application Engineer at ACI.

Brian married Christina Gibilisco, and together they shared 19 wonderful years and were blessed with their son, Holden. Brian was incredibly proud to become a father and truly loved being a dad.

He will be remembered as a loving, kind, and funny person with a quick wit and a playful sense of sarcasm that always kept those around him laughing. A

devoted husband and father, Brian consistently showed his love and support for Christy, Holden, and those closest to him. A big sports fan, he rarely missed the chance to cheer on his favorite teams - the Houston Astros, Green Bay Packers, and Boston Celtics.

Brian also enjoyed reading, traveling, fishing, horse racing, listening to music, and going for walks. He had a soft spot for dogs and cherished the companionship of Fifi, Zoey, Oliver, Charlie, Coco, Lily and Abe. He loved the family cabin in Fremont, where he grew up with family and cousins and returned often as an adult to enjoy the water, the outdoors, and time with loved ones.

Brian passed away on Monday, December 29, 2025, at Nebraska Medicine in Omaha, Nebraska, at the age of 53 years, 4 months, and 18 days. He was preceded in death by his parents, Raimonds (Ray) and Judy Tontegode. Brian is survived by his loving wife, Christy; his son, Holden; his brother, Scott (Joyce) Tontegode; and his many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Memorials in Brian's name can be made to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JAN 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
21901 W. Maple Rd.
P.O. Box 711
Elkhorn, NE 68022
402-289-2222
services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com
<https://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com/>

A lunch reception will be held immediately following the celebration of life service at the funeral home

Tribute Wall

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“ *The Zuver Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Brian Ray Tontegode.* ”



The Zuver Family - January 07 at 11:32 PM

PA

“ *Brian was such an inspiration to us. We saw him often walking the dogs so faithfully in the neighborhood. He was dealt a lot to deal with physically. We will miss him. Prayers for comfort. Jim and Pam* ”

Pam - January 06 at 02:33 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Brian Ray Tontegode.* ”



January 06 at 12:03 PM



“ *Brian was the coolest. We used to trade records all the time and even after I moved to the Kansas Coty area, we continued to mail each other music we thought the other should hear. Attached are two photos I took of Brian playing at a skatepark in Grand Island with his band Slide. Rest in power my friend. — Doug Kubert*



Doug Kubert - January 05 at 08:07 PM

WM

“ *With Love ~ Ashley Moody purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Brian Ray Tontegode.*



With Love ~ Ashley Moody - January 05 at 01:37 PM

AP

“ *Angie & Gregg Owen, Sheri & Ryan Pfeil purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Brian Ray Tontegode.*



Angie & Gregg Owen, Sheri & Ryan Pfeil - January 05 at 01:18 PM

LS

“ Lisa Scott Kayla Reagan Rebecca Swierczk purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Brian Ray Tontegode.



Lisa Scott Kayla Reagan Rebecca Swierczk - January 04 at 04:56 PM

SC

“ Shelly Conn (Arrows Church) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Brian Ray Tontegode.



Shelly Conn (Arrows Church) - January 04 at 03:37 PM