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Mr. Brian C. Donovan of Norton Shores, formerly of Upton, Massachusetts, age 70, died peacefully after a long illness, on December 27, 2016. Brian was born October 23, 1946, in Newton, Massachusetts to Charles T. and Elizabeth McHugh Donovan. He leaves his wife of 46 years, Karen Mackie Donovan of Norton Shores; his son, Evan C. (Rebecca) Donovan; two granddaughters, Juliet and Gabrielle, all of Natick, Massachusetts; 10 brothers and sisters, Mary Ann (Bob) Moran, Charlie (Kathleen Lower), Tom, Beth (Patrick Burns) Mark (Katie), Steven (Patsy), Kevin (Sue), Phillip (Sally Klinge), Meg (Bryan) Jennings, and Priscilla (Rick) Wilcox; sister-in-law, Karen Khodl Donovan; aunt, Margaret (Chickie) Broderick; 34 nieces and nephews; and 22 great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Christopher; and sister-in-law, Tricia. Mr. Donovan was a graduate of Catholic Memorial High School, the Tilton School, Boston College, Class of 1969, and University of Massachusetts, Amherst, (MBA) Class of 1974. Mr. Donovan was a CPA in private practice until he retired for health reasons in 1998. He was an avid fan of all things sports and loved playing ice hockey in his youth. He was one of the first youth hockey league coaches in his home town of Newton, MA. He also enjoyed sailing off the waters of Cape Cod and herb gardening. Mr. Donovan served in the National Guard (Yankee Division) from 1969 to 1975. He had a curious mind and a wry sense of humor, and was a good husband, father, son and brother to his large, loving family. A MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held 11 AM Friday, January 6, 2017 at The Lee Chapel, 6291 S. Harvey St. 231-798-1100 with Rev. Fr. Michael P. Olson presiding. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service (10-11 AM). In lieu of flowers, please consider a MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTION to Catholic Charities Food Pantry of Muskegon, 1095 Third St., Muskegon, MI 49442. Share memories with Brian's family at www.sytsemafh.com.



Events

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Visitation

 **Friday**, January 6, 2017


 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel**

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DK

Dick & Lynne Kelley posted:

Karen and family sorry for your loss. Lynne and I have not seen you guys in many years but our friendship has always been there. I was fortunate to go to Catholic Memorial High School everyday for 3 years with Brian in his 1954 Ford with a standard shift on the column ! Has time changed. Lynne and Karen graduated from Newton High School together in 1965. Brian was playing hockey at the Tilton School in New Hampshire home on spring break and I was at the New Preparatory School in Cambridge when we had our greatest adventure. While playing for an amateur hockey team from Cambridge the four of us traveled to Stamford , Connecticut to play the Bridgeport Home Oilers the foremost amateur team in Connecticut with a roster of former Long Island Ducks of the Eastern Hockey League, a farm system of the National Hockey League. Brian and I thought we would represent Catholic Memorial High School with as much bravado as possible. Little did we know we were clobbered and chased around the rink for 60 minutes and barely escaped with our lives. So much for bravado ! Karen and Lynne were furious with us and though they were going to spend the night in the local hospital. Hey, we got \$ 10 for gas money and had a great time. " Till the Echoes Ring Again ".

January 5 at 2:15 PM

HM

Hilda Morrill posted:

May he rest in peace.On behalf of Mercedes Collins and family

January 5 at 7:15 AM

HD

Harold & Elizabeth Dehart posted:

I always appreciated the gentle and generous smile Brian had at the ready. Even though he had health issues it never deterred his willingness to share that wonderful smile. Thank you Brian ❤️

January 2 at 5:06 PM

TP

Tami Pierce lit a candle in honor of Brian.

deepest sympathy to the family for your loss.

January 1 at 6:04 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Brian by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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