



Brian Keith Sowers

November 8, 1962 - October 31, 2023

BRIAN KEITH SOWERS

Brian Keith Sowers of Waverly, Missouri, completed his life journey at his lake home at 9:40 p.m., Tuesday, October 31, 2023.

Brian enjoyed fishing and was an advocate for agriculture and ethanol production, but he was most passionate about spending time with his family and friends. He graduated from Santa Fe High School with the class of 1981. He was active in football, basketball and was first chair saxophone in the school band. His friends will say “he was one of the smartest kids in school” and he was a member of the National Honor Society. Brian studied business at University of Missouri – Columbia.

Brian was introduced to the love of his life, Portia, through mutual friends. They began dating in 1986 and felt instantly connected; within eight months, they were head over heels in love, and became engaged. A few months later, in August 1987, they were united in marriage in Waverly, Missouri surrounded by family and friends. They spent their honeymoon at the Missouri State Fair and for the next thirty-six years, they made many lasting memories and an everlasting legacy.

Brian and Portia shared a son, Phillip Sowers, who carries on Brian’s love of

fishing. Phillip and his wife, Lacey, have two children, Blake and Emerly. Brian loved spending time with his grandkids and they loved their time with Papa. His grandbabies were the sunshine he required, and he loved them so dearly.

Brian had an amazing radio voice, which endeared him to the KMMO listening community for over 20 years. Along with hosting the morning show and bringing emergency weather information to the community, he also shared fishing and hunting information on his Sunday night program "In The Outdoors". He was recognized as Ag Broadcaster of the Year. Brian maintained his connection with KMMO while also branching out to add his voice to the Crappie Masters fishing circuit and National Crappie League fishing circuit. He announced crappie fishing results across the United States, growing his relationship with the sport and the many fishing professionals. His phrase "give your kids a tackle box, not an X-box" is well known throughout the fishing community.

He was connected in the community and was a member of Waverly Jaycees as well as serving as President of the organization, the Waverly branch of the Masonic Lodge, Premier Anglers Bass Club and served as Mayor of Waverly. He served as the master of ceremonies' for the Missouri State Fair and the Waverly Apple Jubilee for many years, as well as many charitable organizations, including the H.O.P.E Project and Ovarian Cancer Coalition. Brian was recognized for his efforts with the Missouri Soybean Association, Missouri Corn Growers Association, Future Farmers of America and the 4-H programs.

Brian was a genuine guy who loved life and never met a stranger. He effortlessly made everyone he met feel special and the center of attention. Anyone who met Brian would soon know he was a diehard Kansas City Chiefs fan. His three favorite things in life were the Kansas City Chiefs, fishing and anything chocolate. Brian especially loved the water, taking every opportunity

to drop a line in the water.

Brian is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Portia Sowers, of the home; son, Phillip Sowers of Lexington; brothers, Bradley Sowers of Carrollton and Corey Sowers of Raymore; a sister, Kelly Buck (Larry) of Waverly; two grandchildren, Blake Sowers and Emerly Sowers; mother-in law, Mary Spidle of Polo; and sister-in-law Tisha Hinchui (Mike) of Polo; as well as his nieces and nephews; Danielle Beumer (Matt), Tristan Wilkinson (Tyler), Peyton Sowers, Bailey Balcer (James), Colton Sowers, Cade Sowers, and Ryan Fields. His great nieces and nephews; Addison Beumer, Chloe Beumer, Harper Beumer, Hudson Beumer, Rylee Wilkinson, Madison Balcer, Brooklyn Balcer, Kylie Fields, Cooper Fields and Lily Fields will all miss their uncle Brian.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Keith Sowers; mother, Joanna (Maddox) Sowers, father-in-law, Daniel Spidle; and uncle, Richard (Dick) Sowers.

There will be a celebration of the incredible life of Brian Sowers for family and friends to join and share in their memories on Friday, November 10, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. with visitation with the family to follow until 5:00 p.m. at Eagle Bluff Ranch, Waverly, Missouri.

If you are considering a memorial contribution in memory of Brian, the family will be establishing a scholarship program in Brian's memory. Please make your donations to "family choice" in lieu of flowers so that Brian's legacy can live on.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **10**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Eagle Bluff Ranch

31827 US-65

Waverly, MO 64096

<http://eaglebluffevents.com>

Tribute Wall

MR

“ I worked with Portia at Lowe’s. It was always a pleasure to see Brian in the store. He always had a smile and we would talk crappie fishing (of course after we talked about how much Blake was growing). He would always end with an invitation to take me fishing.....I should have took him up on that invite....

Mark Richardson - November 08, 2023 at 04:41 PM

RB

“ One of my fondest memories of Brian includes Portia as well. It happened when Brian was recognized by the Missouri Soybean Organization. It was held in Jefferson City and I opened my home for the two to spend the night. (Just like they always did for me when visiting them at the Lake or in Waverly.) Portia was working in Springfield at the time and of course, Brian was always on the go with his crappie tournaments.



However, that night Brian was all dressed up in a suit and Portia had gotten a new dress. They were both excited for the event and even more excited to be with each other. They were smiling and laughing like a couple of teenagers. It was apparent they still were very much in love. I feel honored that I got to witness their joy and pride of each other that evening. You could feel it in the air....such a good looking couple!

Rhonda Bashore - November 07, 2023 at 01:36 PM

RS

“ *Ron Stallings lit a candle in memory of Brian Keith Sowers*



Ron Stallings - November 07, 2023 at 08:33 AM

PL

“ *Preston Lea lit a candle in memory of Brian Keith Sowers*



Preston Lea - November 06, 2023 at 02:59 AM

BC

“ *I've known Brian for many years from our trips to River Falls to watch Chiefs in training camp to our many golf outings and so many fish fries. He was always the best host when our group would go to his lake house for a three day golf outing. To say that he will be missed is an understatement. Rest in peace my dear friend*

Bill Crowell - November 04, 2023 at 02:50 PM

BS

I know he cherished all of your guys get togethers thanks Bill

Bradley sowers - November 04, 2023 at 05:59 PM

GS

“ Brian for years has hosted a crew of us at his lake home for a fall weekend of golf, food & festivities always working his tail off cooking and caring for his buddies. His passion for seeing that every detail to make everyone feel welcome and happy consumed this selfless man whom we all loved dearly. My wife & I were also blessed by his presence each year at the fair where he was a symbol of the event. I always told him His ability to make the annual parade exciting with his voice was legendary. What a blessing & oh how he will be missed. RIP my friend...
Gerry & Linda Simmons

Gerry & Linda Simmons - November 04, 2023 at 10:07 AM

JH

“ Portia, My deepest condolences to you and your family as you navigate the unthinkable life without his physical presence. Brian was such a great man. He welcomed me at KMMO and always so nice to me. After I left the station, he was always good to stop and say hi and chitchat anytime we crossed paths over the years. Praying for strength and comfort. ~Jennifer Harvey

Jennifer Harvey - November 03, 2023 at 07:42 PM



“ My heart is broken.
Brian and I spent almost 2 decades together at KMMO and he made it a better place to work. He made every place better by just being there.
Sometimes life is not fair.

Jim Wirz aka Duellely

Jim Wirz - November 03, 2023 at 07:08 PM

DG

“ *Loved hearing him on the radio he made a lot of people's days*

Donna Garrison - November 03, 2023 at 06:59 PM

J(

“ *As childhood friends we did many things together this is a great loss to the community and humanity your memory will live forever in the hearts you have touched fly high Angel*

Jim Robison (Ed) - November 03, 2023 at 06:37 PM

TA

“ *All I can think of is Thanking God for the Blessing of Brian Sowers. He never knew a stranger!*

As far as the Best Weighmaster Ever! it did not matter whether you had 2 pounds of fish or or a 15 pound bag he praised the anglers and made them feel good about their day. Brian always had time for everyone for questions or just to chat. We are both proud and feel blessed that he was our friend. Brian helped build and educated all in the world of Tournament Crappie Fishing Thank You Brian! Until we meet again. We will miss hearing "LET'S GET IT ON!! God Bless Portia and Brian's Loving Family

Jim and Teri Adams and Family

Teri Adams - November 03, 2023 at 06:23 PM



CJ

“ Brian was an amazing friend and fellow angler. I was fortunate to have been on his radio show a couple times a year where he gave me the nickname as "The Rock and Roll Catfisherman". Never a dull moment and nothing but positivity and encouragement when you were in Brian's company. You will be missed by everyone and please keep us all safe and bring us luck when we're out on the water! Chris

Chris Jones - November 03, 2023 at 05:32 PM