



## BRIAN H. LONNERSTATER

June 17, 1962 - November 14, 2025

Funeral Services: 10:00 a.m. Monday, November 17, 2025, at Hebrew Memorial Chapel in Oak Park.

Brian Lonnerstater of Novi, Michigan, died November 14, 2025, at the age of 63.

Beloved husband of Diane Lonnerstater.

Loving son of the late Henry and the late Shirley Lonnerstater. Dear son-in-law of Marty & Sheila Lederman. Devoted father of Matthew (Jessie) Lonnerstater, Brandon Lonnerstater, Shelby (Michael) Morrow, and Jared Lonnerstater. Loving grandfather of Evan Lonnerstater, Nora Lonnerstater, and Luca Morrow. Dear brother and brother-in-law of Dayna (Steve) Ross, Ronald & Sheryl Lederman, and the late Steven Lederman.

He will be dearly missed by nephews, nieces, and many extended family members, as well as friends.

Officiators:

Rabbi A. Bergman

Rabbi D. Nelson

Cantor Greenbaum

Interment:

Adat Shalom Memorial Park  
28500 Six Mile Road  
Livonia, MI 48152  
(no procession)

Shiva:

The family will sit Shiva through Thursday evening, at the residence:  
Diana Lonnerstater  
42624 Wimbledon Way  
Novi, MI 48377

The family welcomes condolence visits,  
Tuesday & Wednesday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
With Shiva Service:  
7:00 PM (Maariv), Monday through Thursday

Contributions:

If you wish to honor the memory of Brian Lonnerstater, you may do so by donating to one of the following:

Dorothy & Peter Brown Program General Fund  
<https://www.brownadultday.org/>

or

Living & Learning Enrichment Center  
801 Griswold St  
Northville, MI 48167  
<https://livingandlearningcenter.org/>

or

Friendship Circle  
6892 West Maple Rd.  
West Bloomfield, MI 48322  
(248) 788-7878

<https://www.friendshipcircle.org/>

or

Michigan Parkinson Foundation

30400 Telegraph Rd Suite 150

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

248-433-1011

<https://parkinsonsmi.org/>

# Cemetery Details

## Adat Shalom Memorial Park Cemetery

28500 W. 6 Mile Road  
Livonia, MI

# Previous Events

## FUNERAL

NOV 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

Hebrew Memorial Chapel  
26640 Greenfield Rd  
Oak Park, MI 48237  
(248) 543-1622  
info@hebrewmemorial.org  
<https://www.hebrewmemorial.org/>

## Shiva

NOV 17 to 20 (ET)

Diane lonnerstater  
42624 Wimbleton Way Novi MI 48377  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Hebrew Memorial Chapel created a Webcast in memory of BRIAN H. LONNERSTATER*



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**Hebrew Memorial Chapel** - November 16, 2025 at 12:11 PM

GC

*So sorry for your loss. My heartfelt condolences to you and your family*

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**Gail Cohen** - November 17, 2025 at 10:59 AM

DJ

*Shelby and family  
So very sorry for your loss. May his memory be for a blessing.  
Diane and Ken Jacobs*

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**Diane Jacobs** - November 17, 2025 at 11:58 AM

LS

“ This loss, of someone I truly considered a lifelong brother, truly hurts. There are exceedingly few people who come into someone's life for whom it can be said there was never a negative word said; ever. But that was Brian. As someone who knew him longer than virtually anyone alive, I can say with all honesty, he was one of the smartest, nicest, and funniest people I have ever known. There is nobody who does not smile at the hearing of his name. We say "may his name be for a blessing," but in Brian's case, everyone who was fortunate to enter into his sphere of being was the one who came away blessed. His loss hurts hard, and will for a long time. Be at peace my good friend.

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**Lorin Subar** - November 24, 2025 at 04:41 PM

JT

“ Dayna, Steve, and family,  
*Baruch Dayan Ha'Emet.*  
I am just seeing this in the wee hours of the morning on Thursday, November 20, 2025. Please accept my deepest condolences on your loss of your brother. Family is very important. Sending you hugs, love, and sympathy. Your cousin, Joyce Torby

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**Joyce Torby** - November 20, 2025 at 03:20 AM

BH

“ Dear Shelby,  
Please accept my deepest condolences on the passing of your father.  
May his memory be a blessing.  
Beverly Hirsch  
Volunteer at Friendship Circle

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**Beverly Hirsch** - November 19, 2025 at 05:51 PM

JN

“ *Diane, Matthew, Brandon, Shelby, and Jared,*

*I have such fond memories of spending time with your family, both in Detroit and Toronto. I remember our visit to Frankenmuth and the many family celebrations we shared on both sides of the border.*

*Brian's warmth and humor are at the forefront of those memories; he had remarkable wit and always made us feel so welcome.*

*Each of you embody so many of your dad's best qualities, you are each a testament to what an incredible father he was. I'm looking forward to an opportunity to see each of you again soon, and to witnessing Brian's qualities continue to shine in you, and in your families.*

*We will miss him deeply and cherish all of those memories.*

*Jake and Samantha Newton*

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**Jake N** - November 19, 2025 at 05:23 PM

HB

“ I have such a clear memory of meeting Brian for the very first time.

*It was a wintry evening in early December 1991. I was nine months pregnant, and Chris had a cast on his broken ankle. Between the two of us, we were struggling to drag a way-too-tall Christmas tree through the front door of our new home in Farmington Hills.*

*Then, out of the darkness, came one of the kindest souls we've ever known — Brian Lonnerstater. He helped us wrestle the tree into the house and get it settled in the stand. When I asked if he already had his own tree up, he smiled and said, “Well, actually...I'm Jewish.”*

*We all laughed together.*

*And although that was the first time he made us laugh out loud, it certainly wasn't the last.*

*We loved Brian so, SO much, just as we love your entire family. We cherished being neighbors, vacation buddies, celebrating milestones and family events together, and cheering him on at his stand-up comedy shows. Your beautiful family has always been a precious part of our lives, and our hearts ache over the loss of Brian.*

*He was sweet, funny, incredibly creative, and unfailingly kind. We will miss him deeply.*

*Please know that we are holding all of you close in our hearts and praying for comfort, strength, and peace in the days ahead.*

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**Holly Bowne** - November 16, 2025 at 12:03 PM

PG

“ Knowing Brian both personally and professionally for many years, I can truly say he was one of the finest people around. What a privilege to know him! Personally, he was as kind and sweet as anybody...just a fantastic human being. Professionally, I worked with him on many lawsuits as his expert witness in meteorology, and Brian without question did things the way I would if I was a lawyer. I always felt that his clients were getting the BEST representation from their lawyer. Brian made the world a better place, and it's such a shame that his last years were so difficult and that he died so young. May his name be a blessing for all who knew him.

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**Paul Gross** - November 16, 2025 at 10:49 AM

SU

“ We're so sorry to hear the sad news. Brian had a great sense of humor and he and Diane together raised four wonderful children. We are thinking of Brian and the wonderful memories we shared.



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**Sue** - November 15, 2025 at 05:16 PM

KN

“ Brian was a close friend of mine during law school. I will always treasure his terrific sense of humor and our work together on the “Wayne Law Revue” show. May his memory be a blessing for his entire family.

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**Kirk Nemer** - November 15, 2025 at 02:05 PM

SR

“ *Diane and Family,  
I am deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Brian. I pray his memory brings you all peace and comfort. My deepest Sympathy,  
Sharilyn*

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**Sharilyn Rowe** - November 14, 2025 at 04:23 PM

SS

“ *Dear Diane and family, Ed and I will always remember Brian as a patient, kind, caring, empathetic, considerate and generous young man. I enjoyed conversations as he took his walks in the neighborhood or if he saw me outside, stopped to chat. He lived his life honorably and charitably. We are so glad to have known him. May God keep him close and may he rest in eternal peace*

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**Susan Soltysiak** - November 14, 2025 at 03:39 PM

DC

“ *Diane and Family,*

*I am so sorry to hear about Brian's passing. Brian was such a sweet and funny guy! I have so many memories of Brian at our Rock Steady Boxing classes. Even though Brian hasn't been to our classes in quite sometime, he is still in our hearts and minds. His memory is a blessing to all.*

*My deepest sympathy,  
Coach Deb Colling*

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**Deb Colling** - November 14, 2025 at 01:27 PM

SC

*Brian was a wonderful person. Kind, loyal, and honorable. A great father and caring husband. A great loss for his family and anyone who knew him. RIP*

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**Steve cash** - November 14, 2025 at 05:55 PM

ML

*Im so sorry for the loss of your amazing, caring,funny,and sweet husband ,father,and grandfather, son in-law. All my hugs,love,prayers, and thoughts with you and your family. My Sincere 🙏 He will always being remembered and never forgotten ❤️ Love all of y ou Xoxo*

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**Michelle Beth Levine** - November 15, 2025 at 01:00 PM

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*We were very sorry to hear of Brian's passing. He was always in good spirits especially with his family and with our Toronto families.. He will be missed.  
Lillian and Norman*

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**Norman** - November 17, 2025 at 10:08 AM

MM

*Sorry to hear. Me deepest love to him and his family.*

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**Mike Mack** - November 17, 2025 at 04:00 PM

CR

*Diane, Matthew, Brandon, Shelby & Jared;  
I am so very sorry to hear about the passing of your wonderful husband and father. He was always so nice and had a great sense of humor. He will be terribly missed by all of the people he has met and worked with over the years. My deepest sympathies to all of you. Chynthia Rusk.*

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**Chynthia Rusk** - November 22, 2025 at 02:57 PM