



## Brian F. Donnelly

October 20, 1950 - January 14, 2012

Brian F. Donnelly, 61, of Kalkaska County, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, January 14, 2012 while skiing on the VASA Trail in Grand Traverse County. He was born on October 20, 1950 in Plymouth to the late Mac J. and Elizabeth Anne (DeWaele) Donnelly. Brian married Ruthann R. O'Brien on July 16, 1987 in Kalamazoo. They have resided in Kalkaska County since 1995. Brian graduated from the University of Michigan Law School. He was a member of the Michigan Prosecuting Attorneys Association. Brian was a dedicated prosecutor for 25 years, honorably serving the citizens of Kalamazoo, Grand Traverse, and Kalkaska Counties. His deep commitment to his community will be deeply missed. He loved Michigan outdoor activities which included skiing, hiking, fishing, kayaking, hunting, and walking his dog Lizzie. Brian is survived by his loving wife of 24 years, Ruthann; his dear siblings, Kathleen Martin of Troy, Mary (Hal) Smith of Overland Park, Kansas, Tom Donnelly of Canton, and Elizabeth (Dick) Barker of Plymouth; his sister-in-law, Margie Thornton of Williamston; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother Mac Donnelly, Jr. who was killed in the line of duty during a bank robbery in Lansing making him the first Lansing police officer to die in the line of duty; and his sister Gail Drouillard. Visitation for Brian will be held on Thursday, January 19th from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be on Friday at 2:00 p.m. with visitation taking place 2 hours before at the Kalkaska Church of Christ with Dan Johnson officiating. Memorials may be given to the VASA Trail Organization, 415 South Union Street, Traverse City, MI 49684-2536. Condolences may be left on-line at [www.wolfeoneill.com](http://www.wolfeoneill.com). Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

# Tribute Wall

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“ You are still missed in the community of Kalkaska. The best prosecutor that I've ever worked for and a man of integrity! May you rest in peace in heaven with the rest of your loved ones.

MSP Kalkaska-Post 79 - February 16 at 09:14 AM

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“ The world is better thanks to your absence, but the tracks of pain and suffering you left behind live on. Hope Satan is treating you the way you deserve.

Nicole - April 15, 2025 at 01:38 PM

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“ Every day I am grateful you are dead, but hopeful that you are suffering.

jenny - February 09, 2025 at 04:25 PM

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“ For the innocent people whose lives you have made a living hell for your own sheer corrupt political gain, I hope you are rotting in hell, as you deserve to.

rita - June 02, 2024 at 04:52 PM



“ Brian F. Donnelly

January 30, 2023 at 04:02 AM



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January 30, 2023 at 01:03 AM