

Brian Wayne Hawk

Brian Hawk's Lifetime Biography

Brian Hawk was an Alpha Sigma Phi Brother of Phi Chapter (Iowa State University). He is best described as a Christian man of character and a selfless person who brought life and humor to any conversation. He was a leader and talented athlete but most importantly, a truly caring person for his family and friends. He had that distinct laugh, a way of telling stories, or he would say the same line 5,000 times but was still funny. Brian always had a way of lifting people up and made them feel better about themselves and life. He suddenly passed away on November 23, 2023, right before a planned dinner event with his fellow Alpha Sigs from the Chicagoland area, and before celebrating Thanksgiving with his extended family in Illinois.

Growing Up in Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Brian grew up in Cedar Rapids, Iowa with his parents and two siblings: an older brother, Jeff and a younger sister, Noelle. He attended Jefferson High School and graduated with the Class of '76. He loved playing sports and excelled in softball, basketball and tennis. He was also in the drama club and participated in journalism as a sports editor. After Brian graduated from high school, he and his dad played 16" slowpitch softball for the very successful team, Mr. Bubbles. They played in local leagues, tournaments across Iowa, and competed in state and national championships. Also, he really enjoyed pheasant hunting with his dad and friends.

Iowa State University Chapter

Brian loved being a member of the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity in Ames, Iowa. He loved participating in intramural sports and other fraternity activities that involved time with the Brotherhood. He possessed strong interpersonal skills demonstrated by the way he was able to relate to anyone from every walk of life. As a leader, he was Vice President of the Fraternity in 1980 followed by holding the position as President in 1981. He graduated from Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in 1982 with emphasis in the Marketing program.

Post College Journey

He worked in the Sales area which spanned across 40+ years, mostly in the telecommunications field. He started his career with Wallace Computer Services, then Colgate Palmolive, followed by ATI, Inter-Tel Technologies, Fulton Communications and finally as Regional Vice President of Sales for Vertical Communications. Brian has 3 children: Tyler, Megan and Brandon. He has two grandchildren: Braxton and Ryder. In August 2023, he was remarried to Kimberlee "K" Cady. He introduced K to many of his fraternity brothers at an Alpha Sig reunion in Ames in September 2023. His wife K is CEO of the Atlanta Respite for Kids - The ARK, a respite center for foster children which supports sibling reunification. Brian went on a mission trip to Romania in June of 2022, serving at an orphanage, which changed his perspective on what he wanted to do with the rest of his life. He was serving as a CFO for the ARK, where his special talents and love of people had been a blessing to the vision in helping children within the Atlanta area.

Memories From His Children and Other Family Members

One thing Brian cherished most was spending time with the people he loved. He always encouraged his children to be present and never take these moments for granted because nothing lasts forever. This was all summed up in the saying "Be where you are," something he said very often. Brian always encouraged his children to work hard, chase their passions, take the road less traveled and HAVE FUN while doing it. Brian's curiosity and quick wit were impressive. He was the best listener and a great conversationalist. At family get-togethers, he was always so interested in everyone. He asked great questions about what we were up to, our work, our hobbies, politics, family history... he was such a great guy.

Brian Hawk's life will always be remembered as one that was always in pursuit "To Better the Man".

