



# Brian Allan Kelly

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### Family:

Brian was born in Detroit, Michigan on the 19th of May in 1945 and died in Dunedin, Florida on January 23, 2019. He is survived by his beloved foster son Yew Teck (William) Tan of Schenectady, NY, his sister Jean A. Hurchalla and her husband George of Palmyra, VA, nephews David and Jeffrey, and niece Elizabeth.

### Education:

High School: Redford High School, Detroit, Michigan

Colleges: Spring Arbor College, University of Michigan, University of Hawaii

Degree: University of Hawaii - Bachelor of Music Education

Career: Ferry Elementary School teacher, Detroit, Michigan 1965 - 1967

Music Teacher, Band Director, Music Department Chairperson, Lahainaluna High School, Lahaina, Maui 1971 - 2001.

### Honors Received:

- Outstanding Music Student for two years in high school
- Outstanding Music Student at University of Hawaii
- Included in Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 1992
- American Hall of Fame Director's Award
- John Philip Sousa Foundation - Laureate for the Legion of Honor Award, 1993
- Sudler Order of Merit of the John Philip Sousa Foundation in recognition of



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many special contributions to the excellence of bands and band music, 1993

- Volunteer Center of Maui County - "Hale Lima 'Akau" County Council of Maui

Teacher Appreciation - Dedication and Commitment to Education, 1997

- Conducted (Guest Conductor) Maui District Intermediate Massed Band, 1998

and Maui District High School Honor Band, 2006

- Conducted United States Collegiate Wind Band Internationally

Offices held: President - Maui District Music Educators Association,

Representative to State Music Association

President - Maui District High School Band Association

President - Student Chapter of NEMC at University of Hawaii at Manoa

Administrator and Assistant Conductor - United States Collegiate Wind

Bands

Chairman - Pinellas County Celiac Support Group

Travel: Twelve summer performance tours with the United States Collegiate Wind Band to nine countries in Europe; personal journeys to Canada, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau, China, Indonesia and Cambodia.

Professional Philosophy:

School music classes should provide camaraderie; by working together, students find enjoyment in their learning. By sharing our knowledge, students are able through performance to enjoy a sense of creating beauty. In our profession, we must strive to enrich the lives of our students through the beauty of the written score which translates into beautiful sounds, feelings, and emotions.

Retirement: In 2001 Brian retired from teaching. He moved from Maui to Clearwater and later to Dunedin, FL. Continuing his great interest in music, he sang in the choir at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church under Carol Alexander's direction, and also with her Shepherd Chorale. Later, he sang with the Clearwater Singers and at Ascension Episcopal under Beth Hunter, and entertained the choir on Christmas Eve between services at his home for dinner for many years. Brian sang in the Bach Choir, also directed by Carol Alexander, for several years including in costume for Pipescreams at Halloween. In addition, he was secretary of the Chamber Music on the Beach program hosted by Carol Alexander. Last fall, Brian rejoined the American Guild of Organists (AGO) and continued to attend many of the monthly organ and choral programs. Brian



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was always willing to help choirs out as needed at Peace Memorial Church (as recently as last December), and Good Samaritan Church.

Memorial: In the late 1990's, Brian initiated the formation of the Lahainaluna High School Foundation, the fascinating history of which can be found at [www.lahainalunahighschoolfoundation.org/content/4e7baf48215a0/](http://www.lahainalunahighschoolfoundation.org/content/4e7baf48215a0/)

In memory of Brian, if you would like to donate to the Lahainaluna music scholarship which has been established in his name, here are the details:

Lahainaluna High School Foundation  
P.O. Box 11617  
Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii 96761

Please add memo on check: Brian Kelly Memorial Music Scholarship.  
Checks should be made payable to: LHSF Scholarship.

A memorial service for Brian will be held at 2:00 PM on February 18 (Monday, Presidents' Day) at The Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 701 Orange Avenue.

"In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Brian Kelly Memorial Music scholarship mentioned above.





# Events


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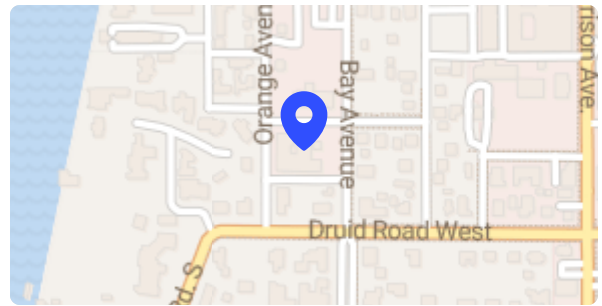
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## Memorial Service

 **Monday**, February 18, 2019

 2:00 PM ET

 **Church of the Ascension**  
701 Orange Avenue, Clearwater FL 33756





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LC

**Love From Your Lahainaluna High School Colleagues.** sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Kelly family.

February 12 at 5:36 PM



DK

**Diane Kerfeld** posted:

Brian had a smile that would make a person happy! He was truly a wonderful neighbor. Every time I was working out in my yard and Brian was taking his walk, he would stop and chat, and he would often compliment me on my gardening efforts. Once when I was complaining about the weeds, he told me what he used to keep the weeds from taking over - and it worked. I will truly miss such a nice man and neighbor. Diane K

February 6 at 7:05 PM

MM

**Mary Machan** posted:

I met Brian about twelve years ago, after he had retired and moved to Florida, and I think of that day as a gift, leading to a friendship which has been refreshing and uplifting to my life. As it happens, we grew up within minutes of each other in the same area of Detroit, and even went to the same church, Redford Presbyterian. We were part of the same Sunday School program but never actually met, as a two year difference in our ages meant we would have been in different classes. Had my family not moved to the suburbs, we might have run into each other in high school, being in the same Redford High School district. It would be another forty-five years or more before our paths finally crossed one day at my workplace, which just seems so random, yet maybe not. Our conversation that day led to the discovery of our similar childhood roots, and we must have spent at least an hour trading stories and memories and reminiscing about how nice it was to grow up in Detroit in those days. I'm hopelessly nostalgic and was in my element, but I could see that Brian was enjoying it, too, and I was struck by his thoughtful, sincere, and delighted manner throughout the conversation. I remember thinking that it almost seemed as if we were old friends. And that day did lead to a delightful friendship that made a difference in my life. Brian was such a wonderful person, a kind, considerate, gentle and caring man. He seemed to have a joyfulness that came from within and a positive outlook that was inspiring. Even though the sadness and loss is so painful and raw, just writing this brings a sense of gratitude and joy for being even a small part of his life. Through his own example, in his quiet, humble way, he was an inspiration and touched many lives, including mine. Thank you, Brian. I will miss you very much. Aloha, my friend.

February 5 at 2:46 PM



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**Betty Dethmers** posted:

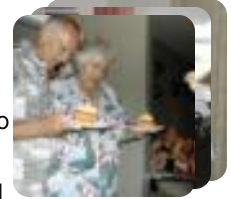
Brian was a kind, gentle, thoughtful and caring person. We attended many concerts together with like - minded friends, and it was always interesting hearing his musical reviews after - mostly very positive. He will be greatly missed. Betty Dethmers

February 1 at 5:56 AM



**Doc Ten** shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Brian and I met on the Lake Huron beach 73 years ago. Brian was my steady friend all that time. I talked on the phone with him a week before he died. I will miss him so very much. Heart hurts. ❤️😞-Dear Jean, and George and William, too,-You have lost a dear brother, a wonderful brother-in-law, a kind and guiding father figure and I have lost my oldest friend. I am so sorry.-You probably don't remember, Jean, when your terrific mother and her baby son met another fantastic mother (mine) on the Lex Hi Beach in Michigan when Brian and I were 10 weeks old, born 2 days apart. I'm older. -Brian and I grew up together and stayed in touch all our lives. He went to Redford H. S. and I went to Cooley. We have visited each other's homes. We celebrated our birthdays, sometimes together, once at Disney World. We called. We emailed. We confided. Each year as I read his Christmas letter, I followed news of his friends, the trips he took. I will miss those letters.-May Brian RIP and may your souls and beings be stronger because he was in your life, and in mine.His passing is like a sunset on Lake Huron... we have come full circle.



January 27 at 3:35 AM



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KD

**Kalea Dean** posted:

Wow. Just yesterday Brian popped into my head when I was reading an article about controversial newspaper stories written by kids for their school papers. Brian taught the newspaper class at Lahainaluna when I was a sophomore in 93', I think? I wrote an opinion piece about the no slipper rule Lahainaluna had at the time. Slightly controversial back then. Brian wore many hats while teaching at that school. Well, 8 or 9 years later my husband and I ended up buying Brian's house when he decided to move back to Florida which we still live in for the past 18 years and counting. He was good friends with our neighbors, who are his old neighbors and would visit pretty regularly each summer and he would always come over to take a tour to see what we've done with the place. He always had a few tips or tricks with this or that and can I just mention how unbelievably ORGANIZED he was! Everything, every single work order, receipt or invoice having to do with the house he had in a file along with every manual for every appliance and I still have all of it however we no longer have any of those appliances. Lol, and even 18 years after he moved we still get mail for him for music catalogs and such. I'm kinda in disbelief right now so I'm sorry for rambling on but I really haven't taken this all in. My condolences to his family members blood related or not. Brian was a kind and rare person, always smiling and genuinely interested in the world around him. I can't recall a time where I ever saw him get mad or impatient or bothered by anything or anyone. He took the time to address each person or issue that came his way. Very sad to hear about this, Brian definitely made use of his time while here. Aloha Brian, Sincerely, Kalea and Jason Dean

January 30 at 12:13 AM

JM

**Jeff Mahon** posted:

I had Mr. Kelly for Band at Lahainaluna H.S. and was his Drum Major my senior year 1983. He was a wonderful teacher and person. He knew how to be a coach, a mentor and disciplinarian and he blended all three perfectly. Being in band was very special because Mr. Kelly made it special. Thank you Mr. Kelly for your dedication to your many many students over the years. You truly made a difference in our lives.

January 28 at 12:24 PM

DM

**Debra McMaster** posted:

I remember singing at Church of the Good Shepherd in Dunedin and hearing a fine bass voice in the congregation. I made a point of meeting him after the service, introducing him to the choir director/organist Carol Alexander, and encouraging him to join the choir.

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JH

**Janet Heitler** posted:

I was always glad when I ran into Brian. We were facilitator of Celiac Support groups - he in Pinellas and me in Hillsborough We would compare notes and swap names and numbers of people seeking support on living the GF life style. I always had a warm feeling when we departed and he wished me "Aloha". Aloha Brian Janet Heitler

January 27 at 1:41 PM

JD

**Joanne R Dennis** posted:

I came to Lahainaluna High School in the fall of 1995, and one of the first people who welcomed me was Brian. Over the years I enjoyed our lunches together almost as much as attending his Music Concerts. Aside from his music classes, he also contributed to the well-being and education of LHS students by agreeing to teach a math class, so that class sizes would be smaller and students could receive more individualized instruction. Perhaps his greatest legacy is his tireless work on setting up the Lahainaluna High School Foundation, as well as his contributions to Lahainaluna's accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) . The lives of all who knew him, as well as those who benefited from his work are forever enriched by his friendship and optimism. Rest in Peace, Dear Friend, and now you can sing with the Angels.

January 27 at 12:07 PM

MN

**Melissa Nimmo** posted:

Brian was such a kind and lovely man; a true gentleman. It was always enjoyable to hear stories of how he escaped the Midwestern cold and moved to his beloved Hawaii, as well as his journeys to China with William. Brian was a bright spot in our world. Best regards, Melissa Nimmo (former Ascension Choir member)

January 27 at 5:32 AM



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**William** shared a photo to the **Brian** album.



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**Patty Day Perkey** February 18 at 1:01 PM

Brian was a wonderful person. I got to know him working on political campaigns in 2012 and our friendship lasted long after the politics ended. He was such a friendly, charming human being. He always had kind words and that great smile. I live near him and used to see him out walking. Now I drive past his house and am sad that he's no longer living there. I miss him!



**Sharon Chroman** January 27 at 7:30 AM

The beautiful smile of a humble, gentle man, May all who knew and loved him find some peace and solace because of the gift and blessing of having him in our lives! Much love my friend. I will miss you. Sharon



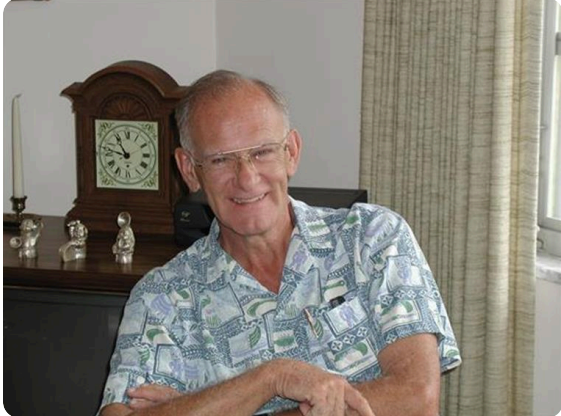
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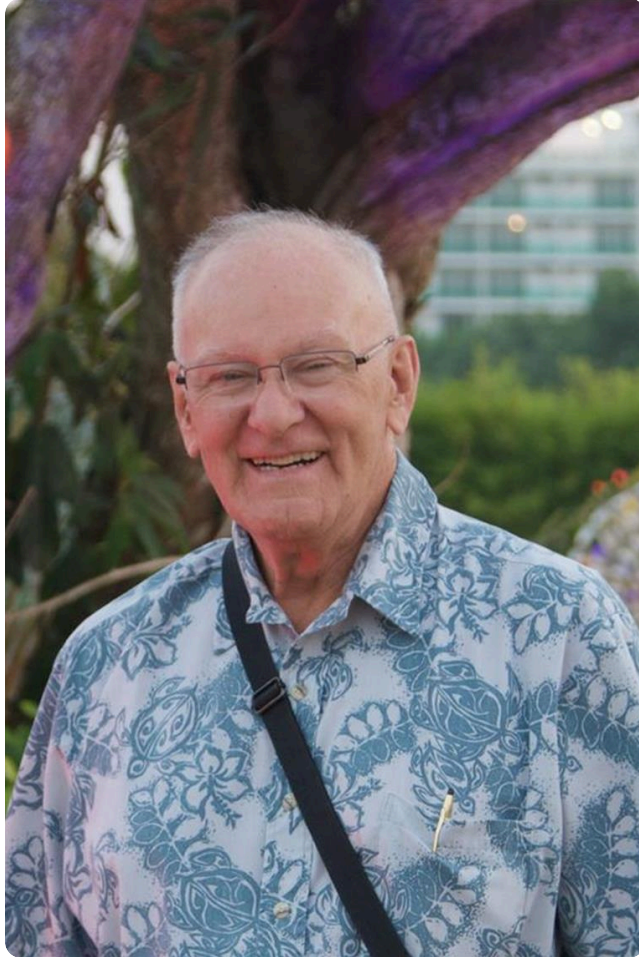
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