

Brian Moody (1951-2021) - Closed Album

By Eric Moody

Brian George Moody was born in Burlington, Vermont, on January 9, 1951. This was just before our father, George W. Moody, was recalled to active duty in the Air Force during the Korean War; dad subsequently decided to pursue a military career - first as a navigator, then as a JAG officer, with the result being that Brian and his two brothers and sister grew up in the Air Force.

In 1969, Brian went with our parents and one younger brother to Taiwan when our father was assigned to the U.S. forces legal staff. While there, he attended classes offered by the University of Maryland, and took up scuba diving, a recreation he remained enthusiastic about the rest of his life.

Brian returned to the U.S. in 1972, residing first in Shreveport, Louisiana, where our father was stationed, then, in 1974, moved to Reno, where I was living. He worked for a while at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks before joining the Air Force in 1975. He became an autopilot technician, working primarily on F16s and other fighter jets. His first assignment was to a base in England - where he had a chance to visit Scotland and pursue some family genealogical research (a lifelong interest). Ironically, after one year, he was transferred back to Nevada - to Nellis AFB in North Las Vegas, where he spent the rest of his Air Force tour of duty. When he was discharged as a sergeant in 1981, he moved back to Reno, which then was home to our parents as well as myself.



Brian Moody at 2019 meeting.

He decided to go back to school, receiving an associate degree from Truckee Meadows Community College, and then a bachelor's degree from the University of Nevada. After a stint as an enumerator for the 1990 U.S. Census, he went to work for the U.S. Postal Service in Reno. Following some early jobs there, he became a heavy equipment mechanic, working chiefly on the mail processing equipment at the main USPS facility on Vassar Street. He retired in 2019 after 27 years.

Brian was an enthusiastic amateur photographer (he took photojournalism classes at UNR), and some of his documentary photos are in the collections of the Nevada Historical Society. He always looked forward to the annual USPS picnics, showing up with his camera to document the day's activities. From 2010 to 2017 he served as part-time staff photographer for *Nevada in the West* magazine, and held the same position on the Austin, Nevada, *Reese River Reveille*, 2018-2021.

Brian began collecting stamps when he was young and had an uncle who was an agricultural attaché who passed on stamps to him. He re-started collecting when he was in high school. He was interested in Christmas stamps - Worldwide. He enjoyed being a volunteer at the Sparks Museum, and always looked forward to the Saturday meetings of the Nevada Stamp Study Society, which he joined in 2017.

He liked to haunt used bookstores (buying way too many books and DVDs!) and was an avid video poker player at various casinos, especially the Dotty's on Sparks Boulevard in Spanish Springs.

Brian never married and did not have children, but he enjoyed being a generous uncle to four nieces and three nephews, and family gatherings on holidays and other special occasions were events he always awaited with great anticipation.

Brian passed away on January 27, 2021, at the VA Hospital in Reno, from pneumonia brought on by COVID 19.