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Brian was born in Detroit, Michigan to Robert Leroy and Corrine Dolores Supplee. He lived

there until 1955, when the family moved to Lavonia, MI. There he attended grade school and graduated from Franklin High School in 1968. From early on, his interests were in the mechanical and electrical fields, which spawned many projects from electric minibikes and bicycles, to MGAs and big block Chevrolets. He went on to attend college at Lawrence Technical Institute, while working for Michigan Bell Telephone.

In the winter of 1974, Brian accepted a position at a Manhattan Beach, CA company, bought a big Olds 98, added a trailer hitch, and headed for sunny California. Over the next several years, he moved through various positions, finally landing at Emulex Corporation in Irvine, CA. It was there that he developed his concept of fixtured Temperature Cycling Test Chambers. He started a business in his garage called Cybortronics, a name he'd thought of at the age of twelve. There he built Chambers for Emulex and many others. His workload grew, and in 1989, he incorporated with a partner and began what turned out to be a successful 32-year business, supplying products to clients such as Western Digital, Cisco Systems, IBM, Flextronics, Celestica, and many others around the world.

Brian met the love of his life, Kathy, in 1989. Kathy had an upstart sheet metal business, which Cybortronics needed. Brian courted Kathy for many years, and in 2000, they were married. He gave her the love and dedication of a devoted husband, and she gave him a beautiful and loving family.

He is survived by his wife Kathleen Supplee; her children, Debbi Carlson, Ross 'Guy' Morrow Jr., Robert Morrow (Kolby), and Penny Neal (Kevin); his eight grandchildren, Ross Morrow III (Itzel), Jolene Stolyar (Coco), Stacy Miklavcic (John), Natal Johnston (Phil), Erin

Ray, Alyson Ray, William Ray III (Ali), Ellie Lee-Morrow, and Riley Lee-Morrow; and his five great grandchildren, Tatum Stolyar, Brooklyn Johnston, Skylar Johnston, Oliver Miklavcic, and Adalyn Joy Ray. He is also survived by his two brothers, Neil Supplee (Donna) and Craig Supplee (Tracey); and their children Ryan, Christopher, Nathan, Alyssa, Lindsey, Andria, and Nichole.

Services will be held at Christ Lutheran Church, 820 W. Imperial Hwy, Brea, CA 92821, at 11am on September 13, 2025, followed by a reception at Brian and Kathy's home, 384 Dover Ave. Brea, CA.

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those crushed in spirit" (Psalm 34:18).

Please send flowers directly to the family's residence.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 13. 11:00 AM (PT)

Christ Lutheran Church
820 W. Imperial Hwy
Brea, CA

Tribute Wall

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“ Ross King Morrow III purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Brian Lee Supplee.



Ross King Morrow III - September 03, 2025 at 09:22 PM

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“ Ross King Morrow III planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Lee Supplee.

Ross King Morrow III - September 03, 2025 at 09:22 PM

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“ I don't have any photos to share, but I do have so many memories of Brian. He was always the one to step up—if something was missing at home, he never minded hopping in the car to pick up just that one thing.

We spent many evenings out on the patio together, sharing cigarettes, maybe a glass of wine, talking about life and laughing a lot. Brian had such a wonderful sense of humor. He was always pleasant, and I don't think I ever heard him complain once. If I started grumbling about something, he had a way of turning it around and helping me see the bright side.

There was also the trip up to the cabin in the mountains—Kathy's cabin, before they were even married. Brian was part of the family, so of course it was “their” cabin, too. It was Brian, Kathy, and me, maybe a couple others. I don't think Kathy skied, but Brian was always game, and we had such a great time on the slopes and later over a wonderful dinner.

And then there was the time I told him I wanted to see his company, Cybortronics. Before I knew it, we were in his Jeep headed over to Mission Viejo. That was Brian—spontaneous, generous, and always up for an adventure.

What I'll never forget most of all is Brian's optimistic frame of mind. It seemed to ooze from his nature—his kind-heartedness, his warmth, and the genuine pleasure he took in his family and in the people around him. Those are the memories I treasure, and I'm grateful I got to share those moments with him.

Carrie Schumacher “Duffy” - August 27, 2025 at 01:01 AM

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“ Gary and I have had the most fun and best times with Brian and Kathy from the amazing trips every year to Lake Tahoe to our traditional Christmas dinner at the Summit House to playing many hours of Euchre (his favorite card game). Our admiration to being a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He was kind, generous and loving and will always remain in our hearts.

Rosemary and Gary Millet - August 26, 2025 at 12:07 PM

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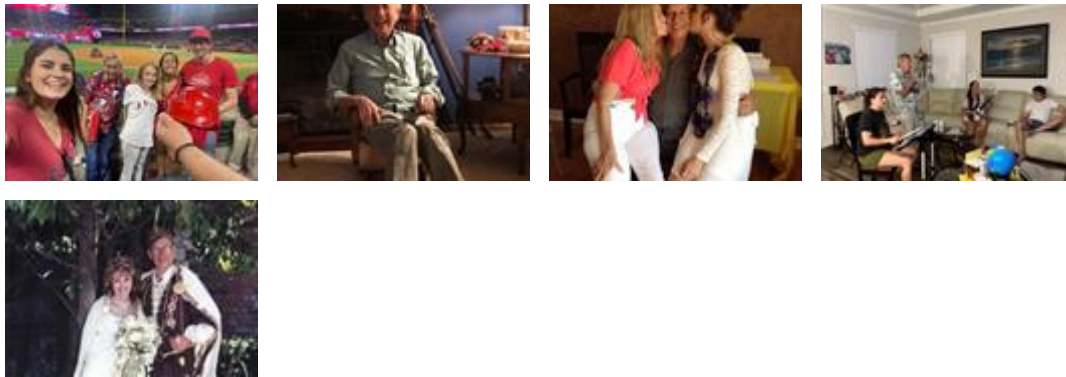
“ Kolby and I did some math and we reckon we served Brian and my mom maybe 200 “family dinners” since moving to Yorba Linda in 2021. After the first few, Kirby (the boxer) seemed to know when Friday afternoon came around and would begin watching the door. As soon as Brian got settled, Kirby was on his lap every time. So many happy memories. So much to be missed.



Rob Morrow - August 25, 2025 at 10:34 PM

NJ

“ Wuvv yous, Papa ❤️



Natal Johnston - August 25, 2025 at 10:24 PM