



Brian Gately

December 6, 1947 - October 31, 2025

Brian Gately of Crawfordville, FL passed away on October 31st, 2025, at his home after a year-long battle of cancer at 77 years old.

He was born in Buffalo, NY on December 6th, 1947, to Paul and Elinor Gately. In Natick, MA, he grew up with his two brothers Paul “Ken” Gately and Robert Gately. He graduated from Natick High School in 1965, and he went to Mass Maritime Academy and served two years in the United States Navy. In 1970, he graduated from Grand Valley State College in Grand Rapids, MI. He worked at Metropolitan Life Insurance Company as a Technical Trainer for 34 years in Warwick, RI. In 1972, he married Marilyn Moore Gately in North Kingstown, RI, and remained happily married for 53 years.

Brian was preceded in death by his parents Paul and Elinor Gately and his siblings Suzanne Gately (who passed away of Leukemia before he was born) and Robert Gately. He is survived by his wife Marilyn Gately, his two daughters Katherine “Katie” Gately Ferreira of Crawfordville, FL and Leslie Dunham of Charlotte, NC, his brother Ken Gately, his sister-in-law Patricia “Pat” Gately, and his two grandchildren Kyra Gately Ferreira and Corbin Cade Ferreira.

Brian was loved by all people with his great sense of humor, optimism, welcoming smile, extremely curious nature, and larger than life personality. His favorite song is “Blackbird” by the Beatles. Some of his hobbies included curling (his team was the Curling Curlers in Wolfeboro, NH for about five years), woodworking, drawing, playing games, home improvement, animals,

going to the beach with his daughter, and of course the New England Patriots. He loved vacations to his lifelong Birch Island family home in Maine, where he found an amazing community of friends and loved ones.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Wakulla Animal Shelter located at 1 Oak St., Crawfordville, FL 32327.

Tribute Wall

AF

“ Brian was one great guy. So sad to hear of his passing. One of the funniest people I've ever met. We worked together at MetLife.

Alan Frio

Alan Frio - March 24 at 10:26 AM

ME

“ I am heartbroken to have just discovered Brian's passing. Brian gave me lifts home from Grand Valley in his yellow VW bug he called Helmut. It was always a hilarious drive as he would 'draft' behind a semi. He was a lovable character and promised to make me a monkey's fist key chain like the one he had— apparently he'd learned to make it while in the merchant marines—

My deepest condolences to the family, he was lovable.

Mary Lynn Erskine

Mary Lynn Erskine - December 06, 2025 at 04:08 PM

JP

“ Brian was my trainer when I began my career at MetLife. He had a wonderful way of making insurance come to life through storytelling. We had lots of laughs over the years. He and his fellow trainers inspired me to become an instructor as well. Thank you Brian, for the example & the support early on in my career. I'm so glad you followed your plan to retire early to fully enjoy life filled with family, friends, & hobbies. Love & peace to your beautiful wife and family.



Julie Palazini - November 23, 2025 at 08:11 AM

JK

“ I met Brian at Met in 1976 and worked 20 years with him. He was a great coworker and friend. We had a lot of laughs He truly be missed.

Joanne Tencher King

Joanne Tencher King - November 22, 2025 at 11:22 PM

PK

“ I met Brian in 2012, and only spent time with him twice. Due to his open and approachable manner, I felt as if I had known him for years. I'm sure he is hanging around Birch Island! Rest well, we will miss you.

Peter Kilian - November 20, 2025 at 12:23 PM

KD

“ Brian was my first Trainer at MetLife. He had an amazing Zest for Life that I admired. Thanks for the Lessons Brian, you will be missed.

Ken Drowne - November 20, 2025 at 10:33 AM

CH

“ Oh man, I was stunned and sad to hear you passed, Brian. I can remember many laughs and stories we shared while working at MetLife many moons ago. Your sense of humor and sarcasm was always great to hear and you always knew when anyone could use a good dose of it! I will celebrate your life and honor our friendship. You certainly will be missed. Rest in eternal peace, my friend. ❤️🙏

Coby Hopkinson - November 19, 2025 at 10:54 PM

JT

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. He left you all with such wonderful memories. They will always be with you. Favorite memory when I got my Snoopy watch. So bummed when it stopped working but still have it.may he Rest In Peace. Jan Travers

jan travers - November 19, 2025 at 07:13 PM

KS

“ My condolences to the family and all his friends. I worked with Brian at Met and he was one of my favorites! We had lots of laughs and fun times in training. He got me interested in training and I haven't stopped. Sending much love and peace.

Kristen De Souza - November 19, 2025 at 06:03 PM

KD

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Kristen DeSouza - November 19, 2025 at 06:04 PM

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Alan Frio

Alan Frio - March 24 at 10:27 AM

JL

“ Brian was a great guy. We worked together at MetLife for many years. He was a storyteller and shared his family with all of us. He was loved and will be missed.



Joyce Long - November 19, 2025 at 04:17 PM