



Brian Schultz

September 25, 1961 - September 21, 2023

Brian Phillip Schultz, 61, passed away peacefully on September 21, 2023, from ALS. He spent his final days surrounded by family in beautiful Switzerland.

Brian had a wonderful life growing up in Houston with his mother and father, Leah and Billy Schultz, and his two sisters, Wendy and Lauren. He was a straight-A student, in part due to financial incentives provided by his grandfather. He loved sports and played football, basketball, and baseball after school almost every day with his good friends in Meyerland.

Brian's first love was baseball. As a kid, he was an Astros Buddy, and his parents would drop him off at the Astrodome to watch Astros games. He was a pitcher at Bellaire High School into his junior year, when arm trouble and loss of command forced him into retirement. After prodding from his girlfriend, Brian agreed to try out for cheerleader and was elected by the student body. He loved being a cheerleader during his senior year.

After graduating from Bellaire in 1979, Brian went to UT Austin to pursue a career in medicine. His plans were derailed when his close friend and roommate, Mike Segal, was shot in the head during an attempted convenience store robbery during their sophomore year. The remainder of Brian's undergraduate experience was difficult as he struggled with severe

depression. Brian managed to graduate with honors in December 1982, but he lost interest in becoming a doctor.

During the summer after graduation, Brian met the love of his life, Dixon Presswood, at Confetti, a popular Houston nightclub at the time. Brian was so smitten that he told his mother the next morning he had met the woman he was going to marry. Brian and Dixon had a passionate, year-long affair in Houston before Dixon went to NYU for her M.B.A. and Brian headed to Harvard for a Ph.D. in molecular biology. Thankfully, the telecommunications and airline industries were being deregulated at the time, enabling them to stay in regular contact with 10-cent per minute long distance charges from MCI and \$60 round-trip fares on People Express. They both ultimately returned to Houston and were married on May 27, 1990.

Brian quickly realized that looking for eye mutations in *Drosophila* was not his cup of tea. He withdrew from Harvard and returned to UT Austin for his M.B.A. Upon graduating in 1987, he joined the management consulting practice in the Houston office of Touche Ross (later Deloitte). He worked there for 6 years, learning from amazing mentors and making many lifelong friends.

Shortly after leaving Deloitte, Brian's father encouraged him to visit a small brokerage in the Houston Galleria where a handful of people were day trading stocks. Much to his surprise, Brian discovered most of these traders were making money, so he decided to give it a try. After 3 years, Brian branched off into futures trading. Since the brokerage did not have a futures business, Brian became a pioneer, setting up a trading desk at home in the early days of the internet long before the advent of the online trading and investing. He continued trading up to the time of his ALS diagnosis.

Dixon and Brian shocked their families and friends in late 1998 when they announced she was pregnant, since everyone always assumed they would

never have children. Brian was a very proud and dedicated father to their son, Austin. Once again, Brian became a pioneer when he decided to be a stay-at-home dad so that Austin would always have a parent around after school and on holidays. Brian took great pride in cooking high quality, made-from-scratch dinners for Austin most weeknights, just as his mother had done for him, and having deep discussions about the world, just as he had done with his own father.

Brian was an audiophile who loved listening to music. He separately amassed and sold two large collections of LPs and eventually acquired a similarly large number of compact discs. In recent years, he built a vast library of high-resolution digital music. Brian was also a foodie who sought out the best restaurants in Houston and wherever he traveled. At home, he had a carefully curated collection of fine single malt whisky from Scotland, which he often enjoyed as an apéritif before dinner.

A life-long gym rat, Brian took up Olympic weightlifting in his 50s. It was his passion later in life, and he was an advanced masters lifter when ALS forced him to retire.

Brian loved dogs, including his four bichons. He would not hesitate to pet any dog.

Brian is predeceased by his father, William Melvin Schultz. He is survived by his beloved wife of 33 years, Dixon Presswood Schultz; his son Austin Connor Schultz; his mother Leah Gansar Schultz; his sisters Wendy Mehling and Lauren Hampton (Jake); his brother-in-law Chris Mehling; his parents-in-law Olive Allen Hughes (Lynn) and Ronald Presswood (Judy); his brothers-in-law Ronald Presswood, Jr. (Barbie), Scott Dyer (Nadja), and Steven Dyer (Christine); his sisters-in-law, Lindsey Hughes and Kathryn Dyer Bendheim

(Tom) ; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the ALS Association.

A funeral service will take place at 10:30 am on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 in The Bender Memorial Chapel at Beth Yeshurun Post Oak Cemetery, 7445 Awty School Ln., Houston, Texas 77055. The Service will also be livestreamed at <https://venue.streamspot.com/f8d04b5b>

Cemetery Details

Beth Yeshurun Post Oak Cemetery

7445 Awty School Ln.
Houston, TX 77055

Previous Events

Cemetery Chapel Service

OCT 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

Sophia and Jack Bender Memorial Chapel
7445 Awty School Ln.
Houston, TX 77055

Livestream: <https://venue.streamspot.com/f8d04b5b>

Tribute Wall

LH

“ Like many a former Houstonian, I was watching the Astros this last week. . . and knowing Brian was a baseball fan, I wondered what he would be thinking of his home team making it once again to the playoffs. Thoughts of special people are like that. They pop up in the little things. Dixon and family, we are thinking of you more than you know. Blessings, Linda Lacour Hobar and family

Linda Hobar - October 24, 2023 at 12:03 PM

BJ

“ I knew Brian all the way back to our Little League days together in Meyerland. Back when being a kid just playing baseball was really special. That is how I will always remember Brian. See you again sometime Brian!

Byron Jones - October 03, 2023 at 04:19 PM



“ Ultimate Golden Godiva Tower was purchased for the family of Brian Schultz.



October 02, 2023 at 12:43 PM

AL

“ Some souls, though never met in person, resonate deeply within us; Brian was one such spirit. Through the harmonies of music, we found common ground, and his infectious positivity was a constant source of inspiration.

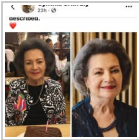
Anas Lanedri - September 30, 2023 at 05:07 PM

BB

“ *My Bellaire MOT boy. (Berakah). Keep Rosen in line would ya!! You are fine now.....we suffer. xoxoxox*



BRUCE BROWN - September 29, 2023 at 07:29 PM



“ *What a beautiful write up of a very precious person from my life. Brian I hope you are up there doing a dance because with me you were a great dance partner as well as much more . My sincere condolences to Dixon, Leah, Wendy and Lauren . My heart is with you.*

Cynthia Ely - September 29, 2023 at 06:42 PM

LF

Brian, we love you and Dixon beyond words. Love u as a friend, neighbor and co worker. We thank you for all our foodie adventures and will think of you always whenever we try somewhere new. You are one in a million and so glad we got to share your scotch collection and so many special moments with you. Love and peace and condolences to all who loved him as we did - Laura and Joe.

laura freudenberger - September 29, 2023 at 11:17 PM



A very special individual - Brian you will be greatly missed. You were kind, intelligent, thoughtful and a pleasure to converse with. A terrific smile and laugh. We will treasure our memories of you and Dixon, the days before kids, the quick visits during trips back to Houston. Thank you for being a part of our lives. Prayers of peace and strength to Dixon and the family, and we send our love. Thankful for your life and friendship. Michelle and Steve Johnson

Michelle Johnson - 2 seconds ago

Michelle Johnson - September 30, 2023 at 08:27 PM