



Charles Brian Cordrey

March 25, 1942 - October 25, 2022

Charles Brian Cordrey passed away on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at the Delmar Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Brian was the son of the late Charles W. and Norma Jane Cordrey.

Brian graduated from Delmar High School in 1960 and from Salisbury State Teacher's College in 1964. He went on to do graduate studies at American University, George Washington University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, ultimately receiving two master's degrees, plus 30 hours.

Upon graduation from Salisbury State Teacher's College, Brian taught biology and earth science in LaPlata, Maryland for four years. He then moved back to Delmar and accepted a teaching position at James M. Bennett and later at Parkside in Salisbury, retiring from teaching with 30 years of service.

Brian had many interests. As a long time, faithful member of St. Stephen's United Methodist Church in Delmar he loved singing in the choir for many years. He was a friend of the Delmar Library and an avid stamp collector, winning many competitions over the years. Brian was devoted to his family, affording his parents independence in their home until their passing. He will be remembered for the kindness he showed everyone, his willingness to do anything for anyone and his warm smile and hugs.

He is survived by his brother, Jeff Cordrey and his wife Susan of Seaford.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church in Delmar, followed by a funeral service which will begin at 2:00. The Reverend Phyllis

Walton will officiate. Interment will follow at St. Stephen's Cemetery in Delmar. Memorial contributions may be made in Brian's honor to St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, 101 E. State Street, Delmar, DE 19940.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Stephen's Cemetery

State Street
Delmar, DE 19940

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Stephen's Methodist Church
101 E. State Street
Delmar, DE

Funeral Service

NOV 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Stephen's Methodist Church
101 E. State Street
Delmar, DE

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Brian Cordrey*

January 29, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ *I read with much sorrow about the passing of Brian. He was a fellow teacher and friend. We taught for 24 years at Parkside High School. He always had an optimistic outlook, and a great sense of humor. I was at one end of the hallway at Parkside and he was at the other end, but I would go to see him in the morning or afternoon for our daily consultation. We would lament the shortcomings of our "heathens". He would always leave me laughing on his take of the day's activities. He was a treasure trove of knowledge, there wasn't anything biological he couldn't speak to. I always thought Brian was the most underappreciated teacher I knew and I wondered how he managed to stay upbeat in an otherwise challenging situation. I hope he knew he was appreciated, even though we never said in so many words. May he rest in peace and somehow know his life was a meaningful one to students, colleagues, and friends.*

*Sincerely,
Jim Wilson*

Jim Wilson - October 31, 2022 at 12:00 PM



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Short Funeral Home - October 31, 2022 at 08:47 AM

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“ Jeff, sorry to hear about your brother! Bob and Phyllis Cullen

Bob and Phyllis Cullen - October 31, 2022 at 08:31 AM

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“ My future wife and I were in the 9th and 10th grades at Crisfield High in 1964 when Mr Cordrey became a student teacher there in science. He was a true gentleman, well prepared and interesting. It was nice to have a young, friendly teacher- if only for a little while. He was part of the reason I (Lloyd) became a teacher in 1970, teaching and being an administrator in Prince George’s county, Somerset County, and Accomack County. I was asked to return to Accomack 2 years ago and am in my 42nd year of public education. I often wondered how Mr. Cordrey did and am so glad he had a fine career in education. He never knew it but he did have a positive impact on our lives and my career. We are sorry for your loss.

Lloyd Tyler - October 30, 2022 at 07:07 PM

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“ In 1975, I had the honor of opening Parkside High school as the first principal. Fortunately, Brian was a science teacher on that faculty and was just simply outstanding both as a teacher and a staff member. I really thought the world of him and he worked very hard for his students and for the overall operation of the school. His dedication helped to make my job easier. He was highly organized and provided an excellent program for his students. His life was being a superior teacher which he was. I consider myself MOST fortunate to have worked with him. Unfortunately, I may not be able to attend his service but my thoughts and prayers will be with Brian and his family. With deepest sympathies, Tony Sarbanes

Tony Sarbanes - October 30, 2022 at 06:09 PM