

Dear Class of 1982,

I write with sad news. We were recently informed that your classmate Thomas Brian Fahy Jr. passed away on Monday, October 5, 2020.

Thomas Brian Fahy Jr., born on November 15th, 1962 to Thomas and Althea Fahy passed away October 5 after a brief illness. Brian grew up in West Hartford, CT and spent countless summers at Pochet Beach on Cape Cod. Brian was a proud alumnus of Berkshire School serving as a class agent. He then went on to attend Wittenberg University and graduated from Roger Williams University. Brian was passionate about the outdoors and athletics. Brian was a proud father of Thomas, Patrick, and Collin Fahy and shared with them his love for football, lacrosse, and fishing. Brian was enthusiastic about his Irish heritage and regularly taught those around him historical facts, a subject he was well versed in and greatly enjoyed. Brian leaves behind his sons, his sisters Elizabeth, Meg, and Allison their families, aunts, uncles and numerous friends. A celebration of Brian's life will be held at a later date.

You will find remembrances about Brian from Anthony Addison, Andrew Champagne, Peter Kinne and Alex Sumner below.

We invite you to join us in remembering Brian at the Service of Remembrance during Reunion Weekend 2021.

With condolences for the loss of your classmate,



Jen Nichols '87, P'19

Director of Alumni Relations

Anthony Addison '82

Brian was a great pal and was adored and respected by both his contemporaries and faculty/staff at Berkshire. He was dedicated to the school, as was proven by the tireless work that performed on behalf of Berkshire. I am proud to call him a friend. He will be sorely missed.

Andrew Champagne '82

It is with great sadness that I learned of the passing of my Berkshire brother Brian Fahy. We had a wonderful 40-year friendship that began at Berkshire in the Fall of 1980. We also grew up together in West Hartford, CT. Our

dorm parents were Mr. and Mrs. Kinne in DeWindt that first fall. And what a fall it was with so many colorful characters on Dewindt floor one. The Kinnes were beginning their first year of what has turned into a remarkable combined service of over 80 years to Berkshire.

It was with a heavy heart that I tearfully looked through all of my Berkshire Bulletins and yearbooks. Brian was in almost every picture. As a long time Class Agent, he gave the most back to our class. Not only was he a mentor for many other Class Agents but he also won Volunteer of the Year, was a member of the Advisory Board, was a generous donor and a Berkshire parent. I will miss his listening skills and all the amazing advice he gave me over the years. He was through and through such a good person with a heart of gold. He would do anything for his friends and for Berkshire. He was also a great football player while under the Mountain.

I wonder why it takes the death of a beloved classmate for us to reunite. Let's stay strong, be kind and please try and give back to our wonderful school. Let's take a moment to pause and reach out to a classmate that we haven't talked to in a while. My condolences to Tommy, Patrick, Colin and his former wife Heather and his dear sisters Meg, Ally and Liz.

Peter Kinne, Brian's advisor, former faculty & coach

Brian had an unparalleled love for Berkshire and the Class of '82. He never forgot what his experience at Berkshire gave him, nor the friendships he made here under the mountain. A kind, gentle soul who has left us too early. He fought the good fight and I now hope he is at peace.

Alex Sumner '82

I was always drawn to Brian's ability to infuse you with hope born out of his own optimism and kindness. As classmates, you could look in Brian's eyes and see that he certainly wasn't filled with a self-confidence that brimmed with having all - or most - of the answers. But in reflection, Brian knew, deeply, that at that point in our lives this fact was more than okay. As young adults we weren't expected to have those requisite life-experiences, and more importantly, he seemed to understand that being where we were, at Berkshire, was the perfect environment to nurture us and help us establish that confidence we knew we lacked. Brian had a lifelong belief in the magic of Berkshire and how it could impact us profoundly and the fact that he devoted so much time sharing that love makes all of us greater for having been touched by his genuine care.