



Donor Hero Brian – by sister, Jann Eastly



Brian

My brother Brian (Boof) enjoyed everything about life. In high school he followed my Dad into the golfing world with great success. He ended up with a handicap of one, and won many awards, including getting a hole in one at our local club. My brother loved many different sports, he played local grade cricket and loved fishing. In later years he taught himself the guitar and at any party or gathering there was always a sing-along.

In August 2015 Boof and his brother-in-law were on a fishing trip when a rolling swell unexpectedly capsized their boat. Brian suffered compound fractures at the ankle and below the knee. His brother-in-law helped him to shore.

Brian was taken to Port Macquarie Hospital and had surgery to save his leg. Over the following weeks he had several surgeries to clean out sand and foreign bodies which were causing infections. In mid-February he was rushed to hospital suffering chest pain, which turned out to be clots on his lungs. We waited for what seemed to be an eternity in the ICU waiting room for the doctors to assess him. Eventually we were allowed in to see him. He looked very peaceful, but we knew things were not good.

His family took turns spending time with him until the early hours of the morning. On the Monday afternoon he was pronounced dead, and it was confirmed by our family that he would be a donor. He was able to donate two kidneys and a liver.

At around 3am Monday the 1st March, Brian was taken to theatre. My sister-in-law played him his favourite song Blackbird. Brian left a wife, four children and three grandchildren. His donation helped save three people.

I am grateful that my Donor Hero brother will be acknowledged along with the thousands of fellow organ and tissue donors during the Donor Heroes Night on 18th May 2021".