



Brian Elliott Halsey

July 16, 1942 - June 10, 2026

Brian Halsey, age 83, passed away on June 10th, 2026 after over a decade-long battle with Parkinson's disease.

He was born on July 16th, 1942, the son of Asa "Ray" and Wilda (Gonser) Halsey, in Kendallville, Indiana.

He is survived by his two children, Ryan (Jennifer Grone) Halsey, and Lauren (Alexander) Wisney of Ypsilanti; Two Grandchildren, Julian and Madeline Wisney; and a sister, Mary Weick, of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his older brother Dale Halsey. Brian was born in Kendallville, Indiana, growing up on a farm in Ligonier, Indiana. He attended Wawaka highschool, then studied at Wheaton College in Illinois, the Chicago Art institute, and Michigan State University. He held a M.A. in Church History and Creative Arts. In addition, he graduated from Florida State University with a Ph D. in Humanities. Additional studies included research and studio art study in London, Paris, Holland, Germany, Italy and Switzerland.

Brian taught at Spring Arbor College in the 1970s, helping to establish their art program, before devoting himself to his career as an artist full time. His work was primarily as an artist and printmaker. He is most well-known for his hard-

edged three-dimensional serigraphs, and later in his career he experimented with combining mixed-media techniques, computer imaging, and ink jet printing. He also served as an art consultant to design firms, businesses, and hospitals.

Brian was known by his family and friends for his light-hearted, funny and kind personality, even coined the “Pied Piper of Goofballs” by those close to him. He was a devoted father, grandfather, and friend. He was ever curious, creative and had an insatiable sweet tooth. Even as his health declined his sense of humor never faltered. He was passionate about his art and shared his work with everyone he came across.

An informal celebration of life will take place at Conor O’Neill’s Irish Pub in Ann Arbor, MI (318 South Main Street) on Sunday, July 12th, 2026, between 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM. Family and friends are invited to attend in honor of Brian’s life.

In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Spring Arbor University Arts Department (springarbor.edu/give), or the Michigan Parkinson Foundation (parkinsonsmi.org/support).