



Bradley John Van Hemert

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Bradley John Van Hemert passed away peacefully at home on July 4, 2021. He was born February 9, 1956, in Muskegon, Michigan to John J. and Dr. Ruth E. (Brondyk) Van Hemert.

Brad retired from Herman Miller after many years as a truck driver. He was most passionate about his faith, family, friends and classic cars. He was always willing to go the extra mile to help anyone in need.

Brad was preceded in death by his father, John J. Van Hemert and his mother, Dr. Ruth E. Van Hemert. He is survived and will be greatly missed by his aunts, uncles, cousins; his family and his friends.

No visitation, however, a public graveside service will be held at 12 noon on Monday, July 12, 2021, at Lake Forest Cemetery in Grand Haven, MI. Arrangements entrusted to the VanZantwick Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 620 Washington Ave, Grand Haven, MI 49417. Share memories with the family at their online guest book at www.sytsemafh.com.




Events


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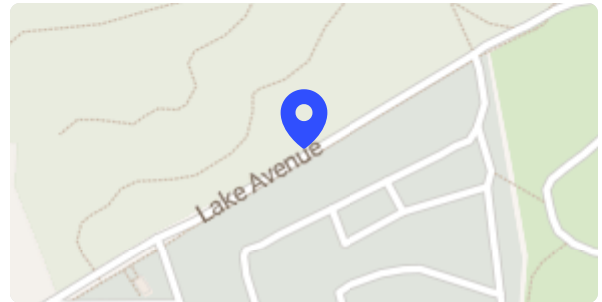
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Graveside Service


 **Monday**, July 12, 2021

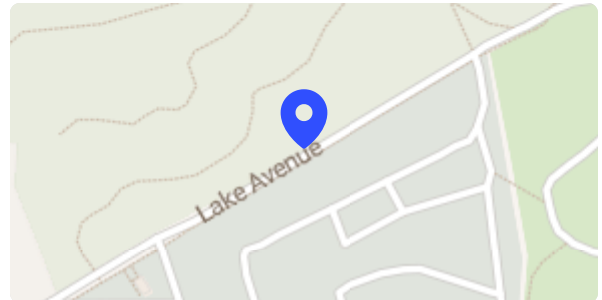
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 **Lake Forest Cemetery**
1304 Lake Ave., Grand Haven MI 49417



Cemetery Details

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Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services shared a **Webcast Video**.



July 13 at 12:45 PM



Carl Lins posted:

I am so sorry to hear of this passing. Brad was such a great person, always welcomed our Family, the passion for cars and just full of life. He worked most of the time but tried to make it to events, connect and remembered all of us! A true shock to hear this news and condolences to the family. RIP my friend see you on the other side.

August 31 at 2:39 PM



GM

Garth Mai posted:

I met Brad at work through the internship program Herman Miller has for driving for the fleet. He and I hit it off. I found out he liked classic cars and was a bit of a motor head, our friendship developed and on a Friday or Saturday evening I would go over to his house and we would order a pizza and watch movies. We would talk about solving the worlds problems and how it used to be. I have no doubts knowing where Brad is because I know his faith in God is very strong and he let me know if it was his time he was ready. Brad you will be Strongly missed. I will be looking for you on the other side. To family and friends so sorry for the loss. G.Mai

July 11 at 2:17 PM



MT

Mary (Rankin) Traxler posted:

The Harbor Point community will not be the same without Brad. He was so kind to stop as he was driving by (although always in a different car!). I will miss his waves and kind greetings. My Dad and the other neighbors were grateful for his offers to help and lend a hand. Such a good soul. He will be missed.

July 11 at 8:26 AM



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TB

Trynette Brondyke posted:

Brad. We miss you already. We liked when you would just come over and say "hi Unc". Sometimes you brought dark chocolate seafoam from Muskegon. Jim always lived talking cars with you but was a little insulted when you called his new car a truck. 😊. But you did enjoy driving it when we went to GR. We are so happy we got to see you at our family reunion 2 weeks ago and will miss those times with you. But there are many memories of years ago and Uncle Jim always considered you his little brother. There were many days when you were little and stayed with Grandma and Grandpa Brondyke and hung out with Uncle Dave and Uncle Jim. When Uncle Jim and Aunt Trynette started dating we also spent many Friday nights at your house with that little boy and his parents. When we had our boat you lived hiding in the front and of course when we went for rides you had to have a Pronto Pup. Yes Brad, we will miss all those special times and most of all we will miss the caring and kind Brad. We love you Nephew. Aunt Trynette and Uncle Jim. ❤️

July 10 at 1:53 PM

MM

Minney Milton lit a candle in honor of Bradley.

To Family, I was sorry to hear of Brad's passing, he was a kind, sharing and passionate man whom I met through his parents Ruth (my co-worker at MCC) and John. Although I had not seen/spoken to him since his mother's service, I would hear of some kind act he had done, either doing his carpet cleaning business or other instances. An "Angel" has arrived in heaven. Minney Milton



July 10 at 1:19 PM

VB

Valerie Brondyke posted:

Brad was so caring towards us cousins. I remember him bringing me, together with my sisters, to my very first movie many years ago. I also remember him taking us out on a boat when I was still a kid — it was exciting because he was a grown-up but yet one of us at the same time and drove the boat very much like a younger person. I still remember it bouncing on the waves:) He also always bought my kids candy and make a point of coming by when my family would visit from out of state. He will be very much missed. May he rest In peace.

July 10 at 7:39 AM



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Mary Steen lit a candle in honor of Bradley.

I'll always remember how welcoming Brad was. At my wedding, Brad made a special point to welcome Jason to the family. We will miss him.

July 8 at 4:47 PM



From Aunt Esther, Dave, Mary, Jason, And Holly sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Van Hemert family.

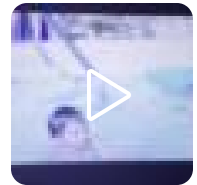
July 8 at 1:09 PM



Nicole Jones shared a video to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Brad, Tim, Bill and uncle Paul swimming.

July 8 at 11:13 AM



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Bill, Brad and Tim racing.

July 8 at 11:10 AM



VS **Vickie Schoenmaker** July 8 at 11:27 AM

Brad, Tim and Uncle Paul spending a quiet day swimming at pool in Florida. Brad, Bill and Tim driving their Covairs. Those boys sure loved their cars, and their Fathers supported and egged it on.



Anonymous sent a Heartfelt Memories to the Van Hemert family.

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In the last several months, I've had a few friends refer to their legacy. I asked them what did that mean to them? They had indicated that they started with nothing and made a small fortune. They were happy to share with their children. I thought about this for a moment and asked, wouldn't a better legacy be to teach your children a mind set that would continue building upon what they started? They thought for a moment and said, Sure, That's all part of it. I've had some time to think a little more about this legacy question. Thought to myself, Is there a Legacy of Kindness? Is there a Legacy of Thoughtfulness? How about the Legacy of Love? Brad Vanhemert will leave many Legacies. The Legacy he left for me was the Legacy of Kindness, being Thoughtful, and Love. Memories and time I spent with Brad Vanhemert will forever be treasured in my heart. Kelly and Heidi Uganski

July 8 at 9:15 AM



Adam Park posted:

I have been to a handful of Michigan "Brondyk(e)" events as a +1 over the past decade. The one constant was Brad going out of his way to talk to me and make me feel as welcome and comfortable as possible. Movies are made about grand heroic acts but the real heroes are the people that spread love and kindness day in and day out like Brad. Thoughts love and prayers... we will miss you

July 7 at 9:56 PM



April Viles shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Brad, you will be greatly missed ❤️ Thank you for always having a cold pop ready for us every time we rode bikes around Spring Lake. You would always laugh because I always forgot water. The triplets will miss your bags of candy on their birthday 🍬 I will miss all the stories from the adventures you and Josh took. We will wave extra hard every time we drive our boat past your house. Brett loved sitting and talking to you about cars for hours. Give hugs and kisses to everyone for me. Love you. April & Brett Viles Liam, Finnley, Camden

July 7 at 6:06 PM



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Vickie Schoenmaker posted:

Sure will miss ya cuz! One of my best memories is teaching you over the phone to make that Picnic ham. After 7-10 phone calls on how to preheat oven, why did the oven ping? Did it have enough brown sugar? Sure will miss you and Rod tearing up the roads. Hope you and Bill are tearing up the roads and then having a bowl of baked beans. Now you get to give Kristopher candy fixes. Brad would bring bags (like halloween size bags to my grandkids) yep, and then say "later cuz, have fun" with that sh...eating grin. May God give us payback time in Heaven. From all of us. We will truly miss you!

July 7 at 3:18 PM



Jim Bultema July 7 at 3:46 PM

We will miss you Brad



Theresa Alkema shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My sincere condolences to Brad's family. He was one in a million. I will miss him very much.

July 7 at 1:49 PM





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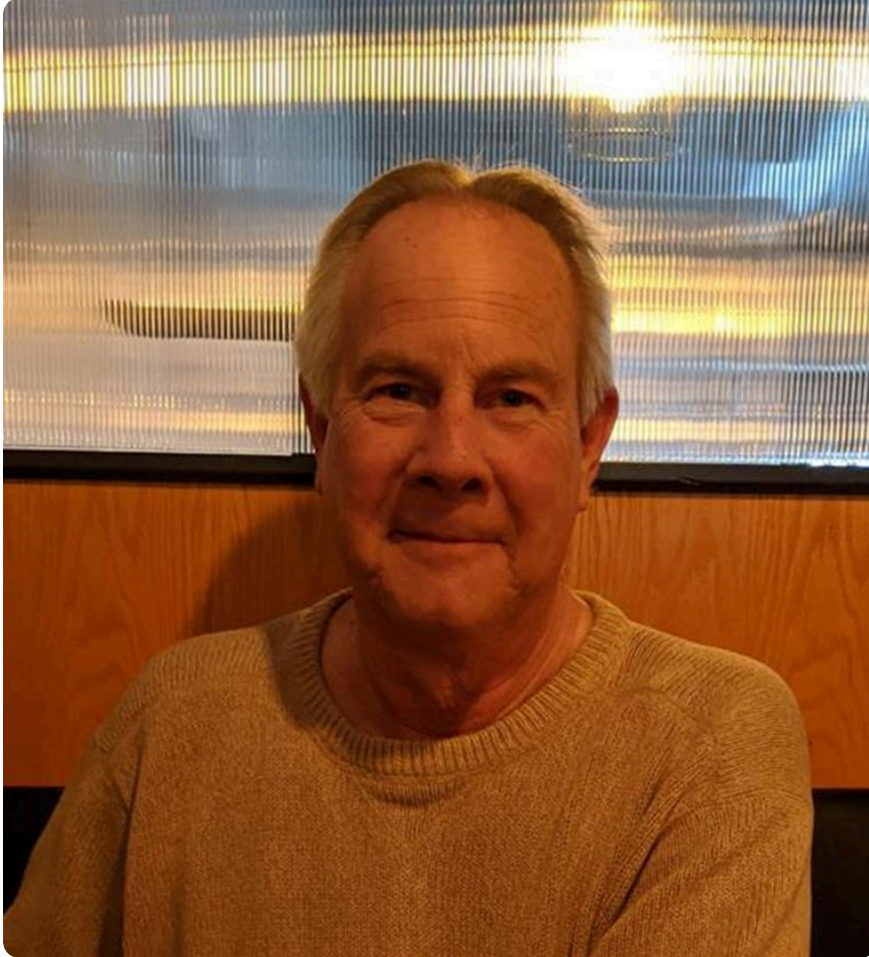
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bradley by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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