



## Brad Cole Burnham

January 2, 1953 - January 15, 2016

Brad C. Burnham Sr., age 63, of Rapid City, MI lost his battle to cancer and passed away peacefully at home on January 15, 2016 surrounded by his family. Brad was born January 2, 1953 in Detroit, MI. to the late Gerald and Constance (Cole) Burnham. Brad graduated from Novi High School where he was active in sports. He went on and attended Western Michigan University where he studied Business.

At the age of 19, Brad married his high school sweetheart Denise Dinser on January 3, 1972 and were married for 44 years. They resided in lower, MI before moving to Northern Michigan in 1984 and have lived in Rapid City, MI since 1998.

Brad was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed life on Torch Lake, riding his Harley Davidson, snowmobiling and hunting in the Upper Peninsula and spending time with family and friends. He was a founding member of the Long Riders Sportsman Club and had many good friends and acquaintances throughout many areas.

Brad was employed by Great Lakes Hydraulics of Kalkaska, MI. where he served as a sales manager / engineer for the hydraulic and pneumatics industry for the last 35 years. He was a respected professional in his industry providing expert service to many companies throughout Northern Michigan. Brad was preceded in death by his father Gerald and mother Constance (Cole) Burnham.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Denise and children Brad Jr., Danielle and

Amanda Davids. Grandchildren Cody, Danica, Cole and Ryan. Brother Gerald Burnham, sisters Susan Whitlow and Judith Moore.

The Memorial Service and celebration of Brad's life will be held January 23, 2016 at 1 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Elk Rapids, MI.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 23. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Elk Rapids  
404 Spruce Street  
Elk Rapids, MI 49629

# Tribute Wall

DB

“ I would run into Brad all of the time at the Elk Rapids Fitness Center. He had been going up there for years and over time I got to know him more. I always enjoyed catching up with him and b.s.ing about politics, cars, motorcycles, and everything in between. He was a really great guy and I always enjoyed the conversations and advice he had. I'm Going to miss seeing those Harleys parked out front this summer that always looked like they had just rolled off the showroom floor. To his family, you are all in my thoughts and prayers at this time. Brad was a great guy, which the world needs more of. Rest in peace, Brad.

Dan Blanchfield - January 25, 2016 at 09:57 AM

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“ Valle Clan - Dan, Maryanne, Donna, Craig, Lisa, Misty & Rob purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Brad Cole Burnham.



Valle Clan - Dan, Maryanne, Donna, Craig, Lisa, Misty & Rob  
- January 21, 2016 at 11:17 AM

GB

“ Gerald G Burnham purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Brad Cole Burnham.



Gerald G Burnham - January 20, 2016 at 07:36 PM

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**Paul Hizelberger** - January 19, 2016 at 02:48 PM

MK

“ *Brad, We are going to miss your witty remarks and those snowmobile runs in Steuben. You are a great person and the fluid power industry has lost a knowledgeable and loyal friend. Ride hard and live free... Sincerely, Mike Kozal ( BOND FLUIDAIRE)*

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**Mike Kozal** - January 18, 2016 at 12:54 PM

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“ *I'm Sorry to hear about Brad's passing. Brad will always be remembered for being "One of a kind"...whether he was being a Sales Engineer or enjoying life in Michigan. He will be missed. Never forgotten. Harold Englund. Parker Hannifin. (Retired)*

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**Harold Englund** - January 18, 2016 at 09:11 AM

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“*Brad's love for his family has always been evident. Providing the opportunity for our hockey boys/men to continue to get together through hunting and snowmobiling has been a gift to all of them. The hurt of losing him will continue; his undying love for each of you will also continue. With Care, Gloria Halligan (Jack's mom)*

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**Gloria Halligan** - January 17, 2016 at 06:42 PM