



Bradley Jay Kusler

August 8, 1960 - December 22, 2022

Bradley Jay Kusler, age 62 of Litchfield, passed away peacefully Thursday, December 22, 2022, at the Meeker Memorial Hospital in Litchfield. A funeral service will be held on Friday, December 30, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Litchfield with Rev. Mark Astrup officiating.

There will be a visitation on Thursday, December 29, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Johnson Funeral Home in Dassel and one hour prior to the service on Friday at the Zion Lutheran Church in Litchfield.

Bradley Jay Kusler, the son of Ray Edward and Arlean Lorraine (Liedle) Kusler, was born August 8, 1960, in Britton South Dakota. The family moved to Cokato, Minnesota where Brad attended Dassel-Cokato High School and graduated in 1978. Upon graduation Brad attended the Red Wing Technical School. He then served his country in the United States Air Force from January 1980 to August 1983.

On September 25, 1993, Brad was united in marriage to Jennifer Peterson at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cokato, Minnesota. Together they made their home in Cokato, Minnesota until moving to Litchfield in 1995 where they currently reside.

Brad was employed by First District Association in Litchfield, Minnesota as a

Chief Boiler Engineer for 25 years.

He enjoyed hunting and ice fishing. Always looked forward to the fishing trips to Red Lake and Lake of the Woods. Also, on his days off work, you could find him walking his dog, Max, whom he loved dearly. Brad loved his family with his whole heart and spending time with them was his ideal day. He loved golfing with family and the innocent competitions that came with, knowing that his daughter would likely beat him. He always enjoyed watching Kyle and Kaity participate in sporting events; He was so proud of his kids. Brad will be lovingly remembered for his crazy sense of humor and for the joy and happiness he brought into the lives of those who had the privilege to know and love him.

In October of 2022, Brad was diagnosed with Stage IV metastatic lung cancer. Brad vowed to do anything it took to battle his sickness. He went to treatment after treatment in attempts to slow the growth of the cancer. Unfortunately, the disease was growing faster than his body could handle. After countless amounts of radiation, chemo, immunotherapy, and hospital stays, his fight came to an end after only 2 short months.

Brad is survived by his wife, Jennifer Kusler of Litchfield, children, Jason Kusler of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Kyle Kusler of Lipan, Texas; Kaitlyn Kusler of Litchfield; three grandchildren, Kamren Kusler, Colin Kusler and Maverick Kusler; mother, Arlean Kusler of Cokato; siblings, Richard (Pat) Kusler of Dassel; Timothy (Koni) Kusler of Glencoe; Julie Rizzo (significant other, Donald Nelson) of Dassel; and Angela Zinda (significant other, Kent Erickson) of Hutchinson. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ray Kusler.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 4:00 PM (CT)

Johnson Funeral Home
PO Box 1 611 N 2nd Street
Dassel, MN 55325
(320) 275-3381
jfhdassel@spectrum.net

Funeral Service

DEC **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church
Litchfield, MN 55355

Tribute Wall

KC

“ I went to high school with Brad and he was such a nice guy who always had a smile on his face. Thoughts and prayers for you all during this difficult time.
Karn (Harkman) Canter



Karn Canter - December 30, 2022 at 09:28 AM

TF

“ Terry & Teresa, Tana and Tyrel families purchased the Full Heart for the family of Bradley Jay Kusler.



Terry & Teresa, Tana and Tyrel families - December 29, 2022 at 01:31 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Bradley Jay Kusler.



December 28, 2022 at 12:49 PM

LC

“ Landmark Companies purchased the Truly Beloved Bouquet for the family of Bradley Jay Kusler.



Landmark Companies - December 28, 2022 at 11:15 AM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Bradley Jay Kusler.



December 27, 2022 at 09:27 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Bradley Jay Kusler.



December 27, 2022 at 09:03 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bradley Jay Kusler.



December 27, 2022 at 08:58 PM



“ Love; Don, Janell, DJ and Evan purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Bradley Jay Kusler.



Love; Don, Janell, DJ and Evan - December 27, 2022 at 04:38 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Bradley Jay Kusler.*



December 27, 2022 at 04:07 PM



“ *The Box and QC Softball. Fargo, ND purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Bradley Jay Kusler.*



The Box and QC Softball. Fargo, ND - December 27, 2022 at 02:02 PM



“ *I always looked forward to the annual summer visit from my Cokato cousins! Lots of fun, laughs and adventures. The 2 summers I stayed with my Minnesota Kusler family to detassel corn will forever be part of some of my best memories ever. Brad was like the big brother I never had. I can picture him and Grandma Kusler together laughing and smiling.*

Susan Dailey - December 27, 2022 at 02:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bradley Jay Kusler.*



December 27, 2022 at 01:55 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Bradley Jay Kusler.*



December 27, 2022 at 12:16 PM



“ *I worked with Brad at First District. He was a good man. He will be missed. My condolences to the whole family. Brian Terning*

Brian Terning - December 26, 2022 at 06:30 PM



“ *My heart is so heavy to hear of the loss of Brad. What a wonderful man he was. I enjoyed working with him at First District and what a loss for them. My thoughts and prayers with you Jen and the family. Donna Shepersky*

Donna Shepersky - December 25, 2022 at 11:59 AM



“ *Such a wonderful, warm man. Ron and I always enjoyed chatting with Brad whenever we came to visit our daughter and family who live next door. It was obvious how he adored his family. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Brad's family.*

Teresa Storlie - December 24, 2022 at 09:51 PM

RC

“ Brad was my brother in law for years. I loved hanging with him(always so funny), worked with me (he was a very hard worker), fished with him, camped with he and my sister. He had a pinto wagon and we were going to Cochiti lake in NM to go fishing, every few miles we had to stop and put oil in the thing. He would just laugh and get out and put more into it. We would keep going. When he came back from the Philippines we worked for my Dad together and he was always entertaining us. Joking around about Minnesota beating the Cowboy's. He would get my brother fired up! I loved him from the minute I met him. He was a lot of fun!!

Rhonda Calkins - December 24, 2022 at 07:49 PM

RS

“ Ron & Teresa Storlie lit a candle in memory of Bradley Jay Kusler



Ron & Teresa Storlie - December 24, 2022 at 05:06 PM

BO

“ I spent many summer vacations with cousin Brad and his family. My birthday is July 8, his August 8 of the same year. That made us cool. He was light and love and warmth. And always a joke, no matter how bad things seemed. Heaven has gained an angel. Condolences to all of Brads family. Much love, Beth Kusler Olivieri

Beth Kusler Olivieri - December 24, 2022 at 04:11 PM