

Bradley Alan Wilson, a Marine Veteran and retired Federal Meat Inspector for the USDA, resident of Alexandria, MN, died on October 30, 2021, at the age of 76 at the St. William's Living Center in Parkers Prairie, MN.

Brad is survived by his daughter Kimberly (Joel) Bloom of Alexandria, MN, son Brad Wilson of Eagan, MN, grandchildren, Andrew, Matthew, and Cathryn Bloom, siblings Dave (Petra) Wilson, Geri Hinck, Bruce (Jana) Wilson, and Dan (Barb) Wilson, and 8 nieces and nephews. Brad is predeceased by his wife Barbara Wilson and his parents LeRoy and Leona Wilson.

Brad was born in Adrian, MN on November 19, 1944, and grew up in Rushmore and Magnolia MN. Brad graduated from Magnolia High School. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in September 1962. He traveled extensively throughout the Pacific Ocean. Brad didn't speak much of or often about his time in the Marine Corps, but he proudly attended Marine Corps events. He was Honorably Discharged in September 1968. He was a member of the VFW, American Legion (Hardwick, MN) and was a member and past President of the Alexandria Eagles Club.

While working at South St. Paul Dressed Beef, he saw the meat inspectors walking by and decided he "wanted to do what the guys in the white coats were doing." He became a Meat Inspector for the USDA in February 1968. Brad met Barbara Broughton in Minneapolis; they were married on October 18, 1969, in Lake City, MN. Brad and Barb lived in Albert Lea, before moving to Sauk Center and then Alexandria in 1972.

Brad and Barb purchased the Sunny Hollow Resort on Lake Latoka in 1974. Brad was known for his pig-roasts, smoked ribs, and hospitality; he made many lifelong friends while running the resort. He loved living in Alexandria and spending time at his home on the lake. He also enjoyed golfing, classic cars, going to the stock car races, country music, visiting casinos with friends, and sharing a beer with his neighbors.

Brad loved his family very much and was proud of all of them. He taught Kim and Brad (BJ) how to swim, ice skate, ski, shingle a roof, and whatever else he thought they should know living at a resort on the lake. He was close to all three of his grandchildren and really enjoyed attending their events and spending time with them.

While Brad wasn't a religious person; he was a person who never shied away from helping someone in need and had a special place in his heart for those less fortunate. He believed that if you can do something to help someone, you should.



Celebrating the Life of

Bradley A. Wilson
1944-2021

Feel No Guilt In Laughter

*Feel no guilt in laughter,
he'd know how much you care.*

*Feel no sorrow in a smile
that he's not here to share.*

*You cannot grieve forever;
he would not want you to.
He'd hope that you could carry
on the way you always do.*

*So, talk about the good times
and the way you showed you cared,
The days you spent together,
all the happiness you shared.*

*Let memories surround you,
a word someone may say
Will suddenly recapture a time,
an hour, a day,*

*That brings him back as clearly
as though he were still here,
And fills you with the feeling
that he is always near.*

*For if you keep those moments,
you will never be apart
And he will live forever,
locked safe within your heart.*



659 Voyager Drive NW ~ Alexandria, MN 56308

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November 19, 1944



October 30, 2021

Funeral Service

Anderson Funeral Home Chapel

Alexandria, Minnesota

Friday, November 5, 2021

1:00 PM

Officiant

Pastor Craig Dahl

Special Music

“How Great Thou Art” by Alan Jackson
“Even Though I’m Leaving” by Luke Combs
“Go Rest High on the Mountain” by Vince Gill

Urn Bearers

Andrew Bloom

Matthew Bloom

Cathryn Bloom

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery

Alexandria, Minnesota

Military Honors

Minnesota Marine Corps Honor Guard

American Legion Post #87

Veteran of Foreign Wars Post #936

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #235

Marine Corps League Detachment #1409