



Bradley Swenson

October 14, 1955 - August 26, 2025

The Mass of Christian Burial for Brad Swenson of Wadena will be celebrated at 11:00a.m. on Wednesday, September 3, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena with Father Jean-Claude Duncan as celebrant.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. at St. Ann's Parish Hall in Wadena with Prayers at 6:00 and Knights of Columbus Rosary at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will resume at the church on Wednesday from 9:30a.m. until the time of the Mass. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

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You are invited to watch the service via live-stream by going to Schuller Family Funeral Homes' Facebook Page or YouTube Page

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At the age of 69, Brad passed away unexpectedly of natural causes on August 26, 2025, at Esko, MN.

Bradley Alan Swenson, and twin sister Brenda, were born to E. Melvin and Lillian (Zaske) Swenson on October 14, 1955, in Bertha, MN.

Brad attended Wadena Public Schools, graduated with the Class of 1973, and furthered his education at Wadena Technical College. On May 8, 1976, Brad married Julie McGrane at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena. The community will remember him for his 43 years of dedicated service for the City of Wadena, 30 of them as City Administrator. Many decisions for projects to

better the city went across his desk. Away from work, Brad enjoyed the outdoors when hunting, fishing, camping, biking, golfing and traveling. He also refurbished furniture and enjoyed a good hand of cards! As a community member he belonged to Rotary, Elks Lodge and the Chamber of Commerce, along with the Knights of Columbus. Most of all he treasured time with his family.

Preceding Brad in death were his parents, Melvin and Lillian; sister, Brenda; sister-in-law, Karen McGrane and brothers-in-law, Kenneth McGrane and Jeff Lehmkuhl; parents-in-law, Leonard and Catherine McGrane.

Brad will be forever remembered by his loving wife, Julie; children, Shawn (Tabby) Swenson of Wadena, Amy (Jon) Ralph of Colfax, WI, and Sarah (Steven) Krocka of Esko; 7 grandchildren: Austin and Allyson Swenson, Eli, Sam and Lia Ralph, and Oakley and McKinley Krocka; great-grandchild, Onyx Mollet; siblings: Marsha (Gordon) Kuehne of Austin, and Bruce (Wanda) Swenson of Garfield; Julie's siblings: Harvey (Linda) McGrane, Mary (Robert) Roggenkamp, Carol (Ken) Mudek, Janet Lehmkuhl; and sister-in-law, LuAnn McGrane; along with a host of nieces, nephews, former coworkers, neighbors and friends.

Honorary pallbearers will be Allyson Swenson, Lia Ralph, Oakley Krocka, McKinley Krocka, and Onyx Mollet.

Serving as pallbearers will be Austin Swenson, Eli Ralph, Sam Ralph, Jon Ralph, Steve Krocka and Marshal Swenson.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Franklin Dr. & 6th St SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Parish Hall
514 2nd St. SE
Wadena, MN 56482

Prayers

SEP 2. 6:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Parish Hall
514 2nd St. SE
Wadena, MN 56482

Rosary

SEP 2. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Parish Hall
514 2nd St. SE
Wadena, MN 56482

Visitation

SEP 3. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Service

SEP 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Bradley Swenson



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - August 28, 2025 at 09:52 PM

GA

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Brad for many years, dating back to his school days. I was deeply saddened to learn of his passing. May he rest in peace.

G.P. ANDERSON - September 18, 2025 at 03:45 PM

BB

“ Bruce and Joyce Boyne lit a candle in memory of Bradley Swenson



Bruce and Joyce Boyne - September 18, 2025 at 12:25 PM

CO

“ Carol Osborn lit a candle in memory of Bradley Swenson



Carol Osborn - September 05, 2025 at 09:09 AM

MK

“Michelle Kern lit a candle in memory of Bradley Swenson



Michelle Kern - September 03, 2025 at 03:50 PM

MH

“Marladene Heinen lit a candle in memory of Bradley Swenson



Marladene Heinen - September 02, 2025 at 04:36 PM

WL

“Wadena Library lit a candle in memory of Bradley Swenson



Wadena Library - September 02, 2025 at 02:00 PM

LR

“Leann R. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Bradley Swenson.



Leann R. - September 02, 2025 at 01:58 AM

LR

“ Leann R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bradley Swenson.

Leann R. - September 02, 2025 at 01:58 AM

DK

“ Worked for Brad for sixteen years and a golfing buddy five. He was a good friend and never missed a beat. He will most certainly be missed. He often spoke of his family. My sincerest condolences.

Dean Kallevig - September 01, 2025 at 06:14 PM

CZ

“ Cliff, Linda, Karen, & Pam Zaske purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bradley Swenson.



Cliff, Linda, Karen, & Pam Zaske - September 01, 2025 at 12:19 PM

BR

“ Brian and Angela Hillman, and Roy purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Bradley Swenson.



Brian and Angela Hillman, and Roy - September 01, 2025 at 10:21 AM

PL

“ Pat Lorentz lit a candle in memory of Bradley Swenson



Pat Lorentz - August 31, 2025 at 03:18 PM

PT

“ Phil & Barb Thoennes lit a candle in memory of Bradley Swenson



Phil & Barb Thoennes - August 30, 2025 at 04:14 PM

VA

“ Vickie Andrie lit a candle in memory of Bradley Swenson



Vickie Andrie - August 29, 2025 at 10:09 PM

SB

“ Sharon Boline lit a candle in memory of Bradley Swenson



Sharon Boline - August 29, 2025 at 07:28 PM

CM

“ Christine M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bradley Swenson.

Christine M. - August 29, 2025 at 07:24 AM

CG

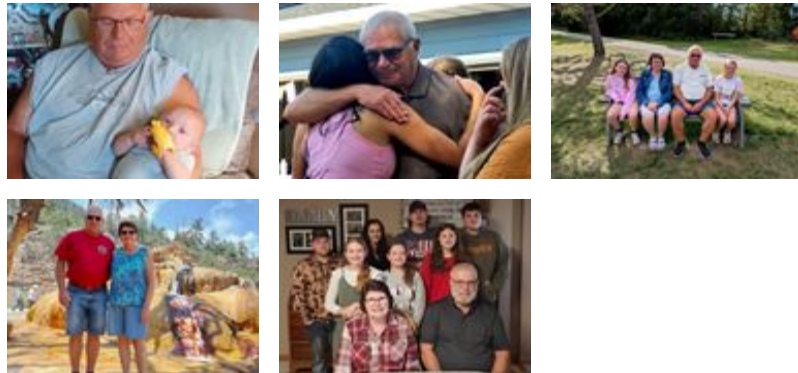
“ Cary & Diana Goeden lit a candle in memory of Bradley Swenson



Cary & Diana Goeden - August 29, 2025 at 05:01 AM



“ 48 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - August 28, 2025 at 09:50 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Bradley Swenson.*



August 28, 2025 at 09:00 PM



“ *Gene & Mary Denny lit a candle in memory of Bradley Swenson*



Gene & Mary Denny - August 28, 2025 at 08:05 PM



“ *Cherish your memories. My sympathy to all.*



Arls Andrews - August 28, 2025 at 07:32 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Bradley Swenson.*



August 28, 2025 at 06:02 PM

JB

“ John and Anita Beringer lit a candle in memory of Bradley Swenson



JOHN AND ANITA BERINGER - August 28, 2025 at 01:58 PM

Wayne Wolden

“ I worked alongside Brad for 21 years on the city council and as Mayor. Brad was an amazing administrator and an even better person. He will be sadly missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Brad's family.

Wayne Wolden - August 28, 2025 at 01:51 PM

JP

“ So sad to hear of Brad's passing. He is at peace and suffers no more. God called him home too early from us, but one day as HE has promised we will all meet again. May God bless you all with comfort and good memories. Deepest Sympathy. Jackie Perius.



jacqueline perius - August 28, 2025 at 01:20 PM

NP

“ Nancy Peterson lit a candle in memory of Bradley Swenson



Nancy Peterson - August 28, 2025 at 11:53 AM

MC

“ *MaryLou Camenzind lit a candle in memory of Bradley Swenson*



MaryLou Camenzind - August 28, 2025 at 11:51 AM

JM

“ *Jeff & Maria Marthaler lit a candle in memory of Bradley Swenson*



Jeff & Maria Marthaler - August 28, 2025 at 10:42 AM

NR

“ *Brad was a wonderful man with such a kind heart. He will be greatly missed. Condolences to the family.*



Nancy Rach - August 28, 2025 at 10:31 AM

LB

“ *Lucille Belch lit a candle in memory of Bradley Swenson*



Lucille Belch - August 28, 2025 at 09:08 AM

DA

“ My deepest sympathy to Julie and the entire family. Brad was a great guy - worked with him for about 4 years. God bless you all and keep you in his care especially during this difficult time.



Debbie Anderson - August 27, 2025 at 11:45 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Bradley Swenson.



August 27, 2025 at 10:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bradley Swenson.

August 27, 2025 at 10:30 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers are with you all. We'll, sure miss having you in our group on the bleachers. Watching the kids ❤️ now your grandkid's and family have a special guardian angel



Tim Brown - August 27, 2025 at 10:07 PM

EB

“ Erin B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bradley Swenson.

Erin B. - August 27, 2025 at 10:01 PM

JK

“ Jim and Victoria Klinnert lit a candle in memory of Bradley Swenson



Jim and Victoria Klinnert - August 27, 2025 at 07:52 PM

ER

“ Erika planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bradley Swenson.

Erika - August 27, 2025 at 07:10 PM

ER

“ Erika purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Bradley Swenson.



Erika - August 27, 2025 at 07:10 PM

DM

“ *Dixie Murray lit a candle in memory of Bradley Swenson*



Dixie Murray - August 27, 2025 at 01:36 PM

SE

“ *Sending hugs to my dearest friend Amy, Mom Swenson and family. I always enjoyed chatting with Dad Swenson at the gym. I'll never forget driving the deer-covered road to your house and making your dad laugh at all our stories!*

Serena - August 27, 2025 at 12:42 PM

JH

“ *Jay and Debra Hutson lit a candle in memory of Bradley Swenson*



Jay and Debra Hutson - August 27, 2025 at 11:56 AM

LB

“ *Julie and family, so sorry to hear of Brad's passing - we are praying for all of you!*

Leanne Buettner - August 27, 2025 at 11:27 AM

DR

“ *Dave & Barb Rousslang lit a candle in memory of Bradley Swenson*



dave & barb rousslang - August 27, 2025 at 11:10 AM

IB

“ *Irene Baron lit a candle in memory of Bradley Swenson*



Irene Baron - August 27, 2025 at 11:09 AM

GS

“ *I had the honor of working with Brad on many projects. He was an admirable man, who left an impression on our community and on me. He will be missed.*

Grace Schertler - August 27, 2025 at 10:31 AM

LY

“ *Linda Youngbauer lit a candle in memory of Bradley Swenson*



Linda Youngbauer - August 27, 2025 at 10:31 AM

JE

“ *Judy Erdahl lit a candle in memory of Bradley Swenson*



Judy Erdahl - August 27, 2025 at 10:28 AM

SM

“ *Susan Halliwill McDonald lit a candle in memory of Bradley Swenson*



Susan Halliwill McDonald - August 27, 2025 at 09:38 AM

RH

“ *Julie and family,
So very sorry to hear of Brad's passing. A
friend to both Jim and me for a lot of years.
He will be missed by many.
Renee and Jim Hegarty*



Renee and Jim Hegarty - August 27, 2025 at 09:20 AM

KR

“ *Steve and Kathy Richter lit a candle in memory of Brad*



kathy richter - August 27, 2025 at 08:40 AM

JJ

“ *A class act, highly respected, indefatigable and dedicated public servant. A loving husband, dad and grandpa.* ”



Jon Johnson - August 27, 2025 at 07:22 AM

JH

“ *Joel Haverkamp lit a candle in memory of Bradley Swenson* ”



Joel Haverkamp - August 27, 2025 at 05:20 AM

EF

“ *Esther and Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of Bradley Swenson* ”



Esther and Alan Freitag - August 27, 2025 at 12:35 AM

TS

“ *Tony and Rhonda Snyder lit a candle in memory of Bradley Swenson* ”



Tony and Rhonda Snyder - August 26, 2025 at 11:17 PM

D(

“ Julie please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers

Deb Dague (Peters) - August 26, 2025 at 09:47 PM

BS

“ Bruce and Trish Steinkopf lit a candle in memory of Bradley Swenson



Bruce and Trish Steinkopf - August 26, 2025 at 09:21 PM

MR

“ Julie and family, Don and I are so sorry for your loss. I can't imagine what your going through, will keep you all in our prayers, Don and Mary Roggenkamp



Mary Roggenkamp - August 26, 2025 at 07:56 PM



“ Julie, so sorry to be reading that Brad has passed. May your memories sustain you during this time of grief. Prayers and hugs for you and your family.



Rocky Reese - August 26, 2025 at 06:16 PM

MS

“ Mike and Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Bradley Swenson



Mike and Lea Snyder - August 26, 2025 at 06:14 PM

GD

“ Deepest sympathy to the Swenson family. Brad was great guy and served the City of Wadena admirable in different positions, most notably as City Administrator for many years.



George and Julie Deiss - August 26, 2025 at 05:49 PM

CG

“ Julie and family, Sending our sympathy, Thinking about all of you and keeping you all in our prayers. Hugs Julie. Lyle and Cindy



Cindy and Lyle Goeden - August 26, 2025 at 05:46 PM

GW

“ Glen Donna Wood lit a candle in memory of Bradley Swenson



Glen Donna Wood - August 26, 2025 at 05:32 PM

ST

“ *Sincere sympathy to Julie and all of Brad's family. Keeping you all in my prayers.* ”



Sue Theisen - August 26, 2025 at 05:13 PM



“ *I'm so sorry Julie about Brad. We had some good times back in high school and tech school. RIP Brad...* ”



Dave Schumacher - August 26, 2025 at 04:50 PM