



Brad Bigalke

February 14, 1956 - June 22, 2015

Brad Bigalke, 59 year old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away, Monday, June 22, 2015 at his home in Little Falls, MN. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, June 26, 2015 at Zion Lutheran Church in Little Falls, MN with Rev. Gary Hendrickson officiating. Burial will take place at Darling Cemetery in Little Falls, MN. A visitation will be held from 4-7 P.M. on Thursday at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN and from 10-11 A.M. on Friday at Zion Lutheran Church in Little Falls, MN. Funeral arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

Bradley Dale Bigalke was born on February 14, 1956 in Little Falls, MN to Betty June (Copley) and the late Vernon Bigalke. He grew up in Little Falls, MN where he attended and graduated from Little Falls Community High School with the Class of 1974. After graduation Brad went on to earn his degree in teaching at the University of Minnesota. His first teaching job was in Melrose, MN and later returned to Little Falls High School where he taught in the Ag Department. While still teaching Brad received his Masters Degree in Business Administration at the University of St. Thomas, which later helped him open a business selling pet supplies. He later went to work at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery as a groundskeeper. Brad's true love in life was baseball, he loved watching ball games and was very active for many years in the local amateur leagues. He also enjoyed fishing, gardening, playing cards and visiting with family and friends. Brad will forever be

remembered as a loving, father, grandfather, son, & brother; and for his great sense of humor.

Brad is survived by daughter, Emily Scott & fiancé Nathan Nelson of Lisbon, ND; mother, Betty June of Little Falls, MN; brothers, Darrell (Lanette Mayer) of Stillwater, MN, Daniel (Sally) of Maplewood, MN, and Bruce (Carol) of Ham Lake, MN; grandchildren, Destiny Freitag and Gracie May Nelson; nieces, Anne and Siiri; nephews, Joe, Jake, Brock, and many aunts and uncles.

Brad was preceded in death by father, Vernon.

In Lieu of Flowers, Memorials are Preferred.

Cemetery Details

Darling Cemetery

10815 190th Street
Little Falls, MN 56345

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **25**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Little Falls
214 2nd Street SE
Little Falls, MN

Visitation

JUN **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church - Little Falls
411 3rd Avenue NE
Little Falls, MN

Service

JUN **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Brad Bigalke*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - June 24, 2015 at 01:50 PM



“ *Brad Bigalke*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Betty and all, We are very late in sending these condolences, but do know you have been in our thoughts and in our prayers. You and all the family have our sympathy in the loss of your son, brother, uncle*

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May your memories and your faith sustain you in the months and years ahead.

Don and Colleen Gengler

Don Gengler - July 20, 2015 at 04:29 PM

JH

“ Deepest sympathy to Brad's Family. Sorry we could not make the funeral we were out of town at the time. I have many fond memories of "the boy" during our baseball days in Upsala. I will always cherish the rides to and back listening to the "Outlaws" and Centerfield. Riding in the peagreener car. Brad's many stories and jokes will live on in my memories and stories I share with my boys. Peace to you Brad, you will forever be remembered for using the tools of intelligence.

John "Talla" Haskamp and family- Sauk Centre

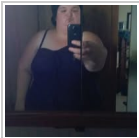
John Haskamp - June 27, 2015 at 05:33 PM

KB

“ Kathy Barthel lit a candle in memory of Brad Bigalke

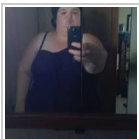


kathy barthel - June 27, 2015 at 12:30 PM



“ U were a good person u will be missed by many

Samantha Koll - June 26, 2015 at 09:45 PM



“ Samantha Koll lit a candle in memory of Brad Bigalke




Samantha Koll - June 26, 2015 at 09:43 PM

GK

“ *Mr.B you will be missed. He was the best Ag teacher ever in Little Falls, thanks. Love Bina*



Gina Keehr - June 26, 2015 at 09:21 PM


Zachary
Fuchs

“ *I like when we had bond fires at your house that was fun.*



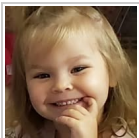
Zachary Fuchs - June 26, 2015 at 12:46 PM

JP

“ *Mr. Bigalke was very kind hearted teacher and I learned a lot from him when I was in high school. His family will be in my thoughts and prayers.*
Janel Poser



Janel Poser - June 26, 2015 at 08:58 AM



“ *Brad was such a kind man with a huge heart. I will miss seeing him at Coborns and reminiscing the old days of Victory League baseball. Sad day!!*

Greg Zylka - June 26, 2015 at 08:45 AM

DB

“ *Dave And Irene Becker sent a virtual gift in memory of Brad Bigalke*



Dave and Irene Becker - June 26, 2015 at 08:24 AM

PF

“ *Pamela Freudenrich lit a candle in memory of Brad Bigalke*



Pamela Freudenrich - June 26, 2015 at 06:35 AM

JE

“ *Brad was my Ag teacher in Little Falls. He was very caring, positive, and encouraging. I am thankful for all that he did. He will be in my prayers.*
Joy Erwin



Joy Erwin - June 25, 2015 at 07:54 PM

TC

There's an old saying when you were born you were crying and everybody Else was laughing. On your death may you be laughing when everybody Else is crying so long my friend

tony carwell - June 25, 2015 at 11:38 PM

JS

“ *Jim & Mary Skoog lit a candle in memory of Brad Bigalke*



Jim & Mary Skoog - June 25, 2015 at 12:41 PM

JN

“ *I am saddened by the loss of a friend of over forty years whose hearty laugh always made me laugh and smile. I will cherish many fun memories of fishing, BWCA trips, and talking baseball where Brad often reminded me that catchers were the smartest and best athletes on the field. I will miss picking up the phone and hearing, "John Boy, how ya doin?" I will miss talking and hearing that hearty laugh. May your soul rest in peace, Old Friend. Also, my condolences and prayers go out to Betty and Daryl, Danny, Bruce and all family members on your loss. I can't help but envisioning Brad and Vern partnering against a couple of angels in a heavenly game of wist. May the peace and comfort be with you all.*

John Nagel

John Nagel - June 25, 2015 at 11:44 AM

SG

“ *I graduated with Brad. He was always so friendly, even though I was a Flensburg Fan! We shared the same love of baseball! I am so sorry for your loss. May he rest in the peace of Christ. He has joined my brother Charles and my guess is that the friendly baseball rivalry will continue! God bless you!*

Sheila Lange Gardner - June 25, 2015 at 08:37 AM



“ I reached my hand to you God. God said I am here. The angles accompanied me as they carried me to a place unlike the one I just left. The people I knew came to my bed side I was no longer there. My body was there but sole was gone to be with you god. I felt no pain as I saw you god. I had no memories of the place I was going only the glory of where I was going. I saw people I once knew but they did not recognize me. I know have a glow that warms peoples hearts that I once knew. They still talk to me as if I was there and in some form I am. When the angle trumpet plays know that i am trumpeting with them. When the angelic drums beat know I am keeping the rhythm. When you cry look for my reflection. When tears start falling remember that one day god will be calling you home too. Don't be sad I am gone think about what I have left behind for you to cherish. You maybe sad at this time but I know sing with the angles and when you here there voices you too will smile again. God has taken me away this is true but someday I will meet you when he calls you too. In Memory of Brad Bigalke June 22 2015

Joe Bigalke - June 25, 2015 at 01:12 AM

GF

Dan, Sally, Jake, Joe and the Big alke family. Words cannot replace the ones we love hold all those wonderful memories of Brad close to your heart. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you

Gail Frame - June 25, 2015 at 07:57 AM

JB

“ Dear Betty & Families, we were so sorry to hear of Brad's passing. Our thoughts & prayers are with each you during this difficult time! May he rest in peace!!!!



Jeri & Larry Betts - June 24, 2015 at 04:53 PM

RS

“ Rick And Linda Sczublewski lit a candle in memory of Brad Bigalke



Rick and Linda Sczublewski - June 24, 2015 at 03:36 PM

SN

“ I was in the one of the first ag classes that Brad taught at Melrose High School. I always remember him as a quiet teacher who always seemed to be smiling. Of course he had to deal with a bunch of 16 to 18 year old farm kids who were always trying to get away with something. Brad would have a grin on his face as though he always understood what we were trying to do and when we would get to the point where we thought we were getting away with it, he would call us out on it.

He was one of those teachers that I remember because of life's lessons he taught more so than the classes he taught.

God Bless him and his family.

*Steve Notch
Freeport, MN*

Steve Notch - June 24, 2015 at 01:04 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to this great teachers family. I will always remember his great smile and encouragement.



Katie Gustafson Norried

Katie Gustafson Norried - June 23, 2015 at 09:42 PM

KK

“ Ken And Kathy Kloss lit a candle in memory of Brad Bigalke



Ken and Kathy Kloss - June 23, 2015 at 07:09 PM

JN

“ Jerry And Jan Naber lit a candle in memory of Brad Bigalke



Jerry and Jan Naber - June 23, 2015 at 06:37 PM

DW

“ Donna&george Williams lit a candle in memory of Brad Bigalke



donna&george williams - June 23, 2015 at 06:03 PM

RF

“ Roxie Flicek lit a candle in memory of Brad Bigalke



Roxie Flicek - June 23, 2015 at 05:39 PM

MO

“ Mike, MaryJo And Macy Olson lit a candle in memory of Brad Bigalke



Mike, MaryJo and Macy Olson - June 23, 2015 at 04:53 PM

LJ

“ Lorraine Janski lit a candle in memory of Brad Bigalke



Lorraine Janski - June 23, 2015 at 04:52 PM

DD

“ David Karen Dickmann lit a candle in memory of Brad Bigalke



David Karen Dickmann - June 23, 2015 at 04:02 PM

 Kathy Young Malek

“ Steve and Kathy Malek



Kathy Young Malek - June 23, 2015 at 03:06 PM

SO

“ Shirley And Steve Olson lit a candle in memory of Brad Bigalke



Shirley and Steve Olson - June 23, 2015 at 02:43 PM

BC

“ Becky (Kay) & Gary Court lit a candle in memory of Brad Bigalke



Becky (Kay) & Gary Court - June 23, 2015 at 01:46 PM

LC

“ Leone Chirhart lit a candle in memory of Brad Bigalke



Leone Chirhart - June 23, 2015 at 01:38 PM

JY

“ Jerry Yasgar lit a candle in memory of Brad Bigalke



Jerry Yasgar - June 23, 2015 at 11:57 AM

JY

My sympathy to Brad's family and our thoughts and prayers go out to each of you. As a LFCHS Class of '74 classmate, I always enjoyed Brad's smile and friendly demeanor. We shared some fun times in classes we had together. RIP, my friend.

Jerry Yasgar - June 23, 2015 at 12:11 PM

DA

“ *Deb Anderson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Brad Bigalke.*



Deb Anderson - June 23, 2015 at 11:54 AM

DN

“ *Debi Nagel lit a candle in memory of Brad Bigalke*



Debi Nagel - June 23, 2015 at 10:38 AM

DN

I will miss you and all our talks be safe on your journey you are a wonderful person!!

Debi Nagel - June 23, 2015 at 10:39 AM

DA

Brad, your kindness and your smile will remain in our hearts.

Deb Anderson - June 23, 2015 at 10:48 AM

WW

Went to school with Brad, always kind and friendly! Saw him many times at my work too (COBORNS). My Sympathy to Brads Family! Thoughts are with you at this sad time! Wendy (Tabatt) Waltman

Wendy Waltman - June 23, 2015 at 11:02 AM

BG

Brad you were always thoughtful and kind to everyone, I know you are at peace with Jesus in Heaven. My sympathy, thoughts, and prayers are with Brad's family.

Bob Gastecki - June 23, 2015 at 11:55 AM

CF

Such a kind man..may Brad rest in peace.

Connie Fenske - June 23, 2015 at 12:57 PM

DK

So sorry to hear. I never forget your kindness my friend

Dennis Kay - June 23, 2015 at 05:13 PM

RF

Brad, I'll miss your laugh and happy spirit....and exchange of gardening tips! Rest in peace.

Roxie Flicek - June 23, 2015 at 05:41 PM

RS

God Bless You Brad. You were a good man and an excellent catcher. Rest in Peace my friend.

Rick Sczublewski - June 23, 2015 at 06:53 PM

TF

Rest in peace, my good friend.

Tim Felix - June 23, 2015 at 07:56 PM

PA

I am so sad to hear about Brads early departure. Life on earth is too short! Thank God for that hope we have of eternal life with Jesus Christ! I know the Comforter, the Holy Spirit is helping your family through this!

Patty Monahan Adams - June 24, 2015 at 12:28 AM

ES

Sad to lose a good neighbor.

E&J Seelen - June 24, 2015 at 11:07 AM

BR

Our Sympathy goes out to the family of Brad. He was a great friend to us and I will miss talking with him. Rest in peace Brad. Brad&Becky

Brad&Becky - June 25, 2015 at 08:53 AM