



## Bradley Mark Hawkinson

November 15, 1953 - December 27, 2024

Bradley Mark Hawkinson, age 71, passed away on December 27, 2024, at St Mary's Hospital in Rochester, MN, surrounded by family, following a brief battle with cancer. We invite you to join us for a celebration of Bradley's life on Saturday, February 15, 2025, at the Evangelical Free Church in Hinckley, MN. A time to visit with family will begin at 10:30 AM, with the Celebration of Life beginning at 11:00 AM, and lunch to follow. In the true spirit of Bradley, we ask that guests wear Minnesota Vikings attire or colors. Additionally, we encourage everyone to come prepared to share any memories or stories you have of Bradley. This will be a time to celebrate his life, and we look forward to honoring him together.

He was born on November 15, 1953, at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center in Denver, Colorado, to Dayton and June Hawkinson. Bradley was the oldest of three siblings and grew up in Hinckley, MN. After graduating from Hinckley High School in 1972 Bradley attended Pipestone Community College and graduated as a butcher. He then moved to Birchwood, Wisconsin and lived there for 18 years, but never once cheered for the Packers. He moved back to Hinckley, MN and was a Blackjack Dealer at Grand Casino Hinckley for 27 years until he retired in 2020. A passionate and lifelong fan of the Minnesota Vikings, Bradley shared his love of the team with anyone who would listen. He could recite stats, recall unforgettable games, and relive the many "heartbreaking losses" that came with being a true Vikings fan. Despite the

setbacks, his loyalty never wavered and no matter how many times the season ended too soon he stayed loyal and true to his team and his commitment to the Vikings became a part of his identity. Bradley loved people, talking to them, interacting and just being there in the moment. He loved visiting his old Birchwood buddies. Bradley enjoyed and looked forward to the guy's annual 'retreat' and hunting season at the shack every year. We know there was music, singing and camaraderie but the rule was 'what happens at the cabin stays at the cabin. He had the ability to laugh at himself and believed he was tough, even though he was a softie through and through.

Bradley's love for his family was unconditional, and he will be missed deeply by all who knew him, especially his sister, Lynn Martin (Steve) of Mora MN, and his brother, Bruce Hawkinson (Teresa) of Oak Grove MN. Bradley also deeply valued the time spent with his extended family. He is also survived by his nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, and a host of dear friends who will forever treasure his memory.

He was preceded in death by his mother, June Hawkinson (2000), and his father, Dayton Hawkinson (2021).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB **15**. 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Evangelical Free Church  
518 Barry Ave  
Hinckley, MN 55037

# Tribute Wall

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“Brad was such a great friend to my husband over the years. “Hawke,” as we called him, will truly be missed. He loved coming to the lake where we now live. He felt it was paradise! We send our condolences to the entire family. ~Dick and Mary Jones



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**Mary Jones** - January 30, 2025 at 08:49 AM