



## Captain Brent Kostanko

March 2, 1969 - January 29, 2025

ONSTED- Captain Brent Kostanko, age 55, of Onsted, Michigan, passed away at home surrounded by the love of his family on January 29, 2025.

Brent was born on March 2, 1969, in Saginaw, MI, the middle child of Thomas and Marcie (Rodriguez) Kostanko. He attended Cass City High School and graduated with the Class of 1987. After graduation, Brent went on to join the United States Navy where he served from 1987 to 1989.

Upon his discharge from the Navy, Brent went on to earn his associates degree at Delta College in Saginaw; and later earned his bachelor's degree from Siena Heights University. Brent found his true calling when he joined the Ann Arbor Fire Department in August of 1998. He demonstrated bravery, commitment and the ability to stay levelheaded while keeping others safe during difficult times. Due to health reasons, Brent retired in December 2022 from his role of Captain. He had many friends that he considered family from his time as a fire fighter.

Brent drew strength from his family, and they all embraced the strong bond that they shared. On February 3, 1996, he married Carrie A. Tuckey in Cass City, MI; and they were just a few days short of celebrating their 29th anniversary. They have been blessed with 4 children and a lifetime of adventures including their annual camping trip to the Cass River. He was a

devoted family man and a loving “Pops” to his grandchildren.

Brent was known for his sense of humor and always having a joke to share. His creative side would show up in his interest of technology, where he was a proud owner of a robotic lawn mower and several household devices. He was strong in his faith and practiced forgiveness and patience with others. Every day Brent chose to live his life being a positive force in the world and what an impact he had on those around him.

In addition to his wife, Carrie, Brent is survived by their children, Madison (Guadalupé) Deanda, Thomas (Jasmin) Kostanko, Isabella (Mason) Caskey, Olivia (Shaun Thompson) Kostanko; grandchildren, Tony, Sofia, Josie, Emma, Iris and Amora; brothers, Del (Jane) Kostanko and Travis (Jessica) Kostanko; In-laws, Jim and Shirley Tuckey; brother-in-law, Jamie Tuckey; and nieces and nephews, Sam, Lily, Mayah and Kayla Kostanko. He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

Visitation will take place on Friday, February 7, 2025, from 2 to 8 p.m. at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2025, at 11 a.m. at Crossroads Community Church in Adrian, with Pastor Scott Winstead officiating; family will be receiving guests from 10 a.m. until the service begins. Burial will follow at East Rome Cemetery.

Family is encouraging those attending to wear bright colored clothing in celebrating Brent’s life.

Memorial contributions may be made to Neighbors United.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com).



# Cemetery Details

## East Rome Cemetery

Forrister Road  
Adrian, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 7. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)  
1501 W. Maumee St.  
Adrian, MI 49221  
(517) 263-1400  
[info@wagleyfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@wagleyfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

## Visitation

FEB 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Crossroad Community Church  
119 N. Broad St.  
Adrian, MI 49221

## Funeral Service

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FEB 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Crossroad Community Church  
119 N. Broad St.  
Adrian, MI 49221

# Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Captain Brent Kostanko.*



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February 07, 2025 at 10:19 AM



“ *Sending deepest sympathies and prayers to you Carrie, and your children as you each walk this path of being separated from Brent, who you all loved so dearly. God is with you.*

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**Becky Aldridge** - February 06, 2025 at 09:40 PM



“ *Preson, Abbie, Jacob, Rose Rodriguez planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Captain Brent Kostanko.*

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**Preson, Abbie, Jacob, Rose Rodriguez** - February 06, 2025 at 08:35 AM



“ *Preson, Abbie, Jacob, Rose Rodriguez purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Captain Brent Kostanko.*



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**Preson, Abbie, Jacob, Rose Rodriguez** - February 06, 2025 at 08:35 AM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Captain Brent Kostanko.



February 05, 2025 at 07:31 PM



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

February 05, 2025 at 07:31 PM



“ Heather, Carli, Kamron, & Madeline Kipke planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Captain Brent Kostanko.

Heather, Carli, Kamron, & Madeline Kipke - February 05, 2025 at 09:59 AM



“ Heather, Carli, Kamron, & Madeline Kipke purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Captain Brent Kostanko.



Heather, Carli, Kamron, & Madeline Kipke - February 05, 2025 at 09:59 AM

HK

“ Brent was one of the most sincere and loving humans I've ever met. He made everyone that he ever crossed paths with, feel like family. In our time of need, he was there for us. Nothing ever stopped him from support the people he loved and cared for...not even cancer. His strength, love, and kindness will be fondly remembered by my family and so many others. He truly was a beautiful human and will be so missed. Rest easy Brent. Love you all so much.



Heather Kipke - February 05, 2025 at 08:03 AM

MF

“ Millie and Gina & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Captain Brent Kostanko.



Millie and Gina & Family - February 04, 2025 at 09:57 PM

LW

“ Lansing Warthogs. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Captain Brent Kostanko.

Lansing Warthogs. - February 04, 2025 at 01:06 PM

LW

“ Lansing Warthogs. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Captain Brent Kostanko.



Lansing Warthogs. - February 04, 2025 at 01:06 PM



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

February 04, 2025 at 10:13 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Captain Brent Kostanko.



February 04, 2025 at 10:13 AM



“ The world is a little dimmer without Brent. He always put the health and happiness of others before his own. He saw the best in every day, and everyone. I will never forget his smile and love for life. RIP my friend.

**Lisa Hirn Sirois** - February 04, 2025 at 08:38 AM



“ Kelsey's, Rosa's, Gonzalez's and Rice' purchased the Full Heart for the family of Captain Brent Kostanko.



**Kelsey's, Rosa's, Gonzalez's and Rice'** - February 03, 2025 at 05:01 PM

KR

“ Kelsey's, Rosa's, Gonzalez's and Rice' planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Captain Brent Kostanko.

Kelsey's, Rosa's, Gonzalez's and Rice' - February 03, 2025 at 05:01 PM

PT

“ Phil and Pam Turner purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Captain Brent Kostanko.



Phil and Pam Turner - February 03, 2025 at 03:17 PM

SL

“ Prayers sent to the family. Scott Langley

Scott Langley - February 03, 2025 at 11:50 AM

JH

“ Brent was always so kind and welcoming and told the best stories! He will be missed. Prayers for peace for you all during this difficult time.

Jonathan Hake - February 01, 2025 at 06:55 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Captain Brent Kostanko.



February 01, 2025 at 01:30 PM

BU

“ My prayers are for Captain Brent Kostanko's family And Friends so sorry to hear about Captain Brent Kostanko please know y'all are in my prayers



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**Bubba** - February 01, 2025 at 12:55 AM

JP

“ Carrie and family. So sorry to learn of Brent's passing. He was such a nice friendly man and I could always see how much he loved you. I know this is a hard time for you and your family just know we love you and your in our prayers.  
Jeff & Darlene Parsell

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**Jeff & Darlene Parsell** - January 31, 2025 at 02:10 PM

AD

“ Aurelio Garcia and daughters planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Captain Brent Kostanko.

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**Aurelio Garcia and daughters** - January 31, 2025 at 10:48 AM

AD

“ Aurelio Garcia and daughters purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Captain Brent Kostanko.



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**Aurelio Garcia and daughters** - January 31, 2025 at 10:48 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Captain Brent Kostanko.*



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January 31, 2025 at 10:45 AM



“ *Dustin, Jessie, Emmett, & Amina Mallory purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Captain Brent Kostanko.*



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**Dustin, Jessie, Emmett, & Amina Mallory** - January 31, 2025 at 08:13 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Captain Brent Kostanko.*



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January 31, 2025 at 08:09 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Captain Brent Kostanko.*

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January 31, 2025 at 08:09 AM

TF

“ Tonna Wills Wilcox and family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Captain Brent Kostanko.



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**Tonna Wills Wilcox and family** - January 30, 2025 at 08:52 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Captain Brent Kostanko.



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January 30, 2025 at 07:58 PM



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

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January 30, 2025 at 07:58 PM

GG

“ Gabriel Garcia purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Captain Brent Kostanko.



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**Gabriel Garcia** - January 30, 2025 at 05:38 PM

GG

“ Gabriel Garcia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Captain Brent Kostanko.

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**Gabriel Garcia** - January 30, 2025 at 05:38 PM