



Bruce Eric Burtless

March 2, 1956 - August 15, 2021

ADRIAN – Bruce Eric Burtless, 65, of Adrian died on Sunday, August 15, 2021, at ProMedica Charles & Virginia Hickman Hospital.

He was born on March 2, 1956, to William and Laurine (Dryer) Burtless of Adrian.

Bruce graduated from Adrian High School with the Class of 1974; and went on to attend Adrian College and Michigan State University. On April 1, 1978, Bruce married Elizabeth “Beth” Heacox in Indianapolis, IN and they have shared 43 years together.

A true businessman, Bruce owned and operated Water Solutions for over 40 years; with the focus on well drilling and pump repair. Bruce’s dedicated, long-time crew will be carrying on his legacy. He will always be remembered for his generosity, his delight in family and friends, outrageous, yet true, stories and those horrible puns.

In addition to his wife, Beth, Bruce is survived by their son, William Burtless; siblings, Judy Burtless-Buttery, Chuck Burtless, Jan Burtless and Rebecca Burtless-Creps. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Kris Narjes.

At the family's request, cremation has taken place with no public services at this time. However, in keeping with Bruce's love of parties, there will be a "Bruceapalooza" celebration next summer to honor a life well lived.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home, in Adrian, where online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Bruce was the gentle giant with a playful spirit. His comedic personality was genius. He was a true conversationalist. His charitable heart was legendary. Happy heavenly birthday, bro! <3*

Jim Kelly - March 02, 2024 at 01:49 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Bruce*



Jim Kelly - March 02, 2024 at 01:43 PM



“ *Bruce Eric Burtless*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM

LR

“ It seems so so long ago that Kris & I spent 2 weeks in Hawaii together with Bruce and Beth. What a trip that was.

Beth and family, our hearts go out to you. Just heard about Bruce's passing tonight from another old friend and former Well Driller. Bruce was my co-chairman at the MWDA convention in 1985 & 1986 and then took over as Chairman the following 2 years. As they say, those were the days.

If there is ever anything we can do for you Beth, please let us know. It's been a long time, but we're still here. And we still care. You can find either of us on Facebook.

*Lyle & Kris Reene
Custer, MI*

Lyle Reene - September 24, 2021 at 10:58 PM


TC

“ I have many good memories of Bruce over the years. I will miss his smile, good humor, patience, stories and help with difficult problems from his many years of enrollment in the school of hard knocks. He had a wealth of knowledge that took a lifetime to attain. Our sincere condolences.

Tim and Aileen Clark and all the crew at Cribley

Timothy Clark - August 31, 2021 at 04:31 PM

MS

“ Have known Bruce for many years from the 40&8. May he rest in peace and will be missed! 

Marylynne Swetland - August 28, 2021 at 10:04 PM

JR

“ Beth and William, I was sorry to learn of the passing of your husband and father - I remember his booming voice, his great smile, and his genuine pride in family. May your memories wrap around you now and provide you comfort in this most difficult time. Fondly, Mrs. Rodgers

Janyce Rodgers - August 28, 2021 at 09:06 AM

KO

“ Bruce will be deeply missed we have known Bruce 25yrs we called him our Evan's Lake Giant he was fun to be around and always a smile on his face always willing to give you a hand or advice on a project and loved to have a party. RIP Bruce your friends Gary & Karen O.

Karen L Olejniczak - August 28, 2021 at 08:49 AM

KO

“ Karen L Olejniczak lit a candle in memory of Bruce Eric Burtless



Karen L Olejniczak - August 28, 2021 at 08:38 AM

KC

Bruce was a classmate all the way from St. John's thru Adrian High School. I remember our 25th high school class reunion where Bruce approved of my date because they were a similar size. He was right. We have been married 21 years. He was a good man and friend.

Karen Cark - September 04, 2021 at 10:20 AM