



BRADLEY B. NILSON

February 19, 1952 - January 25, 2011

Bradley B. Nilson, 58 of L'Anse, MI. passed away Saturday, January 15, 2011 at Baraga County Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness. He was born February 19, 1952 the son of the late Bartley and Elaine (Olson) Nilson who farmed between Oberon and Sheyenne North Dakota. Brad was baptized and confirmed at the Grandfield Lutheran Church and graduated from Oberon High School in 1970. Following graduation, he attended college at the State School of Science in Wahpeton, North Dakota. In 1974, he married Emily (Schrum) Cooper from New Rockford and adopted her son Gary. He worked at the Sheyenne Farmers Union and in the mid 70's he purchased the Longhorn Bar in Sheyenne. Following the sale of this establishment he was a self-employed truck driver for many years, and during this time, Brad and Emily divorced. Brad moved to L'Anse and in 1994, he married Betty Laitila of L'Anse. Together they purchased a Bed and Breakfast and prepared income taxes. Most recently, he worked for Baraga County Concrete. Brad enjoyed taking photos and cutting wood. He also loved spending time with his step grandchildren. Mr. Nilson is survived by his son Gary Nilson of Wisconsin, former wife Betty Nilson of L'Anse, step-sons Randall, Larry, and David Laitila all of L'Anse, step grandchildren Randall, Jacob, Chelsey, Reese, Rowan, and Edward. Numerous other extended family members also survive in Michigan and North Dakota. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Barry. Funeral services for Mr. Nilson were held at 2 pm, Tuesday, January 25, 2011 from the Grandfield Lutheran Church, rural Sheyenne, North Dakota. Spring interment will take place in the Grandfield Lutheran Cemetery, rural Sheyenne in May of 2011.

Tribute Wall

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“ This is to Gary, and the rest of the Nilsons to Brads freinds. The Desperado's Band. I wish to send you comfort at this time Brad was a good freind and we used to sit for hours and talk I enjoyed his conversations they were always interesting. We used to go out bottle digging , we spent time having picnics out in the middle of the woods where the road had to end because of the snow would not let us go any farther. He was a part of our family. Very Much my bother Troy and sister Greta and my mother Sharon Maki and when my dad Arne was still living we WERE FAMILY. I'm going to miss Brad. I remember a time when we were sitting at my kitchen table and we were visiting and my cat who just loved brad (Samantha) she came in the house and she would always jump up in his lap well this time she came in and she swung her head and threw a dead bird up on top of the table you should have seen the look on brad's face we both laughed so hard. Brad used to call me his little sis and I used to think of him as my older brother. I remember many chef salads made for him at the Nite Owl cafe and filling up his cofee cups many times. He will be sadly missed by my family and myself. May you rest in peace my dearest Brad
I will never forget our laughs and time spent together your little sis Wendy

Wendy [maki] Rehborg - January 25, 2011 at 10:03 PM

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“ I am Brad's sister-in-law, Gary's Aunt. Rest in Peace Brad. You will be missed.

Lois Larson - January 20, 2011 at 11:31 AM