



William "Brad" Bradley Buchanan

October 1, 1961 - November 29, 2025

In Loving Memory of a Strong, Stoic Man

William "Brad" Bradley Buchanan, born October 1, 1961, in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, passed away on November 29, 2025, in Aurora, Nebraska. He leaves behind a legacy of quiet strength, steady love, and a lifetime of hard work done with his own two hands. A man of few words, he never needed many — when he spoke, his voice carried weight, wisdom, and that unmistakable quiet strength everyone knew him for.

He was raised in Deshler and later spent more than ten years in California to be with his Pops, before returning to Nebraska. No matter where he lived, he carried with him a deep work ethic and an incredible talent for fixing anything. He was born with a gift in his hands and determination in his heart. Nothing was ever thrown away if he could help it—and usually, he could. He believed nothing was ever beyond repair — a principle he carried into every project, big or small. Yard work was his peace, and hanging Christmas lights was his joy, bringing a spark of brightness to everyone around him each holiday season.

On December 14, 1985, Brad married his best friend and the love of his life, Roberta Buchanan. This December would have marked 40 years of marriage — a partnership rooted in loyalty, resilience, and enduring love. He rarely used sentimental words, but those who knew him felt his love clearly in his

presence, dedication, and steady resolve.

Over the years, Brad worked for the Aurora Co-op before transferring to the Aurora Ethanol Plant, and later finished his working career at Penner Manufacturing.

He was a beloved father who made life fun in the simplest, most memorable ways — driving fast over “wee bumps” with his girls, working on cars with his son, and soaking up every moment spent together. As a Grandpa, he was playful and gentle, giving “monkey kisses,” offering lawn mower rides, and singing silly songs that made his grandchildren giggle and light up. He was a cherished Grandpa to 14 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren, all of whom adored him.

Brad treasured time with his siblings, whether trading laughter at the table or taking in a Nebraska Cornhuskers game together — family moments that meant everything to him.

Brad is survived by his wife, Roberta; children, Miranda Tadlock & Jake Switzer – Grand Island, NE, Crystal Harms & JD McConnell – Hope Mills, NC, Elizabeth & Jared English – Grand Island, NE, Jennifer Becker and family – Mountain Home, ID, and Matthew Buchanan – Aurora, NE.

He is also survived by his siblings, Dave (Jil) Buchanan – Lincoln, NE, Karleen (Lyle) Chandler – Bella Vista, AR, and Crystal Conroy – Elkhart, IA: and several nieces and nephews.

Brad was preceded in death by his parents, William Leroy Buchanan and Dixie LaVonne Buchanan, and his grandparents.

Simple, hardworking, and dependable, Brad filled life with purpose and love expressed through action. His hands built, his lights sparkled, and his presence steadied all who leaned on him. He will be profoundly missed and forever carried in the hearts of his family.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 5. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *All Faiths Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of William "Brad" Bradley Buchanan*



All Faiths Funeral Home - December 05, 2025 at 12:53 PM

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“ *I will always miss you grandpa my favorite memories will always be when we build the wooden garbage truck and lighting off fireworks rest in paradise grandpa may your guidance and wisdom point me in the right direction I love you grandpa*



tyler mcintire - December 08, 2025 at 06:02 PM

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“ *With love, Vialto Partners TA Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William "Brad" Bradley Buchanan.*



With love, Vialto Partners TA Team - December 04, 2025 at 02:34 PM

KG

“ So sorry for your loss, sending our prayers to you and his family Pat and Karen Gaughen

Karen Gaughen - December 03, 2025 at 09:58 PM



Brads obituary was beautifully wrote! Sending prayers and peace during this difficult time. Xo

Jennifer Jackson - December 06, 2025 at 05:46 AM

RB

“ Roy and Brooke Buchanan purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of William "Brad" Bradley Buchanan.



Roy and Brooke Buchanan - December 03, 2025 at 07:35 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of William "Brad" Bradley Buchanan.



December 03, 2025 at 05:38 PM

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“ Your Trane Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Brad" Bradley Buchanan.

Your Trane Family - December 03, 2025 at 05:38 PM