



Mr. Bradley David Rauchfuss of Hawthorn Woods

February 10, 1971 - November 14, 2018

Bradley David Rauchfuss, 47, of Hawthorn Woods, Illinois.

Beloved husband of Kimberly Rauchfuss, nee Bosman; loving father of Rachel Ann Rauchfuss, Dean Howard Rauchfuss, Alexandra Jane Rauchfuss; devoted son of Katherine Rauchfuss, nee Aiken and Neil Rauchfuss; brother of Brenda (Scott) Wilson; cherished uncle of Caleb Derks, Alexis Derks, Addison Wilson, and Aiden Wilson.

Family and Friends will meet Sunday, November 18, 2018 from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner of Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, IL. 60169. Funeral service will be held on Monday, November 19, 2018 at 10:30 A.M. at Alpine Chapel, 23153 W. Miller Rd, Lake Zurich, IL. 60047; with a Luncheon to follow.

Bradley David Rauchfuss, 47, of Hawthorn Woods, IL went to be with the Lord on November 14, 2018, at JourneyCare Center with his wife holding his hand. Diagnosed with colon cancer in August of 2016, Brad valiantly fought through multiple surgeries and six months of chemotherapy. After being declared cancer free for 21 months, his battle resumed with Stage 4 cancer that had spread to his peritoneum. Brad's strong will to live, faith in God, and the love and prayers of family, friends, and many supporters carried him through three months of grueling chemotherapy and an additional three months in hospice.

Brad was born on February 10, 1971, in New Brighton, Pennsylvania to Neil and Kathy Rauchfuss. After graduating from Boardman High School in Boardman, Ohio in 1989, Brad attended West Point Military Academy. Brad then transferred to Olivet College in Olivet, Michigan and graduated in May of 1994 with a B.A. in Economics. This is where he met his wife of 23 years, Kim (nee Bosman) Rauchfuss. Brad and Kim were married in June of 1995.

While Brad attended Michigan State University earning his Masters in Labor and Industrial

Relations and Human Resources, he worked as a counselor with struggling youth and families at Starr Commonwealth in Battle Creek, Michigan and taught two courses at Olivet College. Upon Brad's graduation in 1997, he worked for LTV Steel in Cleveland, Ohio and Princeton, Illinois. Brad began working for Kraft Foods in 2001. During his fourteen-year career with Kraft Foods, he worked at the Plants in Chicago, IL., Dover, DE., and Champaign, IL. He worked at Kraft Headquarters in Northfield, IL on two separate occasions. In 2015, Brad began working for Union Tank Car Company - UTLX as the Director of Human Resources in Chicago, IL. In 2017, Brad began working for Fiat Chrysler Automobile in Belvidere, IL.

Brad's career often required him to travel to various parts of the country. He had a love of travel, family, sports, adventure, and history, therefore, embracing his work obligations as opportunities to explore, attend sporting events of all kinds, and sight-see. On his many work travels, he especially enjoyed encouraging and inviting his co-workers to take advantage of new experiences. Brad took great pleasure in being the tour guide for anyone who was up for the adventure. He would then plan family vacations to various places he had visited that he knew Kim and the kids would enjoy.

Brad leaves behind his wife, Kim, and three children who each spent quality time with him in various, special ways. Rachel (20) enjoyed attending many Indy 500 races with her dad and would attend any football game anywhere. Dean (17) enjoyed everything football with his dad on the field, attending games, and watching it on tv. Brad spent time with Dean coaching several of his football teams and when the two of them spoke football or strategy, it was as if they were speaking in "code." Alexandra (14) enjoyed watching classic/war movies and playing board games with her dad. Brad and Kim had so much fun on all of their travels together. They all started with an itinerary outlined by Brad as he would spend hours researching things to see and do. He could navigate any state or country with his map or phone while utilizing every mode of transportation.

Brad was smart, confident, strong, and witty. His eyes were the deepest blue and he had a quick sense of humor. He was an extremely hard worker and was a true family man. His motto was, "We do what we need to do." This was the attitude he took as he approached this horrendous disease with courage and determination. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, teammates, co-workers and all others he touched.

This Life Tributes page has been created to make it easy for Family and Friends to share memories, photos and videos.

For further information please contact the Morizzo Funeral Directors at 847.752.6444.

Arrangements entrusted to Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner at Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested a donation to a charity that they are passionate about; the [Colon Cancer Coalition]<https://coloncancercoalition.org/donate>

Cemetery

The Directors at Morizzo Funeral Home entrusted with any Visitation, Funeral & Committal; requested.

2550 Hassell Road (Northeast corner at Barrington Road)

Hoffman Estates, IL, 60169

Events

NOV 18 Visitation 01:00PM - 04:00PM

Morizzo Family Funeral Home Chapel and Cremation Services in Hoffman Estates

2550 Hassell Road Northeast corner at Barrington Road and Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, IL, US, 60169

NOV 19 Funeral Service 10:30AM

Alpine Chapel in Lake Zurich
23153 W Miller Road, Lake Zurich, IL, US, 60047

Comments



“ Anna Pawlik/Anna Maids, Inc lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bradley David Rauchfuss of Hawthorn Woods



Anna Pawlik/Anna Maids, Inc - November 18, 2018 at 08:49 PM



“ 166 files added to the album LifeTributes



Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services - November 17, 2018 at 10:34 AM



“ Brad was a great teammate at OC. I didn't know him well, regrettably. But I had a great deal of respect for the way he approached things and quietly went about kicking butt on the field and in the classroom. Great guy that will be sorely missed by many. #BandOfBrothers

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Pat Dillon - November 16, 2018 at 10:03 AM



“ I did not know Bradley personally. However I work closely with his friend Joe. Listing to Joe speak of the memories he has had with "Bubba" , his trip to see him a few weeks ago, and seeing the impact this has had on him as well as having Bradley in his life is truly humbling. We all could only be so lucky to have an influence like Bradley in our lives.

It is very evident in these conversations that Bradley is a great Man, Husband, Father and Friend.

To the family, to Joe and to all those impacted by the loss of an amazing individual, I am truly saddened by your loss. I send my deepest condolences and will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.

" When love is lost, do not bow your head in sadness; instead keep your head up high and gaze into heaven for that is where your broken heart has been sent to heal"
- Unknown



Ken - November 16, 2018 at 08:53 AM



“ So very sorry for your family's loss. My prayers are with you all.

Col - November 15, 2018 at 12:19 PM



“ Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.



Those of us at Morizzo Funeral Home - November 15, 2018 at 11:19 AM



“ Dennis Ingamells lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bradley David Rauchfuss of Hawthorn Woods



Dennis Ingamells - November 15, 2018 at 06:45 AM



“ Russell Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bradley David Rauchfuss of Hawthorn Woods



Russell Johnson - November 15, 2018 at 05:46 AM



“ Dear Rauchfuss family.... I pray that your hearts will be comforted with the peace of Christ and His promise of eternal life with Him in Heaven. I'm lifting all of you up in prayers. Peace. Love. Sympathy to you all.

Jeanne Bednash - November 14, 2018 at 06:09 PM



“ Have been an observer of the family's journey. Brad and Kim have made a lasting impression on me and I will hold this in my heart. Peace and prayers to you Brad .

Kathy Zazara - November 14, 2018 at 05:46 PM



“ Karen Weber lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bradley David Rauchfuss of Hawthorn Woods



Karen Weber - November 14, 2018 at 05:42 PM