



## William James Bradow

November 8, 1942 - August 17, 2020

William James “Bill” Bradow aged 77 of Scottville, formerly of Chicago, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Monday, August 17, 2020. Bill was born on November 8, 1942 in Chicago, IL the son of Louis and Barbara (Buxbaum) Bradow and grew up in the Chicago area attending St. Andrew’s Catholic School before graduating from St. Michael’s Catholic High School with the class of 1960. On March 3, 1966 he married Alexis Lapenas Gestes in Chicago and they have celebrated 54 years by each other’s side. Bill furthered his education at Roosevelt University in Chicago, earning his Bachelor Degree in Computer Science in 1972. He worked as a computer programmer for Western Electric (now AT&T) for 14 years before moving to Michigan and working 33 years for Howmet Aerospace in Whitehall.

Bill and Alexis operate the LaBranz’s Asparagus on their farm south of Scottville. Bill loved to hunt and always looked forward to getting together with his longtime friends Ray & Lorrie, Tully & John, Tom, and Joe every year during deer season. He also loved the Michigan outdoors where he could enjoy playing softball with the Howmet team in the summer, and snowmobiling around Mason County in the winter.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents Louis and Barbara; his wife’s parents Alex and Frances Lapenas; his sister Barbara Peplansky and her husband Don; his sisters-in-law Ann Trenner and Linda Bradow; and his

brother-in-law Don Bergers.

He will be greatly missed by his beloved wife Alexis; their daughter Alexandria (Mike) Lane of Brooklyn, MI; stepdaughters Emily (Christian) Gestes-Schueler of Owosso and Francine (Michael) Gestes-Linkovich of Boynton Beach, FL; their grandchildren Matthew (Rebecca) Lane of Jackson, and Westin Lane of Onsted, Danielle Schueler of Lansing, and Zachary Schueler of Owosso; his great-grandchildren Vanessa and Levi; his brother John Bradow of Chicago; his sisters-in-law Sonia Bergers and Diana Ames both of Grand Rapids; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and many great friends such as Steve Seaberg.

Due to COVID-19, private family services will be held and burial will take place at Brookside Cemetery in Scottville. Those who wish to remember Bill with a memorial donation are encouraged to make it to the Mason-Lake Soil Conservation District, 655 N. Scottville Rd., Scottville, MI 49454.

# Cemetery Details

## **Brookside Cemetery**

950 W. State Street  
Scottville, MI 49454

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ Bill was a close friend of mine. We bought a nice boat together. We both went to Roosevelt University and he showed me how to work in the data processing dept at Western Electric Co. He is missed. Jim Charpie

Jim Charpie - June 09, 2023 at 02:47 PM

YD

“ Your Daughter lit a candle in memory of William James Bradow



Your Daughter - August 25, 2020 at 05:33 PM

AB

“ Farewell to my Dear Husband "Bill". May you suffer no more with your Parkinson Disease. You never complained about your loss of body functions. I know you are now at peace. We will be together soon. We all get our turn to see Heaven's Gate. Thank you for your years of support during our 54 years together. You will be missed! Love, Your wife, Alexis. Rambo, your German Shorthair and Randy are keeping me company.

Alexis Bradow - August 25, 2020 at 11:07 AM

PE

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**Peplanskys** - August 24, 2020 at 11:00 PM

AB

*Look at that smile of Bill. Bill must be with Janet and Tom? Thank you for putting the photo for us to enjoy. Love. Alexis*

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**Alexis bradow** - August 25, 2020 at 11:12 AM

AB

*That is a beautiful picture of youth! That must be Janet and Tom. We thank you so much for sharing that photo. Look at all of the blond hair. I love the big smile. Love from Aunt Alexis*

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**Alexis bradow** - August 29, 2020 at 09:55 AM

GD

“ My wife Gail and I knew the Lapenas family many years ago. Especially remembering Sonia and Alexis and their family, including her parents Alex and Frances. Always amazed at how intelligent the family was.

The family should be proud of how Bill continued to better his education throughout his life.

My wife Gail is now deceased but the many happy memories of the Lapenas and Bradow families we had, will never be forgotten.

Sincerely,

Gary Dancz

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**Gary Dancz** - August 24, 2020 at 07:17 PM

AB

Thank you Gary for your kind words. I remember being a preacher and my neighbor Gladys Smith-Bader was the bride at Gail's bridal shower held at the Four Seasons Motel. That was fun. Gail and her family were dear friends. We have lost Sharon, Dan, Gail, Gail's parents. Our lives slip away too fast! Again, thank you Gary for your kind memories. Warm Regards, Alexis Lapenas Gestes-Bradow

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**Alexis bradow** - August 29, 2020 at 09:29 AM

AB

Hello Again Gary. Now Sonia is praying for her youngest son who was involved in a moped/auto accident yesterday Evening at 6PM in Grand Rapids. He lives with Sonia. Please pray for Sonia and her youngest son. He is in critical condition. Regards. Sonia sister, Alexis He was going for gas one block from the house and did not have his helmet on.

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**Alexis bradow** - August 29, 2020 at 05:22 PM

EC

“ Alexis-know you are in our prayers at this time. Didn't know him, but will always care for you. Ellen Chisholm

Ellen Chisholm - August 24, 2020 at 09:52 AM

AB

Thank you Ellen for your warm words. I know you have already experienced the lost of your dear John. I now am walking in your shoes. It was sad to see Bill suffer. He is now at peace. Alexis Lapenas Gestes-Bradow

Alexis bradow - August 29, 2020 at 09:34 AM

MC

“ Alexis I am so sorry for the loss of Bill...My sincere condolences to you and all your daughters and their families...May he Rest In Peace!

Marlene Chiesa - August 21, 2020 at 10:36 PM

AB

Thank you Marlene. Your Messaging for our sympathy has come through to our family loud and clear. Thank you for always being ready to help in whatever we attempt. Bill helped with the Adopt A Highway program that you headed, on behalf of our Memorial Hospital of Ludington. It was a stretch of highway North of Scottville. You needed all of the helping hands you could get to pick up the highway garbage. The first Spring trash gathering was the largest. You were glad to have help. Love. Alexis Lapenas Gestes-Bradow

Alexis bradow - August 29, 2020 at 09:44 AM

ME

“ Bill loved to hunt with family and friends every fall. The farm was bustling with excitement and good food. But the one thing Bill loved day and night, in addition to his family, were his dogs. While had different breeds in his life, German Shorthair Pointers I believe we're his favorite. The dogs were members of the family. They slept with Bill when they could sneak space on the bed. They waited for him to come home from work. They followed him wherever he went. You see they loved Bill with all of their hearts. My memory of Bill was that his heart was full of love for his dogs. Every day in every way. Bless you dear friend.  
Mary Lou Earnshaw

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**Mary Lou Earnshaw** - August 21, 2020 at 08:19 PM

AB

Yes Mary Lou, Bill loved his dogs. I still have his German Short Hair, named Rambo II that was born Sept 21 2005. Rambo will be 15 years old next month. Rambo is keeping me company, along with our other dog, Randy, which is a Border Collie that loves to run. Daily, I must take the dogs for a long walk or they will bark and bark at me. The puppies are keeping me active. Thank you for giving us a kind memory. Love from the Alexis Lapenas Gestes-Bradow Clan. Bill suffers no more.

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**Alexis bradow** - August 29, 2020 at 09:52 AM

SB

“ Bill drove to Grand Rapids from Scottville to pay his respects to brother-in-law Donald Bergers who was in the hospital dying from cancer. Love from Sonia.

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**Sonia Bergers** - August 21, 2020 at 05:57 PM

DA

“ RIP Bill

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**diana ames** - August 21, 2020 at 03:30 PM

AB

*Thank you Diana for all of your support. Bill always enjoyed your laughter and great meals. Carrot Cake, Marinated Carrots, Polish Roses, Prime Rib and so many fun and games in your back yard for the many Easter Meals you put on at your house. He always enjoyed your galas. Yes, Bill is resting in peace now. He suffered so but never complained.*

Alexis bradow - August 31, 2020 at 01:54 PM



“Garden Accent Stone - *"Wherever a Beautiful Soul..."* was purchased for the family of William James Bradow.



August 21, 2020 at 08:44 AM

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Jim - August 21, 2020 at 01:45 AM

AB

*What a treasure of a photo. That must be a father and son dinner. Bill's father Louis Bradow.*

Alexis bradow - August 25, 2020 at 11:11 AM

AB

*Look at Louis dark hair and his son has the blond coloring. Bill got his blond hair from his mom. All of the Peplansky children are blonds too. So is Bill's daughter, Alexandria a blond. That proves that the blond is the dominate gene! Thank you for sharing that special photo! Love Aunt Alexis*

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**Alexis bradow** - August 29, 2020 at 10:00 AM



“ *Lavender Sympathy Box was purchased for the family of William James Bradow.*



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August 20, 2020 at 09:52 PM



“ *Ghirardelli Gift Basket was purchased for the family of William James Bradow.*



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August 20, 2020 at 09:44 PM