

Bradley Gene Raguse was born on July 18, 1962 in Breckenridge, MN to Lyle and Gloria (Vollrath) Raguse. He was baptized at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Taylor Township and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Monson Township, rural Wheaton, MN.

Brad graduated from Wheaton High School in 1980 and continued his education at North Dakota State School of Science in Wahpeton, ND where he earned a degree in Farm Management in 1982.

On August 25, 1984 Brad married Darla Hauglie at United Lutheran Church in Elbow Lake, MN.

He grew up on the family farm sixteen miles north of Wheaton. Brad farmed all his life with his family and eventually moved onto the family farm where he took over the operation.

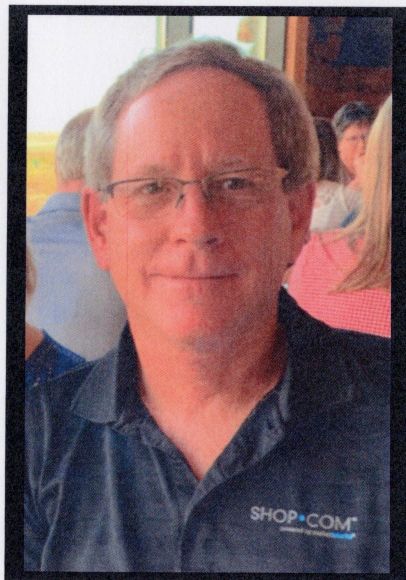
Brad loved to fish and hunt and enjoyed his trips with family and friends. He loved riding his Harley, and Darla and he went on many bike rides with friends including the Black Hills on their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Brad also got interested in dirt bike racing with his son Ryan in 2007 and still raced as of last year.

He loved the farm life and taught his family everything from running machinery to running for parts.

Brad was involved with Sons of the American Legion, Taylor Township Board and was a Renk Seed dealer.

Brad Raguse's legacy will forever live on in the hearts of those he touched, leaving behind a trail of cherished memories and an enduring spirit. His dedication to the land, love for his family, and the joy he found in life's simple pleasures serve, as an inspiration to us all.



*In Loving Memory Of*  
**Bradley Gene Raguse**  
*July 18, 1962 – July 21, 2023*





### **So God Made a Farmer**

And on the 8th day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said, "I need a caretaker." So God made a farmer.

God said, "I need somebody willing to get up before dawn, milk cows, work all day in the fields, milk cows again, eat supper and then go to town and stay past midnight at a meeting of the school board." So God made a farmer.

"I need somebody with arms strong enough to rustle a calf and yet gentle enough to deliver his own grandchild. Somebody to call hogs, tame cantankerous machinery, come home hungry, have to wait lunch until his wife's done feeding visiting ladies and tell the ladies to be sure and come back real soon -- and mean it." So God made a farmer.

God said, "I need somebody willing to sit up all night with a newborn colt. And watch it die. Then dry his eyes and say, 'Maybe next year.' I need somebody who can shape an ax handle from a persimmon sprout, shoe a horse with a hunk of car tire, who can make harness out of haywire, feed sacks and shoe scraps. And who, planting time and harvest season, will finish his forty-hour week by Tuesday noon, then, pain'n from 'tractor back,' put in another seventy-two hours." So God made a farmer.

God had to have somebody willing to ride the ruts at double speed to get the hay in ahead of the rain clouds and yet stop in mid-field and race to help when he sees the first smoke from a neighbor's place. So God made a farmer.

God said, "I need somebody strong enough to clear trees and heave bails, yet gentle enough to tame lambs and wean pigs and tend the pink-combed pullets, who will stop his mower for an hour to splint the broken leg of a meadow lark. It had to be somebody who'd plow deep and straight and not cut corners. . . Somebody to seed, weed, feed, breed and rake and disc and plow and plant and tie the fleece and strain the milk and replenish the self-feeder and finish a hard week's work with a five-mile drive to church.

"Somebody who'd bale a family together with the soft strong bonds of sharing, who would laugh and then sigh, and then reply, with smiling eyes, when his son says he wants to spend his life 'doing what dad does.'" So God made a farmer.

## **In Loving Memory Of Bradley Gene Raguse**

**BORN** – July 18, 1962 – Breckenridge, Minnesota  
**PASSED AWAY** – July 21, 2023 – Wheaton, Minnesota

### **FUNERAL SERVICE**

Saturday, July 29, 2023 10:30 a.m.  
St. John Lutheran Church – Wheaton, Minnesota  
**OFFICIATING** – Rev. Dan Gifford  
**ORGANIST** – Theresa Thiel  
**SOLOIST** – Shannon McClernon

### **SURVIVED BY**

His wife of thirty-eight years Darla of Wheaton; children Chris (Michele) Raguse of Mayville, ND; Ryan Raguse (Austin Foss) of Fargo, ND; and Erika (fiancé Zeb Willis) Raguse of West Fargo, ND; parents Lyle and Gloria Raguse of Wheaton, MN; siblings: Alan Raguse of Wheaton; Craig Raguse of Fergus Falls, MN; and Darcy (Suzie) Raguse of Aurora, CO; sister-in-law Rita Gehrke of Hoffman, MN; and brother-in-law DeLyle (Colleen) Hauglie of Richton, MS.

### **PRECEDED IN DEATH BY**

His grandparents Fred and Katherine Raguse  
and Elmer and Dorothy Vollrath.

### **HONORARY URN BEARERS**

Bryan Weick Luke Griffith Jade Gehrke  
Kip Norton Craig Hauglie Duane Stuehrenberg  
Vance Wiertzema Rodd Beyer Jeff Krump  
Dean Holtz Jeff Taffe Cory Ramsey

### **BURIAL**

Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Monson Township  
Rural Wheaton, Minnesota

To sign the online guestbook, watch the video tribute or service recording visit [www.bainbridgefuneralhome.com](http://www.bainbridgefuneralhome.com).