

## Bradley M. Rebar

September 3, 1954 - December 1, 2024

Bradley Michael Rebar, age 70, of Holly MI formerly of Detroit, Troy and Royal Oak Michigan died December 1, 2024. Brad was born to Ralph and Mary Agnes Rebar on September 3, 1954 in Detroit. Brad graduated from Warren High in 1972. Brad married his best friend, partner in adventure and love of his life Nancy in 1980.

Brad was a man of many talents and skills. He was a creative thinker and always looked for new challenges to exercise his mind and skills. He had a quest for knowledge and enjoyed genealogy, history, and the arts. Brad was a skilled guitarist who played many genres of music since he was introduced to the guitar by his father at age 10. Brad played in many bands and loved improvising in his music. Brad owned Capital Music in downtown Holly for several years, where he gave guitar lessons and hosted professional concerts and bands of teen musicians.

Brad's love of creative ventures led him to a career in cabinet making, where he excelled. Brad used those skills when restoring his circa 1860s house in Holly. Brad made guitars and banjos, a canoe, and many other wood creations. In later years Brad's quest for creativity led him to engineer and make guitar amplifiers.

Brad loved nature and was an avid bird watcher. His quest for discovering

nature led him on three backpacking trips to Isle Royal National Park and remote locations in Canada. Upon building a wooden canoe, he and his wife Nancy ventured to remote locations for extended trips. Together Brad and his wife Nancy visited many national parks, and historical locations within the U.S.

Brad had a sharp wit, great sense of fun and loved to make people laugh. His warmth drew strangers to him. His kindness, generosity, wit and outgoing nature made him many lifelong friends. He was always willing to help people with their projects and generously shared his woodworking and home improvement skills with friends and the community.

Brad is survived by his wife Nancy, his brother Dennis (Lorraine), his sister Linda (Todd), nephew Terry Mayowski and Ashley Freeland (Rebar).

Funeral service will be held at St. Rita's Catholic Church in Holly, Michigan December 6, 2024 at 11 AM. Visitation will be December 5, 2024 from 2 PM to 7 PM at Dryer Funeral Home in Holly. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Holly, Michigan. Brad's presence will be profoundly missed. May he find peace in the arms of the Lord, his spirit eternally at rest.

Memorial donations are suggested to benefit a deserving student at Holly High School, who is pursuing advanced studies in guitar. Funds will be distributed by the school. Memorial donations will be collected by Dryer Funeral Home. Please make checks payable to Holly Area Schools and submit the donation by 12/31/24.

# Cemetery Details

## Lakeside Cemetery

Holly, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 5. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home  
101 First St  
Holly, MI 48442  
(248) 634-8291

## Scripture Service

DEC 5. 5:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home  
101 First St  
Holly, MI 48442  
(248) 634-8291

## Funeral Mass

DEC 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Rita Catholic Church  
309 E. Maple St.  
Holly, MI



# Tribute Wall

DM

“ *Nancy and family  
I am so sorry to hear of Brads passing. Gary loved jamming with him at the Veterans get together. Sending thoughts and prayers to you. May he rest in peace.*

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**Debby Musgrave-Rood** - December 29, 2024 at 06:10 PM

TM

“ *It was great to know you. Wish I got to know you better. But we've had some good times. Family gatherings. The famous Isle Royale trip. Greenstone ridge was a really hard task, but we did it because you toughened us up with your homemade Rebar trail mix that Uncle Dennis & I loved. Wink wink. We'll always remember you as a good man, an outdoorsman and a man of great talent, music & art.  
Love,  
Terry, Melissa & Sam*

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**Terry Mayowski** - December 06, 2024 at 02:11 PM

MM

“ *Melissa M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bradley M. Rebar.*

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**Melissa M.** - December 06, 2024 at 02:06 PM

JZ

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**john and lori z** - December 05, 2024 at 06:24 PM

JZ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**john and lori z** - December 05, 2024 at 06:22 PM

KW

“ *Karin S Winchester lit a candle in memory of  
Bradley Rebar*



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**Karin S Winchester** - December 05, 2024 at 12:16 PM

RW

“ Brad was so much more than one of my best friends, he was also my woodworking sensei.

Many years ago when I showed an interest in learning furniture and cabinet making Brad invited me into his delightful workshop and started teaching me the art he had perfected. His patience was remarkable and his passion was infectious. Together we created multiple heirloom pieces that will forever be cherished by myself and those that enjoy them in the decades ahead. He taught me not just construction techniques but every facet from design to finishing. I'm in the midst of a big cabinet project right now and was planning on asking him for some ideas and advice. He always knew what to do to make it right.

Every time I touch a piece of wood to make some furniture or build some cabinetry I will be reminded of Brad and his generosity to me. And then there's his music-what a wonderful, inspiring friend he was.

Roger Welsh

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**Roger Welsh** - December 05, 2024 at 10:49 AM

TF

“ The McMahon Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bradley M. Rebar.

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**The McMahon Family** - December 05, 2024 at 09:49 AM

TF

“ The McMahon Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Bradley M. Rebar.



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**The McMahon Family** - December 05, 2024 at 09:49 AM

TF

“ *The Winglemire Family lit a candle in memory of Bradley Rebar*



**The Winglemire Family** - December 05, 2024 at 09:18 AM

CF

“ *Cousin Rick and Family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Bradley M. Rebar.*



**Cousin Rick and Family** - December 05, 2024 at 08:46 AM

BF

“ *Barb Spitler & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bradley M. Rebar.*

**Barb Spitler & family** - December 04, 2024 at 05:18 PM

BF

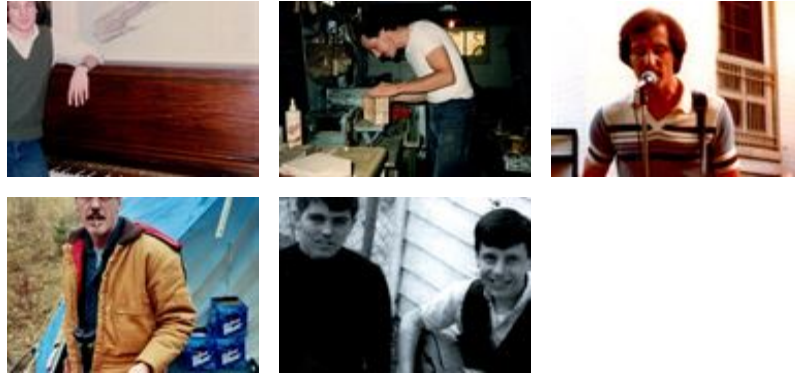
“ *Barb Spitler & family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Bradley M. Rebar.*



**Barb Spitler & family** - December 04, 2024 at 05:18 PM



“ 27 files added to the album Life Tributes



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - December 04, 2024 at 01:21 PM

BJ

“ Belinda J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bradley M. Rebar.

Belinda J. - December 04, 2024 at 01:21 PM

BJ

“ Belinda J. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bradley M. Rebar.



Belinda J. - December 04, 2024 at 01:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bradley M. Rebar.

December 04, 2024 at 01:05 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Bradley M. Rebar.*



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December 04, 2024 at 01:05 PM



“ *We were fortunate to perform with Brad in the band Blue Train for 20 years. It was an amazing, creative, and energetic time for all of us. Brad's flatpicking skills were unparalleled and he had the most amazing voice. Nobody sang Tennessee Stud or Blue Railroad Train better than Brad. Rest in peace, friend.*

*David and Tracy Wacker*



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**Tracy Wacker** - December 03, 2024 at 06:54 PM

PS

“ *For years we used to play euchre with aBrad and Nancy on most weekends and Nancy and usually won. One year we went camping with them and Nancy and I didn't win one game. Brad and John were in their element*

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**Pam Sebela** - December 03, 2024 at 05:42 PM

DC

“ Debra C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bradley M. Rebar.

Debra C. - December 03, 2024 at 01:20 PM

DD

“ Diane & Steve Fenby. Deb Darby purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Bradley M. Rebar.



Diane & Steve Fenby. Deb Darby - December 03, 2024 at 11:51 AM

DD

“ Diane & Steve Fenby. Deb Darby planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bradley M. Rebar.

Diane & Steve Fenby. Deb Darby - December 03, 2024 at 11:51 AM

DF

“ Dennis, Loraine, Ashley, Scotty & Family purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Bradley M. Rebar.



Dennis, Loraine, Ashley, Scotty & Family - December 03, 2024 at 11:50 AM

DF

“ Dennis, Loraine, Ashley, Scotty & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bradley M. Rebar.

Dennis, Loraine, Ashley, Scotty & Family - December 03, 2024 at 11:50 AM

DF

“ Diane Fenby purchased the Angel Wing Heart 16 -18" Necklace for the family of Bradley M. Rebar.



Diane Fenby - December 03, 2024 at 11:44 AM

MD

“ Mike, Michele, Matt and Donna planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bradley M. Rebar.

Mike, Michele, Matt and Donna - December 03, 2024 at 09:49 AM

MD

“ Mike, Michele, Matt and Donna purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bradley M. Rebar.



Mike, Michele, Matt and Donna - December 03, 2024 at 09:49 AM

JT

“ All who knew Brad were blessed to have him in their life. My deepest and sincere condolences to Nancy and family. I know Brad will be missed.

John Thompson - December 03, 2024 at 08:25 AM

LM

“ We are so saddened by Brad’s passing. He had so many talents... skilled carpenter, skilled musician and finder of buried history, just to name a few. We loved playing euchre with him and have many, many great memories of time shared with him and Nancy. May Brad rest in peace in the living arms of Jesus.  
Dan and Lori Meiser



Lori Meiser - December 03, 2024 at 08:20 AM

MM

“ Mary McCaffery purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Bradley M. Rebar.



Mary McCaffery - December 02, 2024 at 06:48 PM