



## Bradford Lee Mills

August 19, 1957 - November 22, 2022

Bradford "Brad" Mills, 65, of Lewis Center, Ohio, passed away on November 22, 2022. He was born on August 19, 1957, to Joseph and Marilyn (Cooperider) Mills. He graduated from Licking County JVS and Northridge HS in 1976.

Brad is survived by his wife Lisa (Miracle); his mother; brother, Doug (Carla) Mills; sister-in-law, Netia Mills; sister, Jolene (Steve) Birtcher; daughters, Melissa (Ray) Bickmeyer, Marcy (Dan) Edelman, and Mikaela Mills; and his son Ryan Mills. He leaves behind three grandsons, Nate and Noah Bickmeyer, and Jack Edelman; and many cousins, nieces and nephews. Brad was preceded in death by his father and his brother, Craig Mills.

Brad was former owner of the Johnstown, Ohio NAPA store where he earned the alias, "NAPA Brad." He enjoyed serving the community through his service from 1976-1998.

Brad later discovered his true passion in woodworking, following in his father's footsteps. He built several beautiful electric guitars starting with a block of wood. He also enjoyed fixing things. Even in his dying moments his hands were busy. He liked to fix up ugly houses. Kitchens and baths were his favorites, although he could do just about anything when it came to repairs and remodeling.

Brad knew no strangers. He struck up conversations and made friends wherever he went. He was admired by most everyone for his kind, friendly demeanor and his big smile. Brad loved people.

Brad was also a cat lover. He and Lisa opened up their hearts and home as fosters to hundreds of rescue kittens over the years, seeing them off to forever homes. They have been privileged to be a part of the rescue efforts of Cozy Cat Cottage for the past five years. Brad leaves behind several friendly felines and one cat-loving Chihuahua.

Brad loved Jesus. The family is comforted in knowing he is forever in the presence of his Lord and Savior and look forward to the day that they are reunited.

Special thanks to Capital City Hospice for helping to relieve the pain. Thank you to Emily Bowen and Josh Lundgren for being there for us.

A Celebration of Life will be held on December 10, 2022 at Jefferson Golf & Country Club: 7271 Jefferson Meadows Dr., Blacklick, Ohio 43004-9811. Service begins at 10am followed by a time for sharing stories and memories. Casual dress is fine.

The family requests that, instead of flowers, donations be sent to Brad's wife of 44 years, Lisa, as she navigates this new chapter of her life and tackles the sudden, unexpected expenses that follow Brad's passing.

Venmo Lisa-Mills-238 or email [divinedesigns.mills@gmail.com](mailto:divinedesigns.mills@gmail.com) for other options.

Day Funeral Service is honored to serve the family of Bradford Lee Mills.



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

DEC 10. 10:00 AM (ET)

Jefferson Golf & Country Club  
7271 Jefferson Meadows Drive  
Blacklick, OH 43004

# Tribute Wall

EV

“ With great sadness in my heart I will miss Brad very much! I will miss seeing him outside front of the condo, I had often stopped by during my wellness walks to visit/chat with him and Lisa. I will miss his kindness, his expertise and always willing to help me when I needed fixing "things". I am thankful for him! I am grateful to know him and Lisa, the nicest neighbors and friends I ever had!  
With deepest Sympathy,  
Eva Vaghy

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**Eva Vaghy** - December 08, 2022 at 11:56 AM

RP

“ Brad is my cousin, and like the obituary says, I will always remember his big wide smile, and that he seemed to always be in a good mood. He was definitely skilled at his handyman craft as was his father and brothers. He definitely left this earth too soon.

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**Rosalie Parkinson** - December 03, 2022 at 05:24 PM

RJ

“ Lisa and Brad are our neighbors (friends) Ron and I are so Thankful to love these guys. Lisa and family you have our deepest sympathies. We will miss him, so much his fun loving personality was amazing. Our handy man.anytime we needed him he was right there no questions asked. Man's man.

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**Ron and Jean** - December 02, 2022 at 06:39 PM

CC

“ I met Brad and his wife Lisa when they became friends of Cozy Cat Cottage. They both were amazing. Brad always smiling and making you laugh and Lisa did many things for CCC. Brad will be so missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. He is at home with the Lord there should be no doubt about that. From being an angel here on earth to being a Heavenly Angel. Will miss you so much.

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**Cynthia Clum** - December 02, 2022 at 05:08 PM