



Bradley Dale Shimmons

August 17, 1969 - December 23, 2025

Bradley Dale Shimmons, a beloved husband, father, brother, and friend, will be celebrated for his vibrant life as he entered the arms of the Lord on December 23, 2025. Born on August 17, 1969, in Jackson, Michigan, Brad was the cherished son of the late Timothy and Donna (Cummings) Shimmons and grew up in a loving family that laid the foundation for his compassionate spirit.

A proud member of the Class of 1987, Brad graduated from Cheboygan High School before pursuing an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice. He dedicated many years of service as a corrections officer with the State of Michigan, notably at the Cassidy Lake Facility, where he positively influenced the lives of many through his dedication and professionalism.

Brad's commitment to his church community at Mount Hope Church was profound, providing invaluable insights to the security team there and showcasing his unwavering dedication to keeping others safe.

His adventurous spirit was evident in his love for the outdoors-where he thrived on hunting, riding quads, and collecting and shooting guns. One of his proudest achievements was breeding and training Belgian Malinois in a testament to his passion for dogs and training.

Brad is survived by his beloved wife, Kristina Shimmons; his son Jeffrey, and daughter-in-law Tammy Shimmons; his daughter Elaine Buenger, and son-in-law Jacob Buenger; his son Joshua Shimmons; his step-children, Jordan Le'Lievre, Choei and Violet Gullberg and his cherished grandchildren, Wyatt, Xander, Mo, Adaline Shimmons, and Elijah Buenger. He is also survived by his brother Paul Shimmons and sister-in-law Jennifer Shimmons, his half-sister, Joanna Shimmons, many nieces and nephews along with a wide circle of friends and community members who will deeply miss his kindness and infectious laughter. He was preceded in death by his father, Timothy Shimmons and his mother and step-father, Russell and Donna Mealoy.

A celebration of Brad's life will take place on Monday, January 5, 2026 at 12:00 PM at the Mount Hope Church, 202 S. Creyts Road, Lansing, MI 48917 with Pastor Kevin Berry, officiating. Visitation will be at the church on Monday one hour prior to the service from 11-12:00 PM. The Mount Hope Church family will host a luncheon immediately following the conclusion of the service. His family invites all who knew and loved him to come together to honor his legacy, share memories, and reflect on the joy he brought to their lives.

The family suggests that memorial donations may be made to the ChildFund, P.O. Box 1911, Merrifield, Virginia 22116-1911 (<https://www.childfund.org/>) or Mount Hope Church Security Team, 202 S. Creyts Road, Lansing, Michigan 48917, in Brad's honor.

Brad's spirit will continue to shine brightly in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing him, and his memory will be cherished forever. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Share your memories and condolences online at holihanatkin.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Mount Hope Church
202 S. Creyts Road
Lansing, MI 48917

Celebration of Life

JAN 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SS

“ Big Daddy! That is how our 2 Malinois boys knew Brad. That's all I needed to say and they knew who I was talking about even three years later and would lppk for him. They recognized Brad's voice on the phone and would listen to his command.
Brad was like a big brother to me, listening when I needed an ear. He gave me advice and ensured that I was comfortable with the boys and personal choices that I was making. You are greatly missed. With love Rocky, Creed and Stephanie.

Stephanie Schwartz - February 07 at 10:18 PM

KS

“ My wife and myself got to know Brad when we bought rocky Balboa and Creed Adonis Schwartz from him. We were so astonished by brad. We came from Toledo Ohio to michigan to see our boys and to sit down and talk to brad. Brad and myself got to be close. He even came to Toledo to visit myself and my wife(Stephanie Schwartz) and see creed and rocky. He was a awsome man that we lost contact with,until I just found out he passed away. Brad,you were a gentle Giant that we will miss. Rest in piece brother,the Belgian malinois are watching after you. Especially creed Adonis Schwartz and Rocky Balboa Schwartz.

Kevin schwartz - February 07 at 07:40 PM

JC

“ Brad helped train me at the MDOC boot camp and guided and mentored me as a rookie. He was an amazingly leader, he led by example with compassion, diligence and energy, tons of energy! I always looked up to him and had many memorable conversations with him at work. I'm so sad to hear of his passing. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. Sincerely, Jim Connor

James Connor - December 31, 2025 at 03:54 PM

DB

“ Brad was my best friend growing up i lived with him for awhile. We graduated together i went into the service for 20 years we never saw each other again so weird how that happened to the family im sorry for your loss rest in peace Brad Paul so sorry for your loss

Douglas Brooks - December 31, 2025 at 05:57 AM

PD

“ Patricia D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bradley Dale Shimmons.

Patricia D. - December 30, 2025 at 10:28 PM

RM

“ Renee Martemucci lit a candle in memory of Bradley Shimmons



Renee Martemucci - December 30, 2025 at 07:51 PM

RM

“ Brad was a wonderful Husband, a great dad. I'm only sorry I didn't get to know more about him., He will truly be missed and forever in our hearts. May God watch over your family and loved ones. Rest in peace Brad.

Renee Martemucci - December 30, 2025 at 07:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bradley Dale Shimmons.*



December 29, 2025 at 02:03 PM



“ *XPO (Joanna Shimmons) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bradley Dale Shimmons.*

XPO (Joanna Shimmons) - December 29, 2025 at 02:03 PM