



## Bradley Dean Koke

April 25, 1947 - June 23, 2022

BRADLEY DEAN KOKE, 75, of Havana passed away on June 23, 2022. He was born April 25, 1947 to Alvin and Mildred (Leesman) Koke and has lived in Havana his entire life. He married Barbara Burgett on August 22, 1971.

Brad is survived by his son, Bradley (Melissa) Koke of Havana: granddaughter; Krista Koke, of Havana: sister; Linda (Koke) Braendle of Virginia Beach, VA: nieces; Tamara (Braendle) Hennegan of San Francisco, CA and Lynn Braendle of Denver, CO: nephew; Bradley K. Braendle of Virginia Beach, VA. He was preceded in death by his wife and parents.

Brad graduated from Havana High School in 1965. He worked as a pipe insulator for Local 17 Heat and Frost Insulation Union for 37 years and retired in October 2007. Mr. Koke served his country as a Sergeant in the U. S. Army from August 1967 to August 1969. He fought in the Vietnam War from January 1968 to January 1969.

Brad was a lifelong member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Havana, a member of the V.F.W. and the American Legion, Post #138. He enjoyed spending time at his farm, at his Quiver Creek property, and visiting with friends at his garage. His hobbies were fishing, hunting, beekeeping, and housing many bluebirds and purple martins. He also loved watching his granddaughter play basketball over the years, especially in college.

Services will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Havana

Visitation will be held at the church on Monday, June 27 at 12:30 p.m.

Funeral will begin at 2:00 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church or the American Legion, Post 138.

# Cemetery Details

## Laurel Hill Cemetery

1105 E Laurel Ave  
Havana, IL 62644  
(309) 543-2986

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 27. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St Pauls Lutheran Church  
121 N Pearl St  
Havana, IL 62644

## Funeral

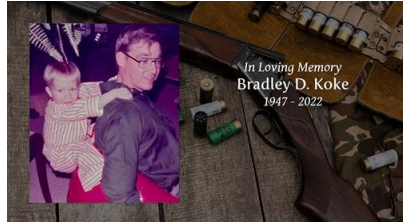
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St Pauls Lutheran Church  
121 N Pearl St  
Havana, IL 62644

# Tribute Wall



“ Hurley Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bradley Dean Koke



Hurley Funeral Home - June 25, 2022 at 10:14 AM

MC

Thank You very touching to see an ol'e friend pass.

mike coker - June 25, 2022 at 12:50 PM

CM

RIP Brad..sorry to hear this sad news. Glad we had nice visit at our class reunion last year.  
Cheryl Morris McCawley

Cheryl McCawley - June 28, 2022 at 05:54 PM



“ Bradley Dean Koke

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM

SW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was a great fun loving man. RIP Brad. Thoughts and prayers !!

Shirley Wills - June 29, 2022 at 09:03 PM

BK

*Thank you Shirley I sure do miss him*

**Bradley Koke** - June 15, 2023 at 06:56 AM

CK

“ *Brad will be missed. Enjoyed eating with the Saturday night group after church services. The group is getting smaller. Prayers to the family.*

**Carol Fisk Kolves** - June 27, 2022 at 08:27 AM



“ *Rays of Light Spray was purchased for the family of Bradley Dean Koke.*



June 26, 2022 at 01:02 PM

LS

“ *Our very deepest sympathy to Brad's family. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Alvin and Lorenda Spilker*

**Lorenda Alvin Spilker** - June 26, 2022 at 12:17 PM

LS

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Like Family. Alvin and Lorenda Spilker*

**Lorenda Alvin Spilker** - June 26, 2022 at 12:15 PM

LS

“ Our very deepest condolences to Brad's family. We went to School and graduated together. I have many fond memories of those years and afterwards. He was a great man. God Bless Everyone. Alvin and Lorenda Spilker.



Lorenda Alvin Spilker - June 26, 2022 at 12:05 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bradley Dean Koke.



June 25, 2022 at 12:41 PM

DW

“ Sorry for your loss Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family 🙏



Dan and Chris Wilson - June 25, 2022 at 10:18 AM

LH

“ Larry And Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Bradley Dean Koke



Larry and Mary Hundt - June 25, 2022 at 08:29 AM

MC

“ In grade school and high school we spent many days together laughing, riding bikes to White Oak Creek, playing marbles, Brad was really good at shooting marbles, working for farmers cutting corn out of beans, bailing hay, fishing across the river, sled riding on Adams street hill, building a club house in his back yard to name a few. He was also good at basket ball in grade school and high school and not being good in sports I was one of the managers so we shared that too. He also smoked Camel cigarettes' in high school and told me the reason why he did, was because no one would "bum" a Camel off of him. And he drove a black 49 Ford in those days and worked for Windals Standard Service across the street where McDonalds is now. As kids growing up in Havana we had no problem entertaining our selves. It is so sad when we hear an ol'e friend has passed on but we have those good memories to remember. Brad was one of the Good Olé Boys for sure.

*My Sincere Condolences*  
*Mike Coker*

*1 Kings 5:4 But now the Lord my God has given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor evil occurrence. NKJV*



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**mike Coker** - June 25, 2022 at 05:21 AM

BK

*Thank you Mike he told me stories about you. I sure do miss him.*  
*Bradley*

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**Bradley Koke** - June 15, 2023 at 06:55 AM

CH

“ *My Condolences*



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**Chuck Hunter** - June 24, 2022 at 11:51 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bradley Dean Koke.*



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June 24, 2022 at 11:22 PM

NE

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Brad's family. He was a very kind man.*



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**Nancy Elliott** - June 24, 2022 at 09:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bradley Dean Koke.*



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June 24, 2022 at 09:03 PM

LT

“ Lisa Jill Ulrich Thompson lit a candle in memory of Bradley Dean Koke



Lisa Jill Ulrich Thompson - June 24, 2022 at 08:39 PM

TB

“ Brad was always ready to help a person learn the ropes, he helped me when I joined the legion honor guard between him and charlie I had two older brothers. They kidder you and showed you a better way to do the jobs. THANK YOU BRAD AND THANK YOU GOD FOR BLESSING ME WITH HAVING KNOWN BRAD

Tom Blessman - June 24, 2022 at 08:13 PM

ES

“ So sorry for your loss Bradley, Melissa, Christa, and Linda. He will be missed by all who knew him. He always enjoyed coming with Charles to my house when I would fix spaghetti or other things. He loved to visit and talk about the old days.



Elva Stigall - June 24, 2022 at 07:59 PM

BK

Thank you Elva I sure do miss him

Bradley Koke - June 15, 2023 at 06:58 AM

GI

“ *Our deepest and heartfelt sympathies to  
Bradly and family.  
Your dad was such a great guy he will be  
deeply missed by all who knew of him. You all  
will be in our thoughts and prayers.  
Gary and Patty Gilbreath*



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**Gilbreaths** - June 24, 2022 at 07:34 PM