



## Barton Kelly "Barney" Bechtel

December 18, 1976 - July 7, 2025

Barton Kelly "Barney" Bechtel of Grandville passed away July 7, 2025 at home. He was 48. Barney was born December 18, 1976.

He attended St. Ann Catholic School and graduated from Cadillac High School in 1995. Barney then attended Kettering University before graduating with his Bachelor's Degree from Ferris State University. Barney began his career with Consumer's Energy as an intern over 25 years ago. Barney currently held the position of business process and technical architect.

Barney was a lifetime member of the NRA and was known for standing firmly on his beliefs. He thoroughly enjoyed HAM radio and anything electronic or technology related.

He is survived by his parents, Larry and Mary Bechtel; brother, Corbin (Cheri) Bechtel all of Cadillac; nephew, Justin (Makenzie) Bechtel of North Carolina; niece, Anna Bechtel of Holland and several aunts and uncles.

Barney was preceded in death by his grandparents: Carlyle and Dorothy Bechtel, Harvey Kelly and Phyllis Howard and Aunt Becky Kelly.

Friends may meet the family, Thursday, July 17, 2025 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac. In lieu of flowers

memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

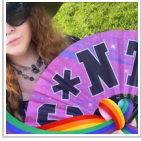
# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JUL 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services  
205 East Cass Street  
Cadillac, MI 49601

# Tribute Wall



“ And from his birth mother Rose, birth sisters Sarah and Jennifer: we mourn and love you just the same. We only wanted more time

Jenna Fitzgerald - July 18, 2025 at 10:08 PM

BK

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I meet Barney at GMI when he lived at the faterinry house. He always made me laugh and was always a nice a caring person. We have maintained contact though Facebook over the years. Again.... I'm terribly sorry!

Bridgette Kellum - July 15, 2025 at 10:09 PM

NB

“ Larry, Mary and Corbin, my memories of Barney are endless. Lots of fun times at our house with him. I'm so sorry you have to go through this, but my prayers are with all of you and I know there's another angel in heaven. Unfortunately, I will be out of state so unable to attend, but hugs and love to all of you. 🙏  
Nancy Rossell Benefiel



Nancy Benefiel - July 15, 2025 at 10:52 AM

RB

“ Just read this and how awful. No one knows what it's like to lose a child. He was such a handsome young man. Our hearts go out to you, may God walk with you. 😭😞🙏

roy and janet bernson - July 14, 2025 at 08:35 PM

WM

*Definitely devastating to lose a child as a parent I've lost sons myself.*

**William McDill** - July 14, 2025 at 11:13 PM

GB

*My heart was saddened by the news of Barneys passing..He was such a vibrant young man .My prayers and sympathy go out to his beautiful family.. May God hold his family in tender loving care and close to His heart during this very difficult period ❤️🙏*

**George and Mary. Bush** - July 15, 2025 at 10:49 AM

SS

*Our hearts goes out to the family. I remember him growing up and Barney coming to "MA Bell" to visit. Always a very nice young man. Hugs and love coming your way!*

**Susan and Richard Sokoloski** - July 16, 2025 at 04:11 PM