



## Ross E. Bradshaw

April 17, 1945 - November 19, 2018

Ross E. Bradshaw, age 73 of Highland, IL, died Monday, November 19, 2018, at his home in Highland, IL.

He was born on Tuesday, April 17, 1945, in Peru, IN, the son of George and Ruth (nee Hippensteel) Bradshaw.

He was a member of Riverbend Astronomy Club.

Ross was born at Peru, Indiana; grew up in Watseka, IL, graduating from Watseka High School in 1963. His Father had been Mayor there in the 1950's. After graduating from Purdue University (1967), he went on to earn a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering while working for General Electric. A long-time employee of General Electric he had worked in Minneapolis, MN; New York; North Carolina; Indiana; & Kansas. He last worked for Basler Electric in Highland IL retiring on 8/30/2010. Throughout his life, Ross pursued strong interests in motorcycles [BMW's & Italian bikes]; Photography; Astronomy and Astrophotography. He had ridden several cross country bike trips. His cremated remains will be scattered, per his wishes, under dark sky conditions in the desert southwest.

Survivors include:

Daughter - Rebecca M. (Life Partner-Gary Chantler) Bradshaw, Albuquerque,

NM

Brother - Philip G. Bradshaw, Torrance, CA

Sister - Muriel Twitty, Chattanooga, TN

Sister - Donna (Rod) Peeks, Birmingham, AL

Nieces and Nephews - Six

Long-Time Special Friend - Kathy I. Dortch, Glen Carbon, IL

Long-Time Special Friend's Son - Jeffrey M (Amber) Dortch, Highland, IL

Long-Time Special Friend's Daughter - Sarah K. Dortch, Ontario, CA

Long-Time Special Friend's Grandchild -Maddison E. Dortch, Highland, IL

Long-Time Special Friend's Grandchild - Reagan L. Dortch, Highland, IL

Long-Time Special Friend's Grandchild-Callan J. Dortch, Highland, IL.

He was preceded in death by:

Father - George Edward Bradshaw

Mother - Ruth Ellen Bradshaw (nee Hippensteel).

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Celebration of Life will be from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturday, December 15, 2018, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home, Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to International Dark Sky Association ([darksky.org](http://darksky.org)) ; or any local charity supporting science education.

# Tribute Wall



“ Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home & Dauderman Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ross E. Bradshaw



---

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - December 13, 2018 at 11:22 AM



“ 68 files added to the album Life Tributes



---

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - December 13, 2018 at 10:16 AM

JD

“ My heart go’s out to Ross’s family and friends. Ross was a great friend and fellow motorcycle enthusiast. Our friendship began over motorcycles, I remember him flagging me down on the road for our first introduction. That was the point we realized we both owned the exact same model and year of BMW motorcycle, and discovered we both had worked at Basler Electric. We later both ended up owning the only two Moto Guzzi motorcycles I’ve ever seen in Highland. Sheryl and I always enjoyed our encounters with Ross around town or at the motorcycle shop in Edwardsville. Our visits always lasted 30 minutes or more as he was always interested in hearing of our adventures and was thrilled to tell us of his, which included stories of his experiences, family and friends. He always gave a friendly passing wave whether passing on motorcycles or while driving his car. He was always a joy to encounter, and had some of the greatest stories. We will miss him deeply. I still find myself looking for his friendly wave when motorcycling around town.

*Jon Doerr and Sheryl Timmermann*

---

**Jon Doerr** - December 11, 2018 at 11:29 PM

MB

“ Kathy, Rebecca and family,  
Mike and I offer prayers of comfort as you pass through these difficult days, weeks and months. Ross will be sadly missed.  
Mike and Sandy

---

**Mike and Sandy Basler** - November 28, 2018 at 02:22 PM

SB

“ *My heart is very sad to hear of my friend Ross's passing. We shared fun memories I will always treasure....standing in the freezing weather with our cameras photographing a comet in the night sky, riding and talking motorcycles, our discussions and jokes about Nikon cameras vs Canon, looking at that night sky through telescopes...*

*I'll see you, my friend, in the night sky among those meteor showers! I will truly miss you.*

*Sandy*

---

**Sandy Basler** - November 28, 2018 at 12:04 PM