



## Craig E. Brenkacz

February 15, 1968 - June 27, 2012

Craig E. Brenkacz, 44, of Aurora, passed away Wednesday, June 27, 2012 in Aurora. He was born February 15, 1968 in Buffalo, New York.

Craig was a loving husband, father and son, and was an amazing brother and uncle. He loved coaching baseball and was an avid bowler and golfer. Craig was a member of Holy Angels Church and the Turners Club.

Survivors include his loving wife of 10 years, Kathy; his son, Connor; his mother, Mary Ellen Brenkacz all of Aurora; his brother, T.J. (Steve Laera) Brenkacz of Chicago; his sister, Amy Sue (Rick) Purcell of Arizona; his niece, Molly Purcell; and his nephew, D.J. Purcell. He was preceded in death by his sister, Colleen Marie Wendel; his paternal grandparents, Michael and Lydia Brenkacz; his maternal grandparents, Arthur and Consuela Esler; and his aunts, Ethel Covas and Carole Brenkacz.

Funeral services will be held Monday, July 2, 2012 from THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY at 9:30 AM to Holy Angels Church at 10:00 AM. Fr. Randy Fronek will officiate with inurnment in Lincoln Memorial Park. Visitation will be held Sunday, July 1, 2012 from 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM, with a Liturgical Wake Service at 4:30 PM, at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 North Lake Street, Aurora, IL 60506. 630-631-5500. Please visit our new interactive website at [www.daleidenmortuary.com](http://www.daleidenmortuary.com) to leave condolences for Craig's family or sign the

guest book.

# Cemetery Details

## Lincoln Memorial Park

675 Route 30  
Aurora, IL 60503

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 1. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary  
220 N. Lake Street  
Aurora, IL 60506  
(630) 631-5500  
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com  
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

## Funeral Mass

JUL 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Angels Church  
120 South Lancaster Avenue  
Aurora, IL 60506

# Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Craig E. Brenkacz



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**Daleiden Mortuary** - June 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ T.J.,

*I just heard about Craig and I am so very sorry! He was a very good friend to me in high school and college. My heart goes out to you, your mom, Amy Sue, Kathy and Connor.*

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**Jennifer Luna** - July 09, 2012 at 06:03 PM

TP

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Craig's passing. My heart is broken for all of you! You will all remain in my thoughts and prayers. Craig really was a special guy!*

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**Trisha Tucker Peterson** - July 09, 2012 at 04:51 PM

DE

“ I just found out. My thoughts are with you Mary Ellen, T.J, and Amy and Conner who I have never met but Craig was always fun and I remember playing monopoly with him and TJ at his house when we were very young and going to Chuck E. Cheese for the first time. He will be missed.

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**Darren Esler** - July 02, 2012 at 08:41 AM



“ He was a great substitute teacher at our school, jefferson middle school.  
He will be missed.

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July 02, 2012 at 02:06 AM

CJ

“ Kathy and Connor, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Craig was such a great guy and was always so wonderful with the boys. We are so sorry for your loss. Craig will be greatly missed.  
Rich, Carrie, and Kyle Johnson

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**carrie Johnson** - July 01, 2012 at 11:14 PM

CW

“ Kathy and Connor,  
Many prayers and love to you both. I appreciated all the great comments Craig had about my kids. CJ enjoyed talking to him about sports. He always was so nice to us and had a great smile. He will be missed, until we see him again in heaven.

Love,  
Colleen, Derrick, CJ and Nick Winston

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**Colleen Winston** - July 01, 2012 at 08:22 PM

SG

“ *Craig had a contagious smile. He always had kind words whenever I ran into him at school or Boy Scouts. Our family is praying for you and Connor.*  
*Love Always,*  
*The Gray Family*



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**Sara Gray** - July 01, 2012 at 06:53 PM

MV

“ *Kathy*  
*My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. I know Gods love and healing will help you and Connor. My sypmpathy to you.*

*Marilee Viola*

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**Marilee Viola** - June 30, 2012 at 07:01 PM

KB

“ *Craig was a wonderful childhood friend to me. My prayers to his family for peace and strength. He will be missed.*

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**kim baviacqua** - June 30, 2012 at 01:35 PM

RP

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



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**Rick Purcell** - June 30, 2012 at 12:34 PM

KG

“ *To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die. Craig has always had a special place in our hearts. We've watched him grow up and become a fine man, husband and father. Our deepest sympathies to the Brenkacz family.*

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**Kenn and Judy Genge** - June 30, 2012 at 08:03 AM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Craig E. Brenkacz.*



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June 30, 2012 at 08:03 AM

CM

“ *TJ- My heart goes out to you and your family. I am so sorry to hear the news. Please accept my deepest sympathies. Thoughts and prayers will go to you, Steve, and your family. With love- Christina*

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**Christina Maffei** - June 29, 2012 at 04:52 PM



“ *Yellow & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Craig E. Brenkacz.*



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June 29, 2012 at 01:57 PM

RP

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We loved Craig so much. I will miss him. I will remember all the good times we shared as a family. Please give Connor a big HUG from us. DJ, Molly and I are unable to attend the services. Please know we would be there if we could.

*"Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? ..... No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow -- not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below -- indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord" Romans 8:35 - 39*

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**Rick Purcell** - June 29, 2012 at 11:34 AM

KC

“ Kathy and Connor,  
My heart goes out to you both at this time and please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Kathy Cunz

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**Kathy Cunz** - June 28, 2012 at 07:41 PM

CH

*Kathy and Connor,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Craig was a wonderful man. Please know that we are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.  
The Hopp Family*

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**Chris Hopp** - June 29, 2012 at 09:23 PM

KS

*Kathy and Connor,*

*Not only was Craig a good coach to Ryan but he was a good man. He was kind, funny and great with kids. Our family is keeping you both in our thoughts and prayers. Words can not explain how sorry we are for your loss.*

*Kim, John, Ryan and Katie Schroeder*

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**Kim Schroeder** - July 01, 2012 at 11:55 AM