



## Martin Thomas Brechon

October 20, 1953 - April 4, 2020

Martin T. Brechon age 66 of Dixon died Saturday April 4, 2020 at OSF St Anthony Medical Center in Rockford. He was born Oct. 20, 1953 in Dixon the son of Edward and Margaretta (O'Brien) Brechon. He was a member of the Newman Central Catholic High School class of 1971. Marty had worked at ACE Hardware in Dixon for 23 years and then at E.D. Etnyre in Oregon for 12 years prior to his retirement Dec. 31, 2018. He was a member of the Rock River Valley Barbershop Chorus. In 1971, at age 18, Marty was sworn in as the youngest precinct committeeman in the State of Illinois.

Marty married Jean Alter March 23, 1974 at St Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers John, Richard and Edwin.

Marty is survived by his wife Jean, son John Martin Brechon of Maryville, IL; sisters Mary (Larry) Wallin of Luck, WI and Marcella (Tom) Kitson of Dixon; sister in law Margaret Brechon of Dixon and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Saturday Sept. 12, 2020 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon. Burial of Cremains will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon. Face covering are required at the visitation.

Marty was a loving and caring person and it was his wish to donate his body for anatomical study so that he might help others learn. A memorial has been established to the Granny Rose Animal Shelter.



# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood

416 S Dement Ave  
Dixon, IL 61021

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **12**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Jones Funeral Home, Dixon  
204 South Ottawa  
Dixon, IL 61021  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Martin Thomas Brechon*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Martin Thomas Brechon*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Marty was a fantastic person and hardware man. He worked for me when I had my hardware store in Dixon. He will be missed.*

*Stephen Brown  
Gilbert, AZ  
brownservant1@gmail.com*

**Stephen Sherman Brown** - September 07, 2020 at 10:15 AM



“ *Thinking of you, Jean and John. So sorry to hear about your loss.  
DorIS*

**DorIS** - April 11, 2020 at 09:17 PM



“ *My sympathies to your family. Donna Leenknecht Keim*

**Donna** - April 11, 2020 at 07:57 PM

MB

“ I am going to miss my Uncle Marty's laugh, he laughed all the time....

Michelle Brechon - April 09, 2020 at 07:49 PM

CO

Jean thinking of you and may the good memories provide you some comfort. Connie OBrien

Connie OBrien - April 10, 2020 at 06:31 PM

MH

“ I'm sorry to hear of Marty's death. I got to know him and his family through my decades- long friendship with his older brother John. I noted early on in my contacts with them that the Brechon family approached life challenges with a positive approach evidencing persistent courage, kindness, generosity and good humor punctuated by frequently smiles. They all (encouraged by their Mom Margaretta and Dad Barney) took pleasure in helping other non-family members dealing with their own challenges - - as they did for me on more than one occasion. John was stricken by polio as a young child - - leaving him to cope with one paralyzed leg for the rest of his life. NEVER did John air a complaint about his hardship as we pursued many activities together. Marty evidenced those same resilience as his brother John in coping with medical or other troublesome issues as he traveled down life's pathway. I know his family is proud of him - - as they certainly should be.

michael heckman - April 09, 2020 at 04:44 PM

EB

“ My dearest Jean, I can not put into words how sad I am with Marty's passing. I remember the bus rides to Newman every day gabbing with Marty, who always had on his beloved CPO jacket. We shared a common bond, with both of us working at different hardware stores. Then as we got older and double dated, the four of us were inseparable and shared many good times. We will never forget the laughter and fun times at the Dog N Suds, Midway Drive-In and cruising back and forth on Galena Avenue. Marty was one of a kind and was a great guy. He will be missed by soooooo many. My deepest sympathy to you, John and the rest of the Brechon family.  
Ed & Janet Bushman

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**Ed Bushman** - April 08, 2020 at 11:12 AM

AD

“ I grew up 2 houses down from the Brechon's on Galena Ave. I remember when Marty had heart surgery and Margaretta made the most delicious bread on the planet. They were a great family and part of my childhood so I hope they are having wonderful memories of Marty and prayers and thoughts to them. Ann Dempsey

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**Ann Dempsey** - April 07, 2020 at 05:57 PM

JS

“ When we moved to Dixon in 1961, Marty was the first kid I met in the neighborhood. He had recently had some kind of "mysterious" (at least to a five year old) heart surgery. Marty was a true pioneer and perhaps guinea pig for many of the lifesaving treatments and cures we take for granted today. Heart surgery, valves, terrifying blood clots and things later in life, yet he always carried on with that smile. We fished every inch of banks on the river in town and loved the old fenced off thing around the power plant which held monstrous carp. We hunted grasshoppers in what was then a big field in the middle of his block and would catch tadpoles in the swampy ground behind Madison School. Later, we would ride the bus to Newman every day and that was usually a great time too. May God bless and keep him and I offer my sincerest condolences to Jean and John, Mary and Marcella and all who knew and loved him. Jack Schrauth

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**Jack Schrauth** - April 07, 2020 at 01:27 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss prayers God bless Debra jay(Merritt)

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**debra jay (merritt)** - April 07, 2020 at 08:52 AM

CL

“ So sorry for your loss Jean. Take care. Cheri Lockhart

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**Cheri Lockhart** - April 06, 2020 at 10:20 PM

RH

“ Dear Jean, Remembering the smile and great service from Marty at Ace! Sending love and prayers to you and Family. Renee Harkins Savannah ,Ga

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**Renee Harkins** - April 06, 2020 at 10:15 PM



“ *RIP Brother!*

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**Wayne Burgess** - April 06, 2020 at 06:12 PM