



## Fred E. Brillhart

January 28, 1957 - March 4, 2026

Fred E. Brillhart, a devoted family man, respected surgical nurse, and proud Marine, passed away on Wednesday, March 4th, 2026, at the age of 69. Born on January 28th, 1957, in Roswell, New Mexico, Fred was the cherished son of Gale M. (Victor) Karns and the late Don E. Brillhart.

Fred honorably served his country as a Marine, embodying the values of dedication and service throughout his life. He later transitioned into a career as a surgical nurse, offering comfort and care to countless patients with his compassionate nature and skilled expertise.

Fred shared 48 wonderful years of marriage with his beloved wife, Gwendolyn S. Brillhart, who resides in New Baltimore, MI. Together, they built a loving family that includes their children, Richard, Eric (Melinda), and Brandon Brillhart, and their treasured grandchildren, Chase and Cameron. Fred's family extended beyond his immediate relatives, encompassing dear step-brothers, John (Kimberly) Karns and Kenneth (Joan) Karns, and numerous extended family members and friends who admired and loved him.

A resident of New Baltimore, MI, Fred's legacy is one of love, strength, and unwavering support for his family and community. He will be remembered as a loving husband, caring father, devoted son, and proud grandfather.

His funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 21st, 2026, at 11:00 am at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church located at 31100 23 Mile Rd., New Baltimore. Family and friends are welcome to gather for visitation at the church from 10:30 am until the time of the service. Military Honors will follow after the service, reflecting Fred's esteemed service to his country. There will be no visitation at the funeral home.

Fred E. Brillhart's life was a testament to the values of love, service, and dedication. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who knew him.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

MAR 21. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
31100 23 Mile Road  
New Baltimore, MI 48047-1863

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Fred for many years as a Surgical Tech side by side in surgery. Fred was someone I could always count on when needed as a friend and colleague. He will totally be missed by me and I shall never forget our crazy times working together as well as some of our unforgettable discussions. To Qwen and Family I'm so sorry for your loss and just remember he's sitting next to God and not suffering. Love you! Karen Patterson

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**Karen PATTERSON** - March 20 at 11:50 AM

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“ Fred and I worked together as a team for a couple of years at Surgeons Choice. He always had my back!  
During that time I enjoyed laughing together!  
He shared so much about himself through his stories.  
He loved his family and talked a lot about his precious Gwen, and his precious dog Toby!  
I will never forget some of the stories he told- of the day leading up to his wedding.... of his earlier work days.... of raising his boys. And his love of history!  
You will not be forgotten.

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**Kelly Eaton** - March 10 at 09:48 AM