



William Edward Bradbury

December 1, 1948 - March 1, 2020

Memorial services for William "Bill" Bradbury, 71, of Giddings, are pending at this time.

William Edward Bradbury passed away peacefully in his home March 1, 2020 with his loving wife by his side.

William or more commonly referred to as "Bill" was born December 1, 1948 to Joseph and Alda Stephens Bradbury in Columbus, Ohio. As an Air Force brat, he lived all over the country including Puerto Rico. Actively involved in many sports, he was part of the Glasgow Montana Wrestling team and served as football captain at Eastwood High in El Paso, TX. He graduated from Oliver Wendell Holmes High School in San Antonio in 1966.

He initially went to Texas A&M University at College Station to study veterinary sciences. He eventually chose to major in sociology graduating in 1972. He was a lifelong Aggie fan and especially proud when his middle daughter, Anne, graduated in 2008 from his Alma Mater. Gig 'em!

Soon after, he settled down in Giddings to begin work at the Giddings State School. He ended up serving as a coordinator of volunteer services and retired after 42 years of service. He also met and married the love of his life, Jody Koslan. He proposed to Jody on the piece of land that their future home

would be built. They were sealed in the Salt Lake City Temple and married for almost 42 years.

Bill enjoyed playing the acoustic guitar and singing and writing his own lyrics. He had a special place in his heart for four legged friends and most recently even felines after much persistence from his wife Jody. He had a talent of making everyone laugh with his quick wit and sense of humor. To know him was to love him. Most of all, he loved his 3 daughters: Ruth, Anne, and Kate. He cherished them, supported them, loved them and did everything for “all my girls.”

Although a modest man, he sought to serve by example as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He has left a void in our lives and will be deeply missed by so many. Bill or “Mr. Bradbury” touched the lives of so many with his huge heart and gentle smile. We carry along his eternal optimism, ability to find humor in everything, and a gentle kindness allowing him to make everyone feel special.

He is preceded in death by his father, Joseph Bradbury, mother, Alda Bradbury, two brothers, Thomas and Richard, mother-in-law, Ruth Koslan and father-in-law, Albert Koslan.

He is survived by his wife, Jody Koslan Bradbury of Giddings, daughter, Ruth Pelzel and husband, Colby of Midland, daughter, Anne Bradbury and fiancé, T.K. Bradley of Bastrop, daughter, Kate Bradbury and significant other, Dominick Nervi of Austin; grandchildren, Townes, Scout, and Guy Pelzel of Midland and Sebastian Nervi of Austin; sister, Stormy Harvey and husband, Dr. Robert Harvey of Victoria; brother, Joe Bradbury and wife, Nancy of Minnesota, and sister-in-law, Mary Koslan of Giddings as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

'Stop all the clocks, cut off the telephone'

Stop all the clocks, cut off the telephone,
Prevent the dog from barking with a juicy bone,
Silence the pianos and with muffled drum
Bring out the coffin, let the mourners come.

Let aeroplanes circle moaning overhead
Scribbling on the sky the message He Is Dead,
Put crepe bows round the white necks of the public doves,
Let the traffic policemen wear black cotton gloves.

He was my North, my South, my East and West,
My working week and my Sunday rest,
My noon, my midnight, my talk, my song;
I thought that love would last for ever: I was wrong.

The stars are not wanted now: put out every one;
Pack up the moon and dismantle the sun;
Pour away the ocean and sweep up the wood;
For nothing now can ever come to any good.

W H Auden

Memorial may be made to the Friends of Bastrop County Animal Shelter at bcasfriends.org, Giddings Animal Shelter, 1900 S. Leon St., Giddings, TX 78942 or the charity of one's choice.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ *Michelle Schuetz lit a candle in memory of William Edward Bradbury*



Michelle Schuetz - March 13, 2020 at 04:23 PM

MA

“ *Marilyn Adams lit a candle in memory of William Edward Bradbury*



Marilyn Adams - March 10, 2020 at 10:37 AM

BW

“ *I was grateful to befriend Bill the summer of 1974 at GSHS. We become close friends from then. Our humors were best friends. I was honored with his song, guitar and singing at my wedding the following summer. Always a pleasure to be with Jody and Bill and the girls. Fond memories for always. Bruce J Wilson, Bastrop*

Bruce Wilson - March 09, 2020 at 05:36 PM

DN

“ *I worked with Bill for many years and enjoyed knowing him. He will be greatly missed by so many. Prayers to his family for peace!*

Darrel and Vickie Neutzler

Darrel and Vickie Neutzler - March 04, 2020 at 11:10 AM

HS

“ When you think of all the people you have met in your life, it’s crazy to realize that very few have truly touched your heart and left a “Forever Mark.” Bill left one on mine. I will always cherish the time that I was able to spend with him.
Prayers for his family.
-Sarge

Heather Southard - March 03, 2020 at 10:13 PM

LF

“ Deepest heartfelt condolences to Bill’s family. Bill and I worked together at the State School early in our careers. He was a good man and cared deeply about the kids and staff. His sense of humor, often delivered with a very straight face, was unexpected and memorable. I am honored to call him my friend.

Lynne Faimalie - March 03, 2020 at 08:01 PM

NM

“ NormaLee McMichael sent a virtual gift in memory of William Edward Bradbury



NormaLee McMichael - March 03, 2020 at 01:59 PM

SB

“ I worked with Bill many years at the State School. Absolutely one of the best men I ever knew - always had a great attitude with everyone. My prayers to his family!

Sandy Brown - March 03, 2020 at 08:51 AM

SH

“ *Sandra Harzke lit a candle in memory of William Edward Bradbury*



Sandra Harzke - March 03, 2020 at 08:34 AM

AB

“ *25 files added to the tribute wall*

Anne Bradbury - March 03, 2020 at 01:14 AM

SM

“ *When I worked at Bage's Grocery, he would bring us some kids to hire from the State School that were getting ready to be released. He bent over backwards to help "his" kids! Bill was so nice and thoughtful. I'll remember him as a very good man!!!!!! Prayers to his family.*



suzanna haas medack - March 02, 2020 at 09:04 PM

CK

“ *LOVE YOU JODY. CISSY KIMEY*



Cynthia Ruth Kimey - March 02, 2020 at 08:22 PM

SP

“ He was one dedicated man. I always admired his faithfulness to the youth of Giddings State School. There were days he could barely walk the sidewalk but he always made it with a smile at the end of the path. RIP Mr. Bradberry pain is no longer yours.

Suzanne Peschke - March 02, 2020 at 07:14 PM



He was a nice, friendly man who had a smile for everyone!! R.I.H. Mr. Bradbury!!

Venica Riggins - March 03, 2020 at 08:46 AM

JM

RIP BILL. Our years at state school were never always easy but he seemed to remain positive.

Jeanette Miller McKinney - March 03, 2020 at 08:56 AM

LS

I had the honor to know and work with Bill a few years at GSS. He helped me a lot and was always looking out for staff and kids. He knew enough about video equipment and not quite as much about playing cards at lunch. He's got a winning hand now in heaven.

Lynn Stanley - March 03, 2020 at 02:57 PM

SC

Rest in Peace Bill. I always enjoyed chatting with you at GSS. Fun times!

Sherri (Noack) Coffman - March 03, 2020 at 05:44 PM