



Harold Edward Bradford

July 29, 1939 - August 28, 2023

Harold Edward Bradford, born July 29th, 1939, of Ironto went home to be with the Lord on Monday morning, August 28th at Roanoke Memorial Hospital surrounded by loved ones.

Our beloved father and grandfather went on to join his wife of 37 years, JoAnne Moses Bradford as well as his parents, Frank and Pearlie Bradford, his brother Theodore Bradford, his oldest daughter Diane Shrader, his granddaughter Chelsea Nicole Raines, and his great grandson Kyle Shrader.

Left behind to cherish his memory are his children and their spouses Danny and Rhonda Bradford, Donna and Lonnie Raines, Drema and Tim Foster, and his son-in-law Mark Shrader. Also, his grandchildren Mark "JR" Shrader, Aubrey "Jodi" Wilcher, Brandon Bradford, Chad Raines, Courtney Raines, and JT Foster, and his great-grandchildren Sara and Dale Shrader, and Mikey Wilcher.

Harold served in the National Guard for five years at Fort Bragg. He was employed at GE for 32 years and retired almost 28 years ago shortly before the passing of his wife, JoAnne. He loved living on the mountain where he was raised and sitting on his front porch watching the abundant wildlife. He loved to hunt and fish, especially on Chincoteague Island where his family vacationed as well as Smith Mountain Lake. He was especially proud of his 34.5-pound citation striped bass he caught on Smith Mountain Lake in 1988. He also enjoyed traveling out West to visit Native American Reservations.

He was a strong fighter, battling Parkinson's Disease for over 20 years, surviving a massive heart attack and a stomach hemorrhage over eleven years ago, and most recently his battle with lymphoma. He was determined to battle cancer, and after completing six rounds of chemo, his cancer ultimately did not win.

Per Harold's request, there will be no visitation. A graveside service for the family will be private. He will be laid to rest next to his wife, daughter, granddaughter and great grandson. Arrangements are being handled by McCoy Funeral Home.

He was very proud of his Native American heritage (Cherokee and Lumbee). In lieu of flowers we know our dad would want people to donate to the Crazy Horse School, 245 Crazy Horse School Dr, Wanblee, SD 57577.

Tribute Wall

JC

“ *Drema & family,
So sorry to hear about the loss of your father. May God give you comfort and strength during this time. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*
Joan

Joan Custer - August 29, 2023 at 07:25 PM

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“ *To The Bradford Family, we are sorry to learn of your loss of Harold, he was a special person to have known in years past. May God be with each of you in the coming days. Cherish all of your wonderful memories of him and know that you will see him again as well as others who have gone on before in a much better place than we are today. God bless each of you, please continue to be safe and take care of one another.*

*Lorrie Atkinson-Mims
Sandra T. Atkinson
Murrells Inlet, SC*

Lorrie - August 28, 2023 at 11:17 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Harold Edward Bradford.*



August 28, 2023 at 09:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harold Edward Bradford.*



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MJ

“ *Mark Shrader Jr lit a candle in memory of Harold Edward Bradford*



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