



Joseph A. Bradford Sr.

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Joseph "Joe" A. Bradford, Sr. of Lewes, DE passed away suddenly on April 16, 2018 at the age of 58. He ended his time on this earth doing what he enjoyed and excelled at; making houses into homes. Joe was born in Chester, PA on December 2, 1959 and grew up in Claymont before residing in Lewes, DE for the remainder of his life.

A selfless man with a big heart, Joe would go out of his way to help anyone in need, from strangers to family. Having sons in the Army and Marines, he devoted time and energy to many military causes close to his heart including the Chad Clifton Foundation and Home of the Brave. In his free time, you could find him at his favorite fishing spot or riding around backroads with his loving wife.

Joe will be sadly missed by his wife Patricia Bradford; 8 children: Joey Jr, Laura, Dustin, Crystal, Billy, Jessie, Lynn, and Quinten; his 12 grandchildren; and countless friends.

A Celebration of Joe's Life will be held on Monday, April 23, 2018 at 3:00 PM at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958, where friends may visit beginning at 2:00 PM. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, please make donations to the Chad Clifton Foundation at 9397 Cods Road, Milford DE 19963.

Please sign Mr. Bradford's online guestbook located on this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS DELIVERED BY 10 AM, MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018 TO PARSELL FUNERAL HOMES, LEWES.



Events


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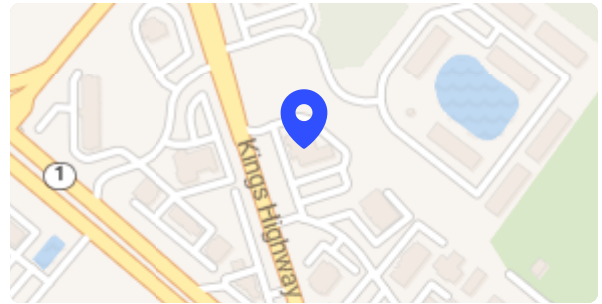
Visitation

 **Monday**, April 23, 2018

 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET


 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

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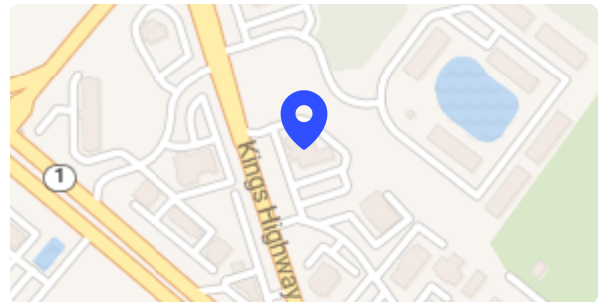
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Doris Person lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

April 23 at 4:05 PM



Anonymous sent a Sapphire Skies Bouquet to the Bradford family.

April 22 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Bradford family.

April 22 at 6:46 PM



Dawn Chaffinch lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

You never really say goodbye...you will feel him in your hearts everyday..giving you that push and strength to get through everyday..My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Love Dawn Chaffinch

April 21 at 11:03 AM



From Your Coworkers At Dvsc sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Bradford family.

April 21 at 5:11 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Bradford family.

April 20 at 5:59 PM





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RR

Richard Reed posted:

Joe you will be dearly missed. My condolences to your family.

April 20 at 5:23 PM

MG

Mike Moser And Carolyn Goodman posted:

A big smile and always a good word...We'll really miss his friendship.Our condolences to everybody in his big family.

April 20 at 10:47 AM

MP

Michael Plath posted:

Remembering good times with Joe way back when. Sorry to read of his passing. May the good lord comfort you and yours during this sad time. Fish On!!

April 20 at 7:41 AM

MD

Marie Durant posted:

I remember Joe as the little boy who loved the Army outfit Jimmy sent him. On the hottest summer days he would wear it to play baseball by himself in n the sunshine. Rest in peace with God and the angels Joe.

April 19 at 4:06 PM

CS

Connie Santarelli posted:

I have fond memories of Joey who built our first screened porch 30 years ago and then rebuilt it 2 years ago. We shared many laughs and he was a superb craftsman. He will be missed. Connie Santarelli

April 19 at 3:13 PM



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LH

Louisa Hollman posted:

To the family of Joe Bradford: Joe helped build my beautiful home in Rehoboth and for years after we moved in, Joe was always there when I needed help with something. He always had a smile on his face, loved his craft and no one did it better than Joe. I trusted him completely and always loved seeing his truck roll into my driveway. We had many talks about his family and he was clearly so proud of his children. And he spoke so lovingly about his wife. We are so saddened by his tragic passing but I take comfort in knowing that he died doing what he loved best and did so well. He was a gem of a guy and we will miss him greatly. With deepest condolences, Louisa and Steve Hollman

April 19 at 4:21 AM

DN

Deanna Niggebrugge posted:

Jess and Family, So sorry for the loss of your father. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Deanna Niggebrugge

April 19 at 4:07 AM

JE

Jen posted:

Jess - So sorry for your loss, sending condolences & hugs to you & your family. Love, Jen, Mike, Jocelyn & CJ

April 19 at 3:59 AM

FR

Fran lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

I'm sorry for your loss! You all will be in my thoughts and prayers. ❤️ The DiGiuseppe Family

April 19 at 3:25 AM



SE

Steve Edelman lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

Please accept the Edelman families condolences. We met Joe and his wonderful family as our sons entered the Marines. Joe was a very proud dad of his entire family and we are glad that we got to meet. God bless Joe and watch over his family.

April 19 at 2:22 AM





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CB

Crystal Bradford lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

April 18 at 10:17 PM



AC

Alejandro Cornejo lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

I would like to express my deeply condolences to the Bradford family, I thank God for the great opportunity that I got to know Joe, work for him and most of all learn from him. I will miss sharing my fishing stories with you, thank you for helping me grow as a carpenter. You are a very proud dad and a loving husband. You are one of the greatest boss that I ever had. We will talk about fishing when we will meet again, my friend!

April 18 at 6:56 PM



JB

Joseph Bradford Jr posted:

Dad I am going to miss talking to you and the morning text messages that u send out every morning. I have made you proud of me once I joined the fire service and became a firefighter. I will see you 1 day. I will be thinking of all the good times that we had and all the bad things that I did. When Kaylee gets older I will tell her that she had a wonderful and caring grandfather that would do anything for you. All of us kids are proud to call you not just our best friend but our daddy.

April 18 at 6:20 PM

DB

Daniel Burns posted:

I never had a dad growing up but when i came into the family you feeling that missing void i always felt you will always be in my heart Love you and the Family always and Forever

April 18 at 3:54 PM

SU

Suzie posted:

I will always remember a fun loving Man who stole my Bestie's heart. Through your unselfish love Joe Bradford, you brought joy and laughter to our hearts. Thank you for sharing your wife and children with Jimmy and me. Thank you for raising good citizens and brave soldiers! Pat, Laura, Quint and you all, Papa Joe made this world a better place! Thank you for sharing him with us!! Love you, Suzie

April 18 at 3:53 PM



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LH

Laura Hammond posted:

You weren't my father but you were my dad. I'm grateful for every second and everything you taught me. Either directly or by accident. My life will never be the same; Delaware will never be the same with out you Papa Bear! You knew how much I loved you and I knew and know how much you loved me. Your memory will live on til my last breath! I love you and miss you so much. Thank you for everything you taught me. Thank you for loving me as much as you did.

April 18 at 3:50 PM

NR

Nancy Rattner posted:

Mi have many great memories of Uncle Harvey's and Aunt Elaine's in Claymont on Harvey Rd. mostly of Vicky and Joe and Susan and me playing downstairs. Good times. Love and condolences to Lois, Jim and Bob Bradford at this terrible time! Nancy MOONAN Rattner

April 18 at 3:37 PM

DB

Dustin Bradford posted:

Dad you will be missed. Without you I will not know what to do but we will continue trucking.

April 18 at 3:30 PM

NR

Nancy Rattner posted:

I remember whenever our Mom (Vera Bradford MOONAN) and Dad Frank came down to visit Harvey and Elaine they would see Joe and the children and Mom would tell us what good kids you were and what a fantastic Carpenter Joe was. My sisters and I wish you, Pat and all of Joe's children a time full of happy memories, free of pain! Love to all! Nancy, Susan and Catherine MOONAN.

April 18 at 3:26 PM

LB

Lynn Bradford posted:

Dad, you have been my biggest supporter this whole year and I'm greatly appreciated for all you have done for me ! I will always stick by your words of wisdom everyday ❤️ I love you and miss you so much .. I know you are looking down on us being our guardian angel .. I want you to continue to help me by guiding me into the right direction & helping me overcome any obstacle thrown my way ! I love you Daddy !

April 18 at 3:23 PM



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CB

Crystal Bradford shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Dad i love u so much n miss u so much im going to miss the good morning text n talking to n miss getting picture from u dad

April 18 at 3:17 PM



SM

Suzy Martin posted:

Hugs & Prayers to the entire family. Pat, Joe, Jr., Dustin, Crystal, Jessica, Lynn, Quinten and Sandra Burton Strahosky and the Burton family. My thoughts are with you all.

April 18 at 3:03 PM

LM

Liz Marino posted:

Blessings to Patty and Quinton, Joe was so loved and will be surely missed, Love Aunt Liz

April 18 at 2:50 PM

RO

Rose posted:

My heart simply goes out to Pat, Quint and the entire family. Seems so unreal to me to write.....with My Deepest Sympathy to each and everyone of you. I am so so sorry for your loss and it was a great loss. Rose Warren

April 18 at 1:38 PM

SS

Sandra E Strahosky posted:

I will miss you Joe

April 18 at 1:14 PM

SS

Sandra E Strahosky lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

April 18 at 1:12 PM





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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joseph by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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