



# Ralph Caldwell Bradley Jr.

JUL 12, 1942 - APR 7, 2020



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## **Ralph Caldwell Bradley Jr.**

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**R**alph Caldwell Bradley, Jr., age 77 of Rehoboth Beach, DE, passed away on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at Beebe Healthcare in Lewes, DE. He was born on July 12, 1942 in Columbia, SC, son of the late Ralph C. and Doris (Parks) Bradley, Sr. of Columbia, SC.

Mr. Bradley proudly served in the South Carolina Air National Guard and in the U.S. Air Force . After a lifelong career with the military, he worked for Lockheed Martin Corporation and CACI.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Bradley was preceded in death by his sisters: Janetha Irene Phillips of Taylors, SC, Martha Ruth (Marty) Blease of Columbia, SC, Linda Sue Wilkins and her husband Edward B. Wilkins III of Columbia, SC and his brother-in-law, Donald F. Callaway of Milford, DE. He is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Sandra L. Bradley of Rehoboth Beach, DE; his daughters: Monica L. Bradley of Alexandria, VA and Tara L. Bradley of Rehoboth Beach, DE; his grandson, Tyler C. Bradley (Casey), U.S. Air Force; his granddaughter, Tori L. Jacobson of Rehoboth Beach, DE; his brothers-in-law: Dr. James M. Phillips of Taylors, SC, Dr. Robert H. Blease of Columbia, SC, Lewis Callaway and his wife Gail of Lewes, DE and Robert E. Callaway of Milford, DE and his numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mr. Bradley will be privately laid to rest at the Delaware Veterans Cemetery, 26669 Patriots Way, Millsboro, DE 19966.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Mr. Bradley's memory to the Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Company, P.O. Box 327, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971; the Sussex County Paramedic Association, 22215 Dupont Boulevard, Georgetown, DE 19947, or the Beebe Medical Foundation, 902 Savannah Road, Lewes, DE.

Please sign the online guestbook located on the tribute page.



## Tribute Wall

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SD

**Steve Dolnack** posted:

I knew Ralph as the unofficial "Mayor" of Sea Chase where we live in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. I always enjoyed chatting with Ralph as he did his walks about the community. He was an invaluable coach when I joined the HOA Board of Directors--passing along wise tidbits and some of his vast knowledge of our community. He lent me one of his notebooks from when he was President of the HOA and it helped me tremendously. He had a great soul and is sorely missed. Ralph, thank you for sharing your gifts with us! I could always count on your roaring laugh, a snappy comeback, or much-needed advice. You truly were a blessing and touched so many people! Rest in Peace, sir. Steve & Jessie Dolnack Sea Chase

April 20 at 10:06 AM

TB

**Tara Bradley** May 3 at 7:50 AM

Thank you for your kind words!!

SG

**Scott Gray** posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. I still remember the day that I met him at Robins AFB in the C-141 Program Office. Even though we worked for different companies - to him we were all on the same team supporting the warfighter. We became pretty good friends over the year supporting the Air Force and keeping the planes flying. He traveled to Texas often for meetings and all got along extremely well. He will be missed greatly. Scott Gray

April 19 at 8:13 AM

TB

**Tara Bradley** May 3 at 7:51 AM

Thank you, Scott. My dad thought very highly of you & enjoyed working with you.



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**Dodd Hamlin** posted:

Sandy, Monica and Tara I was very sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. Ralph was one of the best mentors I ever knew and have very fond memories of my time spent with him. His kindness and willingness to take my under his wing during our time working together will always be cherished. He was a great man, friend, husband, parent and there will never be another like him. May God be with each of you during this trying time. Dodd Hamlin

April 18 at 6:49 AM



**Tara Bradley** May 3 at 7:52 AM

Thank you, Dodd, for your kind words. My dad enjoyed working with you. Hope you & your family are well.



**Russ Alford** posted:

Sandy, "Tarer" (Tara), Monica and Tyler, I was so saddened to hear of Ralph's passing. I cherish the memories of working with him at Robins in the C-141 Engineering Office. He always had a smile and a kind word (well almost always, there was this one flight crew...) for everyone. I can't tell y'all how much he taught me, not just about the airplane, but about living. I know that he loved y'all dearly, you were frequently the topic of his conversations. I pray for God to reveal Himself to you as the God of All Comfort that I know He is, and that He ease this time with the memories of the good times. And I KNOW that Ralph had good times! Know that the Air Force, and the world in general, is a better place for Ralph having been here. Russ Alford Warner Robins

April 12 at 3:25 PM



**Tara Bradley** April 14 at 5:24 AM

Hey, Russ! Thank you for your kind words about my dad! He thought very highly of you & missed working with you at RAFB. I remember that flight crew you mentioned... 😊😭 Take care, Terror (Tara)



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**Cammy Wyatt** lit a candle in honor of Ralph.

Tara, thoughts and prayers continue for your family!

April 10 at 1:21 PM



**TB Tara Bradley** April 14 at 5:28 AM

Hey, Steve Thank you for your kind words. My dad always spoke very highly of you, even after he left AAFB. Tara

**TB Tara Bradley** April 14 at 5:27 AM

Thank you, Cammy!! ❤️

**SR Steve Reicharz** April 11 at 12:32 PM

To the Bradley family. My name is Steve Reicharz and Ralph was a tech rep at Andrews Air Base , when I was stationed there with the C-141's . Class act all the way. He even loaned me one of his cars for a week when mine was in the shop !!! He was a great person and even though I have not been in contact with him in years, I still thought of him from time to time. My deepest condolences



**Nicole** posted:

To the Bradley family. Our hearts are breaking with the sad news of Ralph's passing. He was always the first one to greet us when we came down to the beach with a giant smile across his face and hug to say hello! He will always have a special place in our hearts. Our prayers are with you all at this time. Love, Nicole, John, and Joseph Silverwood

April 10 at 6:42 AM



**Nicole** shared an album called **Memories Album.**

April 10 at 6:38 AM



**TB Tara Bradley** April 14 at 5:26 AM

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**Vicki And Howard Zebley** posted:

We are sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. He was such a kind man, always helping a neighbor out. He will truly be missed.

April 10 at 5:44 AM



**Dawn Chalmers-Hamilton** lit a candle in honor of Ralph.

My heart and prayers goes out to this wonderful family. I got the privilege to cut Ralph's hair sometime ago and for a good while when he lived in Maryland. He always had a smile on his face and was full of laughter. Ralph and the Bradley family treated me as part of their own. God bless and Love you all. ❤️🙏



April 9 at 8:36 PM



**Mike Fraundorfer** posted:

My sincere condolences on the loss of Ralph. When i moved here 17 years ago, Mr. And Mrs. Bradley were extremely kind to me and great neighbors for 5 years. When i first moved in, my electricity was not turned on yet. Ralph offered to run an extension cord to my house to run lights and a fan. It was a gesture that i was very grateful for.

April 9 at 3:31 PM



**Tara Bradley** April 9 at 6:27 PM

Thank you! My parents have missed you living next door. Dad spoke of you often ❤️



**Cynthia Guyer** posted:

Our condolences and deepest sympathies to the Bradley family. Cyndi and Jerry Guyer

April 9 at 3:27 PM



**Tara Bradley** April 9 at 6:27 PM

Thank you ❤️



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GH

**Gwen Kunkle And Amanda Holtgrewe** lit a candle in honor of Ralph.

Mr. Bradley was a kind man cherished by many. My daughter and I have so many wonderful memories of time spent with him over the years filled with laughter. All our love and deepest sympathies to the entire family.



April 9 at 2:26 PM

TB

**Tara Bradley** April 9 at 6:28 PM

Thank you ❤️

RK

**Reshma Keswani** posted:

Mr. Bradley was one of the kindest men I've ever met. I have many fond memories of him from over the years which will be cherished forever. He will be greatly missed. Rest In Peace. 🙏

April 9 at 12:49 PM

TB

**Tara Bradley** April 9 at 1:41 PM



VA

**Valerie** posted:

To the Bradley family. You know my heart goes out to all of you. Ralph was a awesome man. Always had a smile on his face and always ordered the Val bacon. LOL. I will miss him ❤️❤️. Love you guys

April 9 at 8:29 AM

TB

**Tara Bradley** April 9 at 1:39 PM



MS

**Mary Simonson** lit a candle in honor of Ralph.

To the whole Bradley family, I am very, very sorry for your loss. Prayers and hugs for peace during this terrible time.



April 9 at 7:43 AM

TB

**Tara Bradley** April 9 at 1:40 PM

Thank you! ❤️



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**Charmaine Wilson** lit a candle in honor of Ralph.



April 9 at 6:47 AM

**LD Les--Donovan** April 12 at 1:10 PM  
HE--LIKE--TO--COOK-GOING--MISS-HIM--FROM--J-Y-D

**CM Carol And Bob Moresi** April 10 at 8:11 AM  
To the Bradley Family. We are sending our love and prayers. We wish that we could be there with you. Ralph was a truly special man. He was always thinking of others. We have many happy memories of our times shared. We are at a loss for words. Love, Bob and Carol

**TT Tracy Tebay** April 10 at 6:01 AM  
Sending our love and thoughts though this difficult time. Ralph will be missed by us all. His smile and kindness brightened our beach weekends. It won't be the same without him walking across the street to check on us. Love, Tracy, Todd and Alex Tebay

**TB Tara Bradley** April 9 at 6:29 PM  
We love you, Uncle Bob! ❤️

**TB Tara Bradley** April 9 at 6:28 PM  
Thank you, Charmaine & Richard!! ❤️

**RB Robert H Blease** April 9 at 10:28 AM  
So very sorry. Great friend. Great memories! Bob Blease.

**CW Charmaine Wilson** April 9 at 6:49 AM  
With Deepest Sympathy, Richard & Charmaine Wilson



## Media

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Nicole shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

April 10 at 6:38 AM



He was always up for a good time and a laugh!



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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