



Everett C. "Chet" Bradford

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Decatur – Everett C. “Chet” Bradford, 89, of Decatur, IL, passed away Saturday, November 16, 2019, at Hickory Point Christian Village.

Chet was born August 16, 1930, in Decatur, IL, the son of Everett H. Bradford and Lena (Wagoner) Hirstein. A U.S. Navy veteran from 1949 to 1954, Chet was stationed on the U.S.S. Cabot, CLV 26. Chet retired from Caterpillar where he worked as a heat treat engineer. He enjoyed flying, working on model airplanes and restoring Corvair's. Chet married Pauline Grosso on March 13, 1954 in Decatur and she passed away on January 26, 2002

Surviving are his children: Debra (Scotty) Alexander of Decatur, Kay (Larry) Maschoff of Warrensburg, and Mick (Carrie) Bradford of Niles; grandchildren: Kimberly (Chris), Stephanie (Blake), Brittany (Josh), Derek (Lauren), Kasey (Shawn), Caitlin, and Jack; ten great grandchildren; siblings: Dale Bradford, Roger Hirstein, Richard Hirstein, Dennis Hirstein, Jeanette Binegar, Lorraine Bradford, Linda Patterson, Virgil Bradford, and Phil Bradford; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Chet was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Pauline; brother, Warner Hirstein and sister, Wanda Brown.

Visitation will be Friday, November 22, 2019, from 12 pm until the time of the funeral liturgy at 1 pm, at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Burial with military rites will be in Graceland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Cancer Care Specialist of Illinois, Decatur or Lung Association.

Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur, IL 62526 is in charge of the arrangements. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



Tribute Wall

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VR

Vincent Rodriguez posted:

Mick Bradford (Our Association President) and Family, Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart. The Illinois Fire Prevention Association Membership

November 22 at 1:56 PM

RE

Richard, Diana & Taylor Evonitz posted:

Mr. Bradford was one of our favorite people. A decent and kind man who was passionate about his Navy service and loved his family. We are so glad that he was part of lives. My family joins yours in mourning the passing of this very wonderful man.

November 22 at 4:58 AM

UK

Uncle Dennis & Karen posted:

So very sad to hear this news. Wish we could be there. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love, Uncle Dennis & Karen

November 20 at 2:04 PM

BT

Barbara Taylor posted:

Kim and Stephany I am so sorry for your loss My deepest sympathy. Barbara Taylor

November 19 at 5:55 AM

PG

Pete Grosso posted:

Sorry about your dad. We know how he suffered the last few months. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Uncle Pete and Aunt Jane

November 18 at 11:16 AM

UJ

Uncle Rich & Aunt Joyce posted:

Kay, Deb, & Mick, so sorry about your dad, I know he was suffering and no longer is. Joyce & I are not going to be able to make it up as I have a scheduled medical procedure on Friday. We will both be thinking and praying for you all. Love all of you and remembering the good times.

November 18 at 4:48 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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