



Paul E. Bradford

July 5, 1924 - January 19, 2012

Anderson - Paul E. Bradford, 87, Anderson, passed away suddenly January 19, 2012 at St. Johns Health System, Anderson Indiana He was born July 5, 1924 in Marion County, Indiana, and resided in Anderson most of his life. He was a graduate of Avon High School, received his Bachelor's degree from Central Normal College and his Master's from Butler University. Mr. Bradford retired from Anderson Community School System where he was a coach and Athletic Director at Madison Heights High School for 34 years. He was the first varsity basketball coach, and his son, David, was the last varsity basketball coach at Madison Heights. Mr. Bradford was also the head baseball coach for 27 years. Prior to Madison Heights, he taught and coached at Summitville, Plainfield, Eden, and Hancock Central. He spent 45 years in education. He was a member of Summitville Masonic Lodge #691 F. & A.M., and a former member of IIAAA. Mr. Bradford was awarded Indiana Athletic Director of the Year in 1978-1979, Avon Alumnus of the Year in 1999, and was inducted into the Avon High School Athletic Hall of Fame. He was honored by the Anderson Rotary Club, Olympic Conference, Indiana Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association, and the Madison County Shrine Club for his dedicated years of service to youth as a coach and athletic director. He enjoyed attending many sporting events, enjoyed traveling, and cherished his grandchildren. Paul is survived by his wife whom he married June 26, 1953, Harriett Esther Pell Bradford; children, Debra Marcum Joe of Noblesville; Doug Bradford Mary of Westminster, Colorado and David Bradford Angel of Pendleton; and

grandchildren, Leigh and Lynn Marcum, Lindsey and Amanda Bradford and Jacoby Bradford. He was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Naomi Barker Bradford. Visitation will be from 2-8:00 PM on Monday, January 23, 2012 at Robert D. Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory; 200 W. 53rd Street; Anderson. Services will be Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 11:30 AM, at the funeral home. Entombment will be in Memorial Park Cemetery, Anderson. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or American Heart Association. www.LooseCares.com

Tribute Wall

DS

“ It was with great sadness that I read of the passing of Mr. Bradford. My condolences to the family and those who knew him better than I. While I wasn't on any of the teams, I knew who he was and did interact with him. He always had time for the students and was a terrific teacher and human being. I imagine that he, Joe Paterno and Bear Bryant are all sitting together now in Heaven. Rest in Peace Mr. Bradford. Dwayne Sudduth, MHHS class of '81

Dwayne Sudduth - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

Mr Bradford was a great teacher and coach. I played on his baseball team from 1958 to 1961.

Jerry Moody - December 20, 2024 at 11:55 AM

LH

“ I cannot remember a time when Mr. Bradford failed to have a smile on his face. I so appreciated his support during the dedication ceremony of the MHHS monument. His humor lit up the crowd! A great man with a great heart. Never a better Pirate! Enjoy Heaven, Mr. Bradford, you earned and deserve it!

Lisa Hathcoat - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Paul Bradford was the *ULTIMATE* Pirate. I was so honored to introduce him at the MHHS Monument ceremony in May 2010. He was a wonderful speaker and got the crowd excited and even made them laugh. All that while they stood in the rain! On this earthly plane, he walked tall, he was proud, he was a Pirate. To his family: May the angels that keep him comfort you now.

Martha Baker Green - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

I had the privilege of playing on Paul's baseball team at Madison Heights. I had never before had a teacher who cared so much for the individual lives of his players and students. He was truly one of a kind. My condolences to his family.

Jerry Moody - May 24, 2023 at 12:35 AM

MB

“ Sorry for your loss , My Condolences to the family of a great Man who will not be forgotten as a AD Director . Mike Burton

Michael & Crystal Burton - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ I knew Paul through various roles i.e. as a basketball official, as a fellow athletic director, and as a friend once he retired. Paul was always friendly, loyal, and supportive. I will miss him and I offer my sympathy to you for your loss.

Blake Ress - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ My deepest sympathy to Doug and Bradford Family. My fond memories of Mr. Bradford are of a very kind and gentle man who always wore a smile. His unchanging good nature was a positive influence on all students in his presence. He taught "life lessons" even while he had us filling the Coke machine in his office! May perpetual light shine upon him. Lisa Stanley Lansing MHHS '78

Lisa Stanley Lansing - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ My condolences to the Bradford Family on your loss. I have fond memories playing baseball for Coach Bradford at Madison Heights and take pride being on his team that was the 1967 Regional Champion. MHHS Class of 1967

Dave Chamberlain - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ Prayers and sympathy in the loss of Mr. Bradford. He was a great role model and touched many lives over his career. He was a kind man always with a smile. I hope you all find peace and comfort in your wonderful memories of him.

Tami Quinn Detling - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Bradford family-You have been in my thoughts and prayers. I have so many memories of spending time with Deb in high school and time at your home. I wish you comfort in this time of grief.

Jinger Atteberry Bennett - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Dear Bradford Family, Rarely does a man like Mr. Bradford come into our life and leave such a permanent mark of goodness. I am so fortunate to have benefited by his positive influence and kind heart in my years at MHHS. My heart goes out to Esther, Deb, Doug, David and his cherished grandchildren. May you find comfort in your wonderful memories of such a great man.

Cindi Palmer Reynolds - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

He was such a caring man. and baseball coach to me.

Jerry Moody - May 18, 2023 at 07:48 PM

KF

“ Dear Bradford family - Doug my mind travels back some 35 years ago as we played baseball together for your dad. You have been left a great heritage by your dad. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Kevin & Linda Folsom - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ My Sincere Condolences to Mrs. Bradford and Family on Coach Bradfords passing. I had the honor of talking to Mr.and Mrs. Bradford at the Hancock Central Reunion last year. R.I.P Coach Bradford. Eden&HCHS 1954-56

C.R. Dick Craig,SFC-RET - January 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Debbie I was so saddened to hear of the loss of your dad. He was a great man, and all of Anderson will miss him. I will never forget the look of his face when I hit a trash can in his driver's ed car! He was one of a kind. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Marilyn Fisher Anderson - January 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. My wife & I are in Florida which will prevent me from visiting during calling. I know Paul and my father were good friends. I had the opportunity to become acquainted during my baseball coaching years at Carmel and later in athletic administration. I also remember seeing Paul a number times at IU football games in Bloomington. He was a great man whom I had much respect for. God bless.

Dave Platt - January 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Esther and family, Sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Sincerely, Betty Barding Avon Alumni Assn. Treasurer*

Betty Barding - January 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *I'm very saddened to hear of Coach Bradford's passing and would like to express my deepest sympathies to the entire Bradford family. I had the privilege of playing baseball for him at Madison Heights and appreciate all he did for me as an athlete and a person. He had such a positive influence on those who knew him. He will truly be missed and fondly remembered for his contributions to the Pirate family, as well as many others. Rest in peace Coach.*

Kurt Moreillon - January 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

Mr Bradford was very special to me as my baseball coach and friend who took such an interest in our lives as well.

Jerry Moody - May 21, 2023 at 02:33 PM

TB

“ *Vicki and I wish to send our sincere condolences to Esther and the Bradford family. We were saddened to hear of Paul's passing. He was the most loyal Pirate, and he will be missed Tom Bolles*

Tom Bolles - January 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NE

“ We just got to Florida and a friend that knows how much you both mean to us, texted me about Paul's passing. We are so sorry we won't be there for you and your family, but you will be on our minds and in our prayers. Paul was a great man that will be sorely missed, but will leave a lot of good memories for a lot of people whose lives he touched.

Norman and Anne Elsbury - January 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I learned of Paul passing from my sister who lives in Anderson. My sincere and heart-felt condolences to Paul's family. I am sure Paul helped to develop a climate for Madison Heights Pirate athletics that allowed me and many of my teammates to excel and develop a "winning attitude" that has stayed with us until this very day. Many, many thanks to Paul and my many coaches for that formational experience. Charlie Huston Graduating Class of 1965

Charlie Huston - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ My deepest sympathy to the Bradford family. It was my priviledge to know Paul as a teacher, mentor, and friend. He will always be a very special Madison Heights Pirate.

Judi Jones Jacobs - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Dave, I was shocked to read about your dad. I enjoyed playing for him. He gave me my first baseball letter. He was a very good man.

David Coon - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *Debbie, So sorry to hear about your dad. He was a very good and kind person and will be missed in the community. I will be thinking of you and your family during this difficult time*

Leslie Ritter Condon - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ *Debbie and family...just wanted you to know I'm keeping all of you in my prayers. Your father was a special man to so many of us who knew him at Madison Heights. I hope your memories help you through this difficult time.*

Patty Lewis Kestner - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *He was a very wonderful person and I have him to thank for my teaching position in Anderson after I had been gone from the area for thirty-two years. May God bless him and all of his family. May he rest in peace and be in the arms of our heavenly Father.*

Sandy Fox - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ *Deb and the Bradford family, I was saddened to hear about the passing of your father. I will always remember his smile and good nature. Prayers are coming your way to help you through this difficult time.*

Chris Kuhl English - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ My sympathy and prayers to Debbie and all her family in their loss. Mr. Bradford was so respected by students and staff at MHHS. He set a very high standard for those who followed him. His family and friends will have wonderful memories of him.

Debbie Caylor Wepler - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ What a good neighbor he was. I will always remember our discussions about yard work, specifically how to get rid of moles! Many a time he helped me set my mole traps. Soft spoken and always helpful, that is how I will remember him. May god bless the family, as he was a blessing to others.

Mary Sheets - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ We are saddened to hear of your loss. Paul was such a sweet and gentle man. He always had a smile on his face and his family was his biggest pride. With deep sadness, Susie Cunningham Farren and Greg Farren

Susan Farren - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I am truly sorry for your loss. Mr Bradford gave me my first job, and always should respect and understanding for every person he met. He was a wonderful person of character and class, and always made me proud to be a PIRATE.

Chris Swango - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ My deepest sympathy to Debbie and the Bradford family during this difficult time. Mr. Bradford was dearly loved and highly respected. He will be missed. MHHS class of 73

Lourdes Leyva Davis - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Bradford family. My fond memories of Mr. Bradford from my high school days, will never be forgotten. We lost a good man and pirate. RIP Coach Bradford.

Dan McLaughlin - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Keep moving forward.

Daryl D. Keesling - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Debby and Joe, Just wanted you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Bob and Danielle

Bob and Danielle Spacey - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ To the Bradfords: Paul touched many people's lives and made lasting impressions. He was a great athletic director, husband, and father. God will take care of our precious Paul. Heaven is blessed to have him now - as we were fortunate to have him in our earthly lives. MHHS Graduate 1973

Nan Bowman Spier - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JE

Paul was an amazing coach and friend. He even came to our class reunion and came to the funeral home when my mother passed. Even though it had been 31 years since my MHHS graduation he commented during my mother's reception that my parents had attended the basketball games.

Jerry - June 25, 2023 at 07:35 PM