



O.C. Eldon Bradford

June 11, 1929 - January 17, 2010

A funeral mass for O.C. Eldon Bradford, 80, of Guy will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, January 22, 2010 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Needville with Fr. Joseph Phan officiating. Interment will follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m., with a Rosary at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 21, 2010 in the Chapel of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg.

O.C. was born June 11, 1929 in Richmond, Texas to O.C. Bradford and Helen Rogge Bradford. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Needville. O.C. was employed with Dow Chemical in Freeport as a Pipe Fitter, having retired on November 30, 1988, after 41 years of dedicated service. He took great pride in passing on his knowledge when training new apprentices. O.C. was a member of the Pipe Fitters Union # 390 for over 50 years. Some of his hobbies included going fishing in Somerville and Matagorda. He always kept his hands working, building everything from a house to home made fishing rod holders. He could use any material, whether it be wood, electrical, or even steel. O.C. loved Polka music and Western music often traveling near and far to go to a dance with special friends, Martha and Paul Miller. He was a member of the Happy Cousins Polka Club out of Rosenberg. O.C. passed away Sunday, January 17, 2010 in Sweeny, Texas.

O.C. is preceded in death by his first wife, Irene A. Bradford; parents, O.C. and Helen Bradford; and sister, Vera Rizzo.

He is survived by his wife of 11 years, Gertrude Bradford; daughters, Joyce Tullos and husband, Carl, Betty Morgan and husband, Lee II; sons, Donald Bradford and special friend, Peggy Snider, Jeffrey Bradford and fiancée, Ronda Mahnke ; grandchildren, Dana Uherek and husband, August II Augie, Aaron Tullos and wife, Leslie; Landon Morgan; Clint Morgan and wife, Audra, Shadley Bradford and husband, Carey; Justin Bradford, Kelsie Bradford; great-grandchildren, Miranda, Caleb and Tucker Uherek and Reghan Tullos; sister, Dorothy Mires; step-children, Sandra Wallis and husband, Vit, Aron Clark and wife, Linda, Carol Benedettini, Marvin Clark and wife, Shirley; numerous step-grandchildren and step great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Evelyn Bernshausen; brother-in-law, Leonard Grigar and wife, Donna; along with numerous other family and friends.

Pallbearers will include Aaron Tullos, Augie Uherek, Brad Bernshausen, Mike Wehring, Tony Hensley and Aron Clark.

Memorial donations may be made in O.C.'s name to St. Michael's Catholic Church, Building Fund, P.O. Box 95, Needville, Texas 77461.

For those wishing, tributes and words of condolence may be left for the Bradford family at www.davisgreenlawnfh.com.

Tribute Wall

TP

“ *Dearest Gertrude & Family,*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of grief. We will miss his smiling face and kind words. The church bazaar will not be the same without him there enjoying the Polka music.

Terry and Shereata Pontius

Terry & Shereata Pontius - January 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ND

“ *Dear Bradford family,*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. When Shadley and I were little girls I always enjoyed visiting her grandparents. My favorite memory of Papaw was when he presented Shadley and Carey with a quilt that her mamaw made at their wedding reception. They also shared a grandfather/granddaughter dance that brought tears to those who know how special their relationship was and will always be.

All our love and sympathy!

Natalie and Scott Dawley

Natalie Dawley - January 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *To the Bradford family, especially Jeff & Donald we are so sad for your loss. No matter how old your parents are it is never easy to say goodbye. Our love and prayers are with you and your family.*

Dennis & Carol Lindemann - January 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

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JS

“ My prayers to the Bradford family,I was Brads trainee at DOW in 1981,He is a very smart man.Showed me how to make a belt buckle out of mesquite.I still have it and will always remember him.He was the best journeyman I had.

Jerry Schaefer - January 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ To O.C.'s Family:

You are all in our prayers. Your Dad was a very special man and Brian cared about him very much. Jeffrey, take care of yourself.

Sincerely,

Brian & Rhonda Lorren - January 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ O.C. was always kind and a friend to all that met him. He always had a warm smile and a firm hand shake that made anyone feel at ease around him. He will be missed by many

Judy & E.L. Toppel - January 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ *To the Bradford family
I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. I will keep you all in my prayers*

Nathan Guthier - January 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *To the Bradford Family,

My deepest condolences to the entire family. My prayers are with you.*

Linda Steffen Cernosek - January 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ *We will miss his big smile and his friendship. He was always so kind.

Our sympathy to all his family. May your happy memories give you strength in this time of sorrow.*

Tracy Stavinoha Demel - January 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ *My condolences to the family of O.C. He lived just around the corner from us in Beaumont. He was one of my brother's best friends. I also worked at Dow and saw him occasionally*

Raymond Eddy - January 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ To the Bradford family I send my thoughts and prayers to all of you. I remember passing by your home in Fairchild when I was with my dad going to the farm. I always remember how your dad would be in the garden working, or on the outside as we passed by. May God be with you all.

Renee Kulcak Brysch

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