



Mr. Kenneth Carlton Bradley

March 25, 1949 - October 3, 2020

Mr. Kenneth Carlton Bradley, 71, of Peoria, IL passed away at 12:32 am on Saturday, October 3, 2020 at his home surround by his family.

Kenneth was born on March 25, 1949 in Peoria, IL to Alfred Dudley and Christiania (Hull) Bradley. He was a 1967 graduate of Manual High School. Kenneth married the love of his life, Ellen O'Delia Basfield on June 21, 1969 and to their loving union three children were born.

Kenneth worked at Caterpillar, Inc., at the Morton Building as an Inspector and respected Union Representative. He retired in 2012. Kenneth had a passion for photography and was a photographer for over 40 years. He was a life insurance agent. He loved the musical group the Temptations and he loved to travel to Las Vegas, NV. Kenneth was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church.

Kenneth leaves to cherish her most precious memories, wife of 51 years, Ellen Bradley of Peoria, IL; two sons, Kenneth Bradley, II of Peoria, IL and Kevin Bradley of Bloomington, IL; one daughter, Kimberly Bradley of Chicago, IL; three sisters, Barbara Bradley-Caruth of Peoria, IL, Joyce Allen and Sue (Gle-en) McHenry both of Houston, TX; five grandchildren, Johnny, Markia, Taylor, Kiara and Christiania; two great grandchildren, Brave St. James and Sawyer; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents and one brother, William "Sonny" Bradley.

A private funeral mass will be held at 11 am on Saturday, October 10, 2020 at St. Ann Catholic Church with a 2 hours visitation beginning at 9 am. Father Jeremy will bring words of comfort to the family. Kenneth will be entombed at

Historic Springdale Mausoleum.

Simons Mortuary is entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](https://www.SimonsMortuary.com).

The funeral service will be live-streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly at the time of the service.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, social distancing and attendance limits will be observed. The sanctuary can socially distance and seat a limit of 50 or less people. All others will be able to flow through and view prior to beginning the Celebration of Life Ceremony.

As the States begin re-opening in response to the Global Coronavirus Pandemic, some people are returning to their previous normal living standards. Unfortunately, we are now in our new normal as unreal and sometimes uncomfortable as the socially distancing and continuous use of protective masks may feel.

*In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them).

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

*It is our responsibility as Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Cemetery Details

Historic Springdale Cemetery

3014 N. Prospect Road
Peoria, IL 61603

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **10**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
1010 S. Louisa Street
Peoria, IL 61614

Funeral Mass

OCT **10**. 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
1010 S. Louisa Street
Peoria, IL 61614

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Kenneth Carlton Bradley*



Simons Mortuary - October 12, 2020 at 12:31 PM



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Kenneth Carlton Bradley*



Simons Mortuary - October 09, 2020 at 04:45 PM



“ *Mr. Kenneth Carlton Bradley*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Kenneth Carlton Bradley*

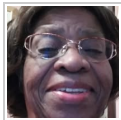
January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Entombment at Springdale Mausoleum*



Simons Mortuary - October 12, 2020 at 12:40 PM



"Blessed he will be in the arms of the Lord. "..

Barbara Bradley - December 20, 2020 at 07:32 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Funeral Mass Service Part 2 of 2*



Simons Mortuary - October 12, 2020 at 12:40 PM



“ *May God comfort & keep you.*



Vickie King - October 12, 2020 at 12:02 PM



“ *Someone so special can never be forgotten*



Evelyn Tate-Clayton - October 10, 2020 at 10:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Kenneth Carlton Bradley.*



October 10, 2020 at 10:45 AM



“ *Abigail Barnett sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Kenneth Carlton Bradley*



Abigail Barnett - October 09, 2020 at 06:21 PM



“ 6 files added to the album Funeral Mass Program



at the Peoria Journal Star. Kenneth was a lifelong learner and acquired additional education through his employment that offered training, workshops and seminars.

Kenneth married the love of his life, Ellen O'Della Bradley on June 21, 1969. It was at their time, Kenneth was conferred as Catholic. From their loving union, three children were born.

Following his educational years, Kenneth held several positions in the printing industry, school transportation services, insurance and car sales. He is most proud of his self-owned and operated business, B-Concrete Services. Here, he was the sole photographer, specializing in

humblety, patience, and strength.

Kenneth Carlton Bradley Sr., made his transition in the early hours of October 9, 2020 surrounded by his loving family at the age of 71. He leaves to cherish his most precious memories, wife of 51 years, Ellen Bradley of Peoria, IL, two sons, Kenneth Bradley, II of Peoria, IL, and Kevin Bradley of Homewood, IL, one daughter, Kimberly Bradley of Chicago, IL, three sisters, Barbara Bradley Caruth of Peoria, IL, Janet Allen and Joe Wilcox Mulberry both of Homewood, IL, five grandchildren, Shanon, Shelby, Taylor, Kiana and Christiana, two great grandchildren, Brian N. James and Sawyer, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents and one brother, William "Tommy" Bradley.



Simons Mortuary - October 09, 2020 at 05:25 PM



“ Ellen and Family: I simply don't know what to say. I first met Kenny during our CSTG days. My latest meeting was most memorable. I was walking down the main aisle at Lowe's/East Peoria. I saw this gentleman sitting comfortably along the aisle and said kiddingly: "You look very comfortable, don't fall asleep". That started our chat that ended up we were Manual High School graduates, and I was talking to Ellen Bradley's husband! Needless to say I was so happy I spoke to this gentleman, and now it's even more special. We are blessed that great memories last forever. With sympathy, Tom & Bonnie Hulting

Tom & Bonnie Hulting - October 09, 2020 at 05:17 PM



“ Ellen, Dan and I want to send our condolences to you and your family. I will keep you in my prayers that God may comfort you in your sorrow. You both were so sweet to me with the pictures you gave us at the Hall of Fame. Dianne Harshbarger

Dianne Harshbarger - October 09, 2020 at 02:46 PM



“ I was so blessed to work with Ken at Caterpillar and to enjoy his words of wit and wisdom. I wish much comfort for all of his family and friends in this difficult time. He was a gentleman in the truest sense of the word and his loss leaves a gaping hole in the fabric of our universe...may his memory shine forever in our hearts. Much love and many hugs to all....Robin Grindle (electrician, retired)

Robin Grindle - October 09, 2020 at 01:40 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Kenneth Carlton Bradley.



October 09, 2020 at 11:44 AM



“ Was so sorry to hear of Ken's passing. He was always a joy to talk with he was so knowledgeable in so many areas. My heartfelt condolences to your family. I will miss his daily inspirational post.

Evelyn Tate-Clayton - October 08, 2020 at 10:11 PM



*“ Ellen and family, I'm so sorry to hear of Kenny's passing. May God continue to watch over you and your family. Praying for you .
Shirley Abner
and family*

Shirley Abner - October 08, 2020 at 09:48 PM

JB

“ Ellen, I'm so sorry to hear about Kenny's passing. I enjoyed his friendship and will see him with you, enjoying the laughs and memories when we were together
Jon Berger

Jon Berger - October 08, 2020 at 04:11 PM

WA

“ I worked with Ken at Caterpillar and he was one of the finest men I have ever known. He had a positive attitude and I don't think anyone that knew him had ever had a bad thing to say about Ken. We kept in touch after retirement and he had some encouraging words for me after I had some medical issues, and all the time Ken had his own issues. We will pray for Ellen and the family as they work through these sad times.

Wayne - October 08, 2020 at 03:33 PM

DV

“ Ellen, John and I send our deepest condolences to Your family. John always spoke fondly of working with Ken and I enjoyed working with you Ellen. God has indeed called another angel home. Praying for your family and hope your fond memories comfort you at this difficult time.

John and Diane Vogel

diane vogel - October 08, 2020 at 09:16 AM



FM

Ellen I send my condolences to you and your family . You know I always will be grateful for the support that the both of you gave to me. I would like to return that in what ever you may need . I'm sure Kenny and Nellie will be looking down on us with smiles on their faces. As you once told me " we must soldier on because it's all a part of God's plan " He will comfort you and family at this most difficult of times


Floyd March

Floyd march - October 09, 2020 at 11:08 AM

EW

Ellen we send our prayers and condolences to you and your family may God comfort you during your time of sorrow. Elder Micheal and Hazel Williams

Elder Micheal Williams - October 09, 2020 at 02:08 PM

 Clifford Tompkins

“ *I would like to share my heartfelt condolences with the Bradley family, wish I were there to say goodbye. Ken was a longtime friend and mentor and will be missed more than you know. His insight and words of wisdom helped me through many tough times and I always knew he was just a phone call away. My heart is truly broken, but I will always have fond and fun memories to hold on to. My prayers are with you through this tough time.*

Clifford Tompkins - October 07, 2020 at 09:53 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Kenneth Carlton Bradley.*



October 07, 2020 at 05:03 PM

LS

“ We would like to express condolences to the Bradley family.
Kenneth will surely be missed what a wonderful and giving man.
Peace and blessings

Lola and Lyle Smith
N. Las Vegas Nevada

Lyle Smith - October 07, 2020 at 01:50 PM

DV

“ So sorry to hear of kens passing the good lord called home a wonderful angel bob and I have great memories at Illinois cancer care with the time we got to spend with you both we will miss him dearly bob and Denny from Illinois cancer care



denny vaughn - October 06, 2020 at 09:13 PM

DV

“ Ellen I am so sorry for your loss bob and I grew to love you guys we have some great memories of Ken when you would come out to Illinois cancer care we will miss him dearly the good lord has called a wonderful angel home. Denny and bob from Illinois cancer care

denny vaughn - October 06, 2020 at 07:06 PM

LD

“ To Ellen and children,
Michael and I send our deepest condolences
to each of you. We had some great times
together. God has indeed called another
angel home. Cherish all the memories you
had with him and know he is in a better place. Praying for the family
that God will continue to wrap His arms around each of you and
provide the needed strength.



Michael and Linda Davis
GA

Linda Davis - October 06, 2020 at 10:32 AM

SW

“ I love you Pa Bradley. Thank you for the knowledge, firmness,
guidance and love! You will be sorely missed. To Ma Bradley, Rudy
(Kenneth Jr.), Kevin and Kimberly, I love you all and will keep you in
prayer. Heaven surely gained a mighty Angel 🙏❤️

Samantha (Jackson) Washington - October 05, 2020 at 08:06 PM

CF

“ Curtis Shumate N Family lit a candle in
memory of Mr. Kenneth Carlton Bradley



Curtis shumate n family - October 05, 2020 at 02:32 PM