



Raymond Nolan Bradford

November 26, 1934 - June 19, 2021

Bradford, Raymond Nolan, age 86, of Conyers passed away on Saturday, June 19, 2021. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Virginia Smith Bradford; his parents, James and Belle Bradford; brothers, Charles and Bill Bradford; granddaughter, Elizabeth Dawn Gaylord. He is survived by his children, Judy (Billy) Ethridge of Locust Grove, Dawn (Tom) Gaylord of Wetumpka, Alabama, and Jeff (Linda) Bradford of Cumming; Grandchildren; Shelby (Matt) Panzenhagen, Ty Brownlee, Michael Gaylord, Matthew (Hannah) Gaylord, Mitchell Gaylord, Emily (Alex) Tostado, Libby (Alex) Barbosa, and Abby Bradford; sisters, Joan Hull and Linda (Jimmy) George. Raymond was born in Gwinnett County on November 26, 1934, and grew up in Milstead, Georgia. During his high school years, he attended Berry School in Rome, Georgia. After leaving Berry he enlisted in the United States Army where he spent his 2 years in Germany as a paratrooper. Raymond enrolled in the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) apprenticeship program in Atlanta and began a life-long affiliation with Local Union 613. On December 19, 1959, he married the love of his life, Virginia. They recently celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary. During their retirement years they loved to travel or "rambling around" as they called it. He enjoyed classic cars, watching and participating in local dirt track and NASCAR series, and telling jokes. Most of all he loved Christ, his wife, his children, and especially his grandchildren.

A visitation for family and friends will be at Scot Ward Funeral Home on

Wednesday June 23, 2021 from 5:00 PM till 8:00 PM. A private burial service will be held separately. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bethel Christian Church, 1930 Bethel Rd. NE, Conyers, Georgia 30012.

Cemetery Details

Green Meadow Memorial Gardens

677 American Legion Rd.
Conyers, GA 30012

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 23. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Scot Ward Funeral Services at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens
699 American Legion Road
Conyers, GA 30012

Tribute Wall



“ *Scot Ward Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Raymond Nolan Bradford*



Scot Ward Funeral Services - June 24, 2021 at 10:46 AM

NK

“ *Prayers for the Bradford family*

from IBEW Local 613 Staff

Nick Kosko - June 25, 2021 at 09:34 AM

SC

“ *So sorry for your loss. I have known the Bradford family my entire life. My love goes out to each one of you. God Bless!*

Serita Foster Capea - June 24, 2021 at 02:32 PM

MB

“ It’s no surprise my earliest memory of Uncle Raymond involved a car and a good natured practical joke. I was about four years old, and he was driving me somewhere in his 1950’s car and asked if I wanted to learn the secret of how the horn operated in his “special car.” He pressed an exposed screw on the dashboard and the horn blew every time. He invited me to try it and of course no matter how often or forcefully I pressed, the horn would never blow. Eventually he revealed the trick was a floor mounted horn button located next to the floor mounted headlight dimmer switch which few people younger than I am have any knowledge of let alone remember. I would soon learn that cars, jokes and lots of laughter would be involved most every time I saw Uncle Raymond for the next 60 years! Some years later, knowing my own intense interest in cars he offered me my first paying job at his part-time used car lot near the GA 20 Yellow River bridge. Every Saturday, I would wash the complete inventory and coolest of all move them around the lot as needed even though I was several years away from a license. The sharp dealmaker he was, I might not have bought a used car from him (LOL), but he was always a kind and entertaining boss and uncle who was dearly devoted to his family. Even on this sad day, it’s difficult to think of him without smiling. Deepest Sympathy to Judy, Dawn and Jeff and families on their great loss.

Michael J. Bradford - June 23, 2021 at 05:03 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Raymond Nolan Bradford.



June 23, 2021 at 11:55 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond Nolan Bradford.*



June 23, 2021 at 09:51 AM



“ *Al Millen purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Raymond Nolan Bradford.*



Al Millen - June 23, 2021 at 04:26 AM



“ *129 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Scot Ward Funeral Services - June 22, 2021 at 04:44 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Raymond Nolan Bradford.*



June 22, 2021 at 12:43 PM



“ *Regina Westbrooks lit a candle in memory of Raymond Nolan Bradford*



Regina Westbrooks - June 22, 2021 at 10:25 AM



“ *Uncle Raymond was one of the funniest people I know. His dry sense of humor was incredible! One of the last times I saw him before moving away, he was in Target with Aunt Virginia and he looked at her so lovingly and said, "take all the time you need" he then looked at his watch and said, 'and I'll see you back here in 10 minutes!'. He was a nut! Though we don't get to see each other as much, if at all, as we have all grown older and went our separate ways, your family is still special to me and I love you all!!! Love, Regina (Miller) Westbrooks*

Regina Westbrooks - June 22, 2021 at 10:23 AM

JB

“ *Judy H BOND lit a candle in memory of Raymond Nolan Bradford*



Judy H BOND - June 21, 2021 at 06:35 PM

JM

“ *Jodi and Patti McFarland purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Raymond Nolan Bradford.*



Jodi and Patti McFarland - June 21, 2021 at 10:02 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond Nolan Bradford.*



June 21, 2021 at 12:01 AM

JF

“ *Joan Gaylord and the George Gaylord Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Raymond Nolan Bradford.*



Joan Gaylord and the George Gaylord Family - June 20, 2021 at 02:07 PM

RB

“ *My neighbor on Corley Rd. for 45 plus years !
Our prayers and hearts go out to Judy, Dawn,
and Jeff at this time of sorrow!*



Roger and Kimberly Barrett - June 20, 2021 at 01:57 PM