



David Phillip Bradford

October 10, 1942 - May 27, 2020

David Phillip Bradford, 77, of Salisbury, passed away on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin.

He was born on October 10, 1942, a son of the late Walter John Bradford and Gertrude Ellen (Wootten) Bradford.

David spent his career working as a farmer and loved to work with horses.

He is survived by his daughter, Valarie Lynn Dryden (Woody) of Laurel; son-in-law, Gene Collins of Salisbury; grandchildren, Phillip Edward Bradford (Stacey Davis), Amber Lynn Bridges (Justin Bridges), Genetta Whelamina Bradford (Darrett Wilson); great grandchildren, Adriana Angel Bradford, Jordan Rashad Bradford, Cameron Marie Bradford-Colon, Jeremi Bridges, Autumn Waters, and Alexander Waters; brothers, Larry Bradford and Gary Bradford of Salisbury and Eddie Bradford of Westover; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Mary "Lola" Bradford; a daughter, Ellen Mae Bradford; a sister, Isabelle Bradford; and his grandparents that he dearly loved, Daisey and Chester Wootten.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, June 6, 2020 at Pittsville Cemetery. The Reverend Howard Travers will officiate. Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Pittsville Cemetery

Pittsville, MD

Previous Events

Service

JUN **6**. 11:00 AM.

Graveside Service

Tribute Wall

JB

“ I spent hours with my therapy dog Tobi sharing conversation with David in the nursing home. He was proud of his profession as a chicken farm manager and taught me a lot about chickens through the years and there is much more to know than one would imagine. He was a working mans man. Dave liked his old westerns, loved horses and his special mints and spoke to his mother almost every day before she passed in her 90s.Daves daughters were a special love of his life and one could tell that family was most important. The Country would benefit by practicing Daves values. I will miss him. Godspeed
Jack Barnes.....and Tobi

Jack Barnes - June 04, 2020 at 07:36 PM

GC

“ David and Mary has 2 wonderful daughters,I,Loved and lived with daughter Ellen a long time.
I,Missed them.God be with you Valerie and Woody and the family.

Gene Collins

Gene Collins - June 02, 2020 at 07:35 PM

LB

“ Remembering David from Pittsville High School graduation class of 1961. David will surely be missed. He was a naturally sweet and kind man.
May he rest in peace.



Lynda Bassett - June 02, 2020 at 04:47 PM

PB

“David and I were classmates at Pittsville High School; we graduated in 1961. I remember David as always being cheerful; always kind and thoughtful. He will be missed by all of us from the Class of '61. May he Rest In Peace and Rise in Glory.

Peggy Hearn Battle

Peggy Battle - May 31, 2020 at 08:47 PM

VD

Thank you. Dad was A good man and great Dad. He was taken from us way too soon. At least he is back with Mom, Mary and his daughter, Ellen.

Valarie Dryden - June 03, 2020 at 06:04 PM

VD

“Dad and Mom always worked so hard for us. They never knew true retirement. They loved each other and all of us. I am missing Dad. I used to call him lunchtime from work, he only talked for a few minutes at a time. He was a quiet man with a loving heart. I love you daddy. Rest now and know I am the song Daddy's Girl. I love you, Dad.

Valarie Dryden - May 31, 2020 at 05:46 AM