



# Roger P. Bradley

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**R**oger Bradley age 66 passed away peacefully at Hope Hospice with his family by his side on Monday May 8, 2017. He was born in Meriden, Connecticut on January 1, 1951 to Dr. James and Ann Bradley. He was preceded in death by his parents and younger sister Kathy. Roger leaves behind to continue his legacy his wife of 34 years, Deryl, his three children, and two grandsons. He was a loving and proud father to Meghan Burbach (Matthew), Matthew, and Michael. He was “Big Daddy” to Liam and Hunter who brought him joy, laughter and hope for the future. He is survived by his siblings: Jim Bradley Jr. (Suzanne) of Williamsburg, VA; Dick Bradley (Diane) of Yankeetown, FL; Chris Bradley (Mary) of Tampa, FL; Brian Bradley (Joni) of Sarasota, FL; and Carolyn Scanlon (Jim) of Oviedo, Fl. Also, left to celebrate his life are his many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews. He was a friend to many, most especially CJ. Roger was selfless, patient, kind, generous, and full of humor. He easily spread these traits throughout his home and community while growing up and living in Ft. Myers. He touched many lives by instilling these values in all he met. Roger taught many how to meet life head on through his example and quiet encouragement, which pushed them to become better versions of themselves. At home with his family he enjoyed coaching his children through various sporting events, with his wife by his side as “team mom”, as well as sailing and fishing the river he grew up on. He always enjoyed watching his Pirates, Rays, or Seminoles even visiting the stadiums a time or two. He enjoyed travel throughout the world making lasting memories with those he loved. Family was so important to Roger that it encompassed his community as well. He understood the innate value in people and had a strong desire to make Ft. Myers and Lee County a better community through service. Many felt that Roger was a father figure, brother, or just all around good friend as he quietly soldiered for various causes throughout Ft. Myers. Closest to his heart were the remarkable citizens of LARC. He worked



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tirelessly to provide them the ability and opportunity to be contributing members of their community as well educating the community on acceptance. His children enjoyed many barbeques, dances, and Halloween parties at LARC as they learned the invaluable lessons of love, acceptance, and a joyful heart. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1:00 PM Saturday, May 13, 2017 at Church of the Resurrection of Our Lord, 8121 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers, with burial to follow in Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Friends will be received from 6 – 8 PM Friday, May 12, 2017 in the chapel of Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33907. Online condolences may be offered at: [www.fortmyersmemorial.com](http://www.fortmyersmemorial.com). The family requests that in lieu of flowers a tribute donation in the name of Roger be made to either LARC, Inc. 2570 Hanson St., Ft. Myers, FL 33901 or Hope Hospice Ft. Myers at [hopehcs.org](http://hopehcs.org)



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PG

**Pat Garner** posted:

Chris Bradley & Family, Words cannot express how sorry I am to hear of your loss. I offer you my thoughts, prayers and well-wishes during this difficult time in your life. May your strength prevail to help you through this day and the days to come. Pat Garner

May 11 at 2:41 PM

CS

**Chis Schuh** posted:

Roger's life was worth celebrating. His joy, ethics and caring soul were evident in everything he did. A wonderful human being. Chris Schuh

May 11 at 1:56 PM

SA

**Samantha** posted:

Dear Deryl, Meghan, Matthew, Michael and family, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Mr. Bradley. Mr. Bradley truly let his light shine throughout the Fort Myers community. I know he loved his children and wife so dearly. They were the apple of his eyes. Mr. Bradley showed so much love and compassion during his short time here on earth. His name, his works, and his great smile will be remembered by many for years to come. May you feel the love of the Lord during this difficult time. With Love, Samantha Call

May 11 at 1:34 PM

JW

**Jeanne Williams** posted:

I send all my love, prayers and deepest sympathy to the Bradley family – especially Deryl. I am not able to be physically present to you these days, but be assured of my continued prayers for Roger and all of you. May the beautiful memories of all the good time shared bring you comfort and peace. Much love, Sr. Jeanne Williams, OSF

May 11 at 12:15 PM

DR

**Deb Reardon** posted:

Those of us working within the human and social service fields appreciate the years of dedication Roger provided to those whom we all shared and served throughout the disability community. Thinking of his family at this difficult time, Roger will be missed.

May 11 at 12:10 PM



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KM

**Kathy Mcgrath** posted:

It was such an pleasure and honor to know and serve on the Waterways Advisory Committee with Roger since 1992. He was such a special person and will be greatly missed. My condolences to his family Kathy McGrath

May 11 at 7:14 AM

SN

**Steve Nease** posted:

Condolences to the Bradleys from the Nease Fairmly

May 11 at 6:41 AM

TB

**Tom Birch** posted:

I enjoyed many years of great comradery with Roger at Rotary lunches. He was a terrific guy and will be greatly missed. My heart goes out to the Bradley family but especially to Chris. I can't imagine the pain of losing a brother. I wish the best to all of the Bradley's at this most difficult time. Sincerely Tom Birch

May 10 at 5:29 PM

KL

**Kim Lonas** posted:

"There is nothing more beautiful than someone who goes out of their way to make life beautiful for others." Roger Bradley made this part of the world a more beautiful place, and I rededicate myself to doing the same as a member of The Arc of Florida Family. Sending wishes for Peace and Comfort for this wonderful family. Kim Lonas Arc of Walton County

May 10 at 3:04 PM

KB

**Kathleen Beaufait** posted:

I knew Roger through my sister and brother in law, Christopher and Mary. I happily attended family functions and celebrations with the Bradley's. Roger was always kind, caring, intelligent, loving father, attentive husband and a true giving soul. He will be surely missed. I know this good man has gone to a good place in the heavens. Kathleen Beaufait

May 10 at 2:45 PM



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SH

**Suzy Hutcheson** posted:

My sympathy and prayers go to Roger's family and the disability family that he touched in so many ways. Having had the opportunity to work with Roger, I saw first hand how much he cared about the people he served and how he worked to make the world a better place. He will be missed. Suzy Hutcheson

May 10 at 12:13 PM

RG

**Richard Gilmartin** posted:

Roger shared his talents and passion to make the world a better place for people with disabilities. He will be missed greatly.

May 10 at 11:56 AM

MB

**Mark Barry** posted:

As a colleague of Roger's in The Arc family for more than three decades, I am so deeply saddened by his passing. He was always such a steady solid presence and voice in our field, giving us all assurance that our work and sacrifices were just and noble. Roger was a professional of the utmost integrity and a stellar example of what true commitment to our work and communities could yield. God's grace and peace to Roger's family, our heavy hearts and prayers are with you!

May 10 at 8:59 AM

DL

**Deborah Linton** posted:

When the phone would ring at The Arc of Florida office and the caller ID would come up from Lee County, you knew that when you picked up the phone you would hear one of the deepest bass voices you had ever heard. The voice of Roger Bradley. Although the calls were sometimes about stressful subjects as our work can be difficult, the call would usually include humor in some way about the crazy things that happen only in our work. The humor was accompanied with an all out body shaking laugh that only Roger Bradley had. You had to laugh when he did because it was infectious. We will miss him, think of him often and try to do better for the people we serve in memory of him. Deborah Linton The Arc of Florida

May 10 at 8:33 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Roger by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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