



## Robert Dion Bradford

August 18, 1942 - February 16, 2017

Robert Dion Bradford, age 74, of Rising Fawn, GA passed away Thursday, February 16, 2017 in Margate, FL. He was a graduate of Dade County High School, Class of 1958, and the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1962. Mr. Bradford then entered the U.S. Army in 1963 and served in Germany as a Second Lieutenant and was then promoted to First Lieutenant. After serving his tour of duty he served in the Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Bradford returned home and was employed by E.I. Dupont in Chattanooga, TN and then worked for Combustion where he retired after many years of service. He was a member of the Rising Fawn Baptist Church for over 50 years and had attended the Trenton United Methodist Church for the past 10 years.

Preceded in death by his parents Dewey and Margaret Castleberry Bradford; brother Dewey Wayne Bradford.

Surviving include his wife of 51 years Linda Hawkins Bradford of Rising Fawn, GA; son Bruce D. (Debbie) Bradford of Cleveland, TN; godson Robert Turner (Bobby) Bradford of Lookout Valley, TN; several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM Sunday February 19, 2017 at the Trenton United Methodist Church with Rev. Reese Fauscett and speaker Bobby Bradford officiating. Interment will follow in Hanna Cemetery. Family will receive friends 2:00 PM until 8:00 PM Saturday at the Ryan Funeral Home and 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM Sunday at the Trenton United Methodist Church, Trenton, GA. In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to the Hanna Cemetery Trust Fund, PO Box 104, Rising Fawn, GA 30738.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 18. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ryan Funeral Home and Crematory  
11415 S Main St  
PO Box 506  
Trenton, GA 30752  
(706) 657-7525  
steven.ryan@ryanfuneralhome.net  
<https://www.ryanfuneralhome.net/>

## Visitation

FEB 19. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Trenton United Methodist Church  
12500 North Main Street  
Trenton, GA 30752

## Service

FEB 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

Trenton United Methodist Church  
12500 North Main Street  
Trenton, GA 30752

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Dion Bradford*

October 09, 2023 at 03:12 AM

PC

“ *Linda,  
How can one possibly find the words to say when something like this happens? "Sorry for your loss," just does not and cannot express the sincere depth of our thoughts and feelings of condolence and our prayers for you and the rest of your family during this time of substantial loss. Losing a loved one is never easy. It must be particularly difficult to have lost someone with whom you have spent so many years. I pray that you will be comforted as only God can comfort you with his loving arms around you, keeping you in that perfect peace that only He can.*

*Mike and Patti Champion*

Patti Champion - February 22, 2017 at 12:03 AM

BR

“ *Dion was a great mentor. You will never find are more upstanding, intelligent and honest person. I have been in or around Engineering for 23 years and have not met a better one. You will be missed Dion*

*Brian M. Phillips, PE*

*Vice President*

*SBI Engineers*

Brian - February 21, 2017 at 03:40 PM

DM

“ *A person I truly respected... did not really have a close personal contact but he was in my opinion the type of man/person that was a Christian representative. Ann and I want to pay our respect....Darrell Ray Maddox*

Darrell Ray Maddox - February 19, 2017 at 10:14 AM

MB

“ *Mrs. Bradford, I wanted to send my sincere condolences to you and your family from Florida. I am very sorry to hear Dion's passing away. I have known Dion for over thirty- five years, having worked with him at Combustion Engineering. I have last seen him during Bill Heilker's retirement luncheon last Summer. He will be sadly missed..... Mit Basol*

Mit Basol - February 18, 2017 at 10:21 PM

JC

“ Linda, I am so sorry; I had no idea. My heart is broken. Doc and I always had such fun picking at one another each and every time our paths crossed. He was a fine man with a huge heart for his family, his church, singing, sports and any other passions. He will be greatly missed. Thoughts and prayers for you and the family. Love you. Jan Cornelius

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**Jan Cornelius** - February 18, 2017 at 06:24 PM

NM

“ So sorry to hear of Dion's passing. He and I spent our lives with parents that loved singing. I enjoyed knowing him, and Linda, Bruce at singings. My mom played the piano, and dad lead songs. I also went to school with him. I have many good memories of him,. Linda and Bruce I am praying for you Nancy McCown.

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**Nancy McCown** - February 18, 2017 at 05:11 PM

SB

“ You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God hold you close with peace, comfort and direction. We have no doubt where he is now singing in that Heavenly choir. May you find comfort knowing that he has only gone on a short journey and one day soon you'll see him again.

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**Susan Bollman** - February 18, 2017 at 04:42 PM

OG

“ I remember the first time I saw Dion: it was in 1958, at Jacksonville State University.  
He was my dorm roommate. He was only 15 yrs old. We became fast friends for the past 59 yrs.

Oliver

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**Oliver Gabriel** - February 18, 2017 at 11:53 AM



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**Ryan Funeral Home** - February 18, 2017 at 11:41 AM

LF

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**Lorraine Fox** - February 18, 2017 at 10:44 AM

LF

“ *Through the years, my very first memory of Dion has remained very dear to me. Ellis and I had just gotten engaged. The time had come for me to meet some folks that were VERY important to him, Dion, Johnny, and their wives. I was so nervous. When the door opened and we entered, I could see Dion sitting two rooms away, with the BIGGEST, most welcoming and heart-full-of-love smile that I had ever seen. He put me at ease immediately, and I knew I was accepted. He had a way of making a person feel important and special. Social convention dictates that the women work together in the kitchen, so I did my duty and joined Jimmie and Linda there, but that day I secretly really wanted to be with the guys! Dion remained that same way to me for the rest of his days and I know I am among countless others who will feel a heavy void until we can meet again in Heaven. And when I hopefully go where he is, I'm sure I will see that same big, welcoming, heart-full-of-love smile that I saw all those years ago at John and Jimmie's house. We love you, Dion!*

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**Leanne Forrester** - February 18, 2017 at 10:34 AM

Jl

“ Dion's gentle nature and love for others came through in everything he did, from his love of family and church to his work at Combustion Engineering/Westinghouse Electric to his work with Boy Scouts. He mentored many engineers early in their career, helping them learn and grow. He will be missed. Jan Stewart Ivey

Janelle Ivey - February 17, 2017 at 05:37 PM



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Ryan Funeral Home - February 17, 2017 at 05:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Dion Bradford.



February 17, 2017 at 04:08 PM