



## Allen Bradford

July 9, 1943 - September 7, 2020

James Allen Bradford, 77, of Taylors, passed away Monday September 7, 2020 at his home.

Born in Yancy County, NC, he was a son of the late Monroe and Ethel Phillips Bradford. He was retired from Safety Kleen after 40 years of service, an Air Force Veteran, and a member of Pebble Creek Baptist Church.

James is survived by his wife of 33 years: Helen Smith Bradford; sons: Rev. Rodney Bradford (Kathy) and Keith Durham; daughter: Mequita McCarthy; brothers: Lonnie Bradford and Eugene Bradford; sister: Betty Sue Hunt; and many loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Along with his parents, James was predeceased by a daughter, Kimberly Bradford.

Graveside services will be Thursday morning at 10:00am September 10, 2020 at Graceland East Memorial Park.

The family will be at the home.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Pebble Creek Baptist Church, 1300 Reid School Road, Taylors, SC 29687

# Cemetery Details

## Graceland East Memorial Park and Mausoleum

2206 Woodruff Rd.  
Greenville, SC

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

SEP **10**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

RD

“ Papa Allen, where do I even begin. You were such a loving, strong, wise man. I spent so much time at you & grannies when I was young. Whether Justin & I were fishing, throwing baseball, climbing on top of the tree house just to jump onto the trampoline. I truly miss you & granny papa. It really hurts to know that y'all were taken from us, but I'm so glad to see you, granny & Justin all happy together in heaven with Kimmie.

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**Ryan Durham** - September 13, 2021 at 10:24 PM



“ Allen was one of the finest Christian men that I ever knew. He was a faithful, dependable leader at Pebble Creek Baptist Church. He sat on the pew behind me for a long time. After church, he would tease me about how many gray hairs I had. We were still young then. One Sunday, my daughter, Joy, age 3, was in "big" church for the first time after graduating from the nursery. Standing at the end of the pew, she lost her balance, and fell out into the aisle floor. Allen must have seen it coming because he immediately scooped her up and put her back in her place. The last time I was at Pebble Creek, Allen showed me a book mark with the words, "I LOVE YOU! by Joy" that he still kept in his Bible. Joy is now 35 years old. I also remember when Helen first visited the church. Later on, I saw her sitting with Allen. On another day, I commented to Allen that I was glad that he and Helen were seeing each other because maybe she would keep coming to our church. He laughed and said, "It may run her off". I am praying for Helen and all the family. I know that the grief now is hard to bear. I also know that Allen is having the time of his life with Kim and Jesus! Love, Mary (Easterling) Messa. 9/14/2020

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**Mary Hammett Easterling Messa** - September 14, 2020 at 04:21 PM

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*thank you so much for sharing this Mary, it sounds so nice to read this nice little story!!!*

*Thank you.*

*Kate Bradford (Allen's Granddaughter)*

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**kate bradford** - June 29, 2021 at 07:49 PM

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“ *Papa Allen you will be missed so much. I will miss you so much. I am so grateful for all the memories I have with you. Thank you so much for all you have done for me and my family. Love you and miss you.*

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**Kate Bradford** - September 12, 2020 at 05:23 PM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Kate Bradford** - September 12, 2020 at 05:21 PM

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“ *Kate Bradford lit a candle in memory of Allen Bradford*



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**Kate Bradford** - September 12, 2020 at 05:16 PM

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“ *Camille Malone lit a candle in memory of Allen Bradford*



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**Camille malone** - September 10, 2020 at 12:16 AM



“ *America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Allen Bradford.*



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September 09, 2020 at 03:09 PM

LB

“ *Lisa Bentley Blackwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Allen Bradford*



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**Lisa Bentley Blackwell** - September 09, 2020 at 12:07 AM

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“ *Uncle Allen you will be missed. I have wonderful memories of you and staying at your house. I always had fun. I remember working in the garden one Saturday morning and me and Kimmie did not want to work in the garden we wanted to play and we were picking the green bean and squash and kimmie found a place that looked like a bee sting and you and Rodney were knowing the potatoes We come running down there same Kimmy got stung by a bee so we could go back to the house and play and all along you knew what we were up to. Some of my best memories spending time at your house I will miss you dearly I will see you again*



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**Lisa Bentley Blackwell** - September 09, 2020 at 12:06 AM