



John S. Bradley III

January 10, 2021

John S. Bradley, III, passed away peacefully at his home in Landisville, PA on Sunday, January 10, 2021 at the age of 71, after a courageous battle with cancer.

John is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Mary Ellen (Rahm) Bradley, was the beloved dad to his daughter, Kate (Rineer) and was “Paw-paw” to his grandchildren, Ella and Isaac.

John was born in Lancaster to John S. Bradley, Jr. and Ruth H. Bradley. He was a proud Eagle Scout and life-long member of First United Methodist Church in Lancaster. After graduating from J.P. McCaskey High School and Millersville University, he became a high school English teacher and taught for 39 years, first at Columbia High and then at Hempfield High, where he was chair of the English department. An outstanding teacher, he inspired many students with his love of American and English literature.

In retirement, John enjoyed spending time and traveling with his family. Always thoughtful of others, he was a long-time volunteer, with his wife, for Meals on Wheels and in his grandchildren’s schools. John also volunteered for over 40 years at the Landis Valley Museum as a candle maker and a member of the museum board. John touched many lives both throughout his teaching career and his involvement in the community.

In addition to his immediate family, John is survived a brother, Michael D. Bradley and wife, Nancy, a sister, Meribeth H. Bradley, a sister-in-law, Margaret Kepner and husband, Dan, as well as several nieces, a nephew, a great-niece, and several great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Susan H. Bradley.

A Memorial Service for John will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, 29 East Walnut St., Lancaster, PA 17602. Friends are welcome to greet the family at 10:00 a.m. at the Church.

The Memorial Service will be available via Live Stream at 11:00 a.m., please click on the link to view. <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/88398079>

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation online to one of the following in John's memory:

Meals On Wheels of Lancaster- <https://mealsonwheelsoflancaster.org/donate/>

Hospice & Community Care of Lancaster- <https://www.hospiceconnect.org/give>

Landis Valley Museum- <https://www.landisvalleymuseum.org/support/donate/>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
Corner of Duke & Walnut
Lancaster, PA

Memorial Service

APR **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Lancaster, PA

Tribute Wall



“ *John S. Bradley III*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *My condolences to the family and friends of John. I worked with one of his family members Judy for many years. His memory and spirit will always be with you.*

Russell Landau - March 26, 2022 at 04:23 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of John's passing, at least now he is in his heavenly home with no pain. Always enjoyed being around John when we were in scouts together. John was always a leader and a person who you looked up to. I am sure he will be surely missed. With condolences, Rece Benn*

MAURICE BENN - April 15, 2021 at 09:19 AM



“ *Our sincere condolences to Mary Ellen and the family from the Reservoir Street "kids" Jean, Judy, Lois, Cindy, Suzie & Donna*



Donna Richards - February 17, 2021 at 11:31 AM

CB

“ Dear Mary Ellen,

I'm so sorry to hear of John's passing. May God's comfort surround you. I am thankful to have been a student of his teaching in the Koinania Class. He was a great teacher.

Carolene Brubaker

Carolene Brubaker - January 22, 2021 at 11:26 AM

BT

“ Mary Ellen and Kate,

We shared many interests with John during our teaching and wrestling careers. John was always a step ahead preparing classes and tournaments. He will be missed by the many lives he touched. When our children were very young you and John were our right hand, what a blessing.

We wish you peace.. John and Barbara Titus

Barbara A Titus - January 22, 2021 at 11:05 AM

CS

“ Mary Ellen,

I was saddened to see John's obituary in the newspaper recently. While I only met him once, I am sure that he was a good man and had died way too early. Our deepest sympathies are extended to the Bradley family. Our thoughts and prayers are for you.

Butch and Cheryl Staub

Carroll Staub - January 21, 2021 at 01:20 PM

RC

“ I considered John a friend and enjoyed always working with him...he was loyal , conscientious and well organized... always going the extra and mile to be helpful...he never disappointed....i had the pleasure of his being on the team at Columbia and Hempfield... he also knew how important family was to him...he was a great teacher as well....a GOOD man!

Ron caulwell - January 20, 2021 at 11:59 AM

EB

“ My condolences to the entire family. I remember John and Mary Ellen as the most faithful of volunteers for their grandchildren at Landisville Primary Center. They were here at every event and were always willing to step in to help.

*May you find peace in the many good memories,
Emily Beidler*

Emily Beidler - January 19, 2021 at 01:37 PM

MP

“ Mary Ellen, Kate, and Family,
John hired me at Hempfield 19 years ago, and I thank him for starting what has been an amazing 20 years at Hempfield. While he was my supervisor for the first portion of my teaching career, he provided me with guidance and support. What I will remember most is that he allowed young teachers room to grow and be innovative while grounding us with some time-tested truths about teaching.
May he rest in peace!

Mike Pollis - January 19, 2021 at 10:23 AM

PE

“ *Maryellen*
We are saddened to hear about Johns death. John was a great person to go to when we needed directions at meals on wheels. He is sadly missed.
Phil & Sandy Eby

Phillip & Sandy Eby - January 18, 2021 at 04:04 PM

PR

“ *To the Bradley Family,*
I had Mr. Bradley for several classes at Columbia High, he was a great teacher. I remember him fondly.

Peggy Rupp - January 18, 2021 at 10:04 AM

KH

“ *Dear Mary Ellen, Kate, and Family--*
Please accept our sincerest condolences on John's passing. I fondly remember our spirited theological discussions at First Church as members of the Koinania Class. And we shared a nice and unique bond as department chairpersons in our respective school districts, which deepened our friendship. I will remember John as a very professional, outgoing, friendly, and principled person who I respected immensely.
Ken & Linda Husler

Ken Husler - January 18, 2021 at 09:14 AM

JF

“ We read of John's passing with deep sadness, and offer our sincere condolences to Mary Ellen, Kate, and John's extended family. Partnering with John as Advisors to seven Hempfield High School classes over thirty years, we spent much time together. John and I designed and supervised the construction of Homecoming Floats, spent hours and hours of "bus time" on Class Trips, and planned and/or chaperoned numerous Proms and Dances. I greatly appreciated John's organizational skills and innovative spirit. John made contributions to Hempfield High School that remain today. May God bless him and keep him and you.

Jeff and Patsy Fasnacht

Jeff Fasnacht - January 17, 2021 at 02:37 PM

JH

“ Mary Ellen - you are in my thought and prayers. So sorry to see John's death in paper. Judy Harding



Judy Harding - January 17, 2021 at 01:13 PM

DL

“ Mary Ellen, thoughts and prayers to you and your family. May John's memory live in your hearts forever and may the peace of God help you and your family. Deb(LeFever)Long

Deb (LeFever) Long - January 17, 2021 at 09:16 AM

BL

“ *Mary Ellen,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Kate and the family. We
have wonderful memories of spending time with John.
Dan and Bev Longenecker*

Bev Longenecker - January 17, 2021 at 07:14 AM

ST

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Mr. Bradley's passing. I'll always remember
him as the voice of Landis like swim team meets. My prayers and
thoughts are with you all during this difficult time.
Sarah (Henkel) Traphagen*

Sarah Traphagen - January 14, 2021 at 06:36 PM

ST

**landisville*

Sarah Traphagen - January 14, 2021 at 06:37 PM

DH

“ *Dear Mary Ellen and Kate, So sorry to read of John's passing. So
many fun memories from swim team. Keeping you all in our
thoughts and prayers. Ann and Dave Henkel*

Dave and Ann Henkel - January 14, 2021 at 12:16 PM

JB

“ *Mary Ellen, Kate and Family,*

So sorry to read of John's passing in the church email. John was a great man, husband, father and grandfather! I always looked forward to being a member of the Koinania Class with John and Mary Ellen. He organized great trips for all of us to NY to attend the Christmas Show at Radio City Music Hall which our family enjoyed tremendously!

My sincere condolences and prayers for you in this difficult time in your lives.

*Fondly,
Jean Bradel*

Jean Bradel - January 13, 2021 at 05:01 PM