



William Joseph Brady

October 5, 1944 - September 17, 2022

William Joseph Brady, 77, of Bradenton FL passed away at 1:25 pm Saturday September 17th at Manatee Memorial Hospital surrounded by family. Bill was born on October 5th, 1944 to Howard and Nora Brady in Dunkirk New York. He grew up in Danbury, CT where his mother showed him what working hard with integrity looked like, his sister helped him develop and hone his musical abilities, and his brother helped him get into trouble and polish his dirty jokes.

His unparalleled intelligence, ambition, and work ethic ensured he made a name for himself in his field of Optical Engineering, dedicating many years to the service of AOC, MRC, SSG, and many others. His fingerprints are on technology currently outside of our solar system. This is what Bill liked to brag about most, second only to his family.

He is predeceased by his parents, Howard and Nora, his brother James, and his beloved son Christopher. He is survived by his sisters Rita, and Ann with her husband Joe, prior wife Audrey and their daughters Kim and Karen, prior wife Lynne and their children Matthew, Amanda with her husband Adam, and Christine with her husband Matt. His evenings were filled with video chats and long-distance phone calls giving words of encouragement, advice, laughs, and breaking into political debate or song with his children. He is also survived by the real light of his life, his grandchildren Kaleb, Abby, Maddison, Evan, Hunter, Ryan, and Brayden. Whether juggling clubs, impersonating dinosaurs, or astounding him with their multiplication facts, Bill's grandkids never failed to put a smile on his face. He is also survived by his best friend and drinking buddy Phil, who never failed to put a glaze in Bill's eyes.

Bill always believed that life was an adventure, and as such he seized every opportunity for fun he could. He loved to sail on the Angelique, camp out under the stars, take every available horseback ride from sun up to sun down, drink his scotch neat, pick up his guitar and bust into toe tapping songs, and routinely state "if you're going to do something wrong, you might as well do it right". Bill lived life right, and he will be deeply missed by those whose lives he's touched.

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“ Bill you were like a second father to me. Taught me much about optics. AOC was my trainee company where I got my start. My favorite quote from you was "The only stupid question is the one you never ask." We had fun and you taught me much about math and physics of optics. Will miss you . Tom Farmer.

Tom Farmer - September 24, 2022 at 07:33 AM

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“ Dear Rita, This notice was met with sadness and fun memories of when were so very young. My deepest sympathy, Terry Eberhard

Terry Eberhard - September 23, 2022 at 07:42 AM