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James Howard Bradley was born in New Orleans, Louisiana on March 10, 1946, to Gladys and Norvin Bradley. At an early age, James moved with his mother, sister Muriel, and brother Louis to South San Francisco, California and eventually settled in East Palo Alto, California.

James was an outstanding scholar-athlete throughout middle school and high school, playing multiple varsity sports including football, basketball, and track. It was at Ravenswood High School where James fell in love with Nell Goodwill, and after their memorable elopement and marriage, he began working with her father Joseph Goodwill as a bail bondsperson and real estate agent. The couple later had two children (Joseph and Kacey), and he settled his family in the Bay Area, moving from East Palo Alto to Mountain View and finally landing in Milpitas, where he lived for 37 years. He transitioned careers and worked his way through the ranks to become a Retail Manager at Long's Drugstores and CVS. He worked there for over 30 years, training and developing numerous managers, assistant managers, and clerical staff.

Although he earned many individual awards over the years, James was always happy to be a team player, and he felt strongly that his team's success was his own. His pride in his family's accomplishments was unmatched. He instilled in his children the importance of gaining a college education, following their dreams, and never allowing anyone to define them or stop them from achieving the highest levels of success in their lives and careers. Some of James' key accomplishments included numerous Employee of the Year Awards and Certificates of Recognition from Longs Drugs and CVS Pharmacy; the Ravenswood High School Alumni Association Founders Award; the East Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce Award for Community Involvement, Support and Spirit; and the Special Thanks plaque from the Knights of St. Peter Claver Council 155 for his involvement with all of their charitable works in the local community.

After his retirement from CVS in December 2009, he and Nell embarked on numerous travel adventures to Hawaii, Alaska, Mexico, Europe, the Mediterranean, and their favorite spot... Cache Creek Casino! He also attended family reunions that brought him to Louisiana, Texas, and



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Michigan, and of course, many Knights of St. Peter Claver conferences and conventions throughout the United States.

James absolutely loved cars and gadgets and was constantly teased about being Home Shopping Network's number one customer. James was best known for his caring mentorship, providing guidance and advice to his family, friends, employees, and anyone who needed him. He was a gifted negotiator and was known for providing knowledgeable insights on a number of topics ranging from finance and investments to real estate, to raising a family and how to be an honorable husband and father. Some of his favorite times were spent with the family, spoiling his youngest relatives and neighborhood children with cash, dancing to his favorite music and reminiscing about the good ole days. James absolutely loved his family and friends.

Throughout his journeys, the Lord blessed James and God always played a significant role in his life. Even though he was raised Baptist, James was an "honorary" Catholic, and attended mass with his family every week while also being an active participant in activities hosted by the Knights of St. Peter Claver Council and Court 155 in East Palo Alto, CA. He battled melanoma, kidney disease and amyloidosis, but through it all, his faith remained strong and his trust in the Lord was unwavering. He was always kind in speaking the truth and he was truly blessed with a gift for helping people to recognize their own potential. He will be sorely missed by so many, but heaven has truly gained an angel in James!

James leaves to cherish his wife of 57 years, Nell Bradley; his son Joseph-Malik Bradley (Laurie); his daughter Kacey Bradley-Gooch (Myron); his grandchildren RaNelle Bradley (Mark), Joseph James Bradley (Evelyn), and Malcolm Gooch; his brother, Louis Bradley (Bill); his sister Muriel Bradley; sisters-in-law Martha Hanks and Mona Goodwill-Parmer (Stayce); good friend Reverend Mr. Louis Dixon; and a host of loving in-laws, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents (Gladys Bailey and Norvin Bradley), his uncles (Willie Wright, Jr., Avon Patterson, and Tariel Patterson) and his aunt (Marcila Patterson).



Events

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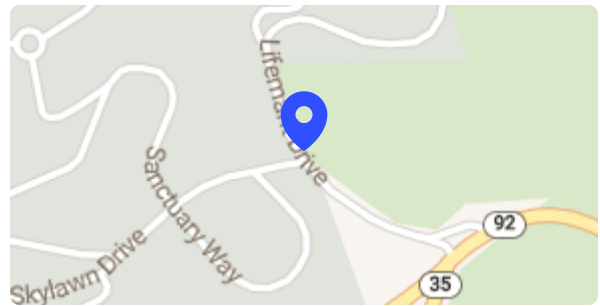
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Funeral

Thursday, June 12, 2025

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM PT

Lifemark Center at Skylawn Memorial Park
Lifemark Center at Skylawn Memorial Park, San Mateo CA 94402

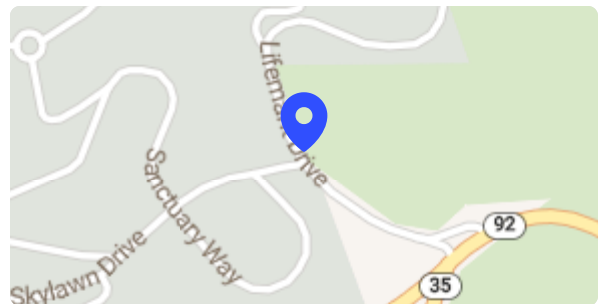


Burial

Thursday, June 12, 2025

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM PT

Lifemark Center at Skylawn Memorial Park
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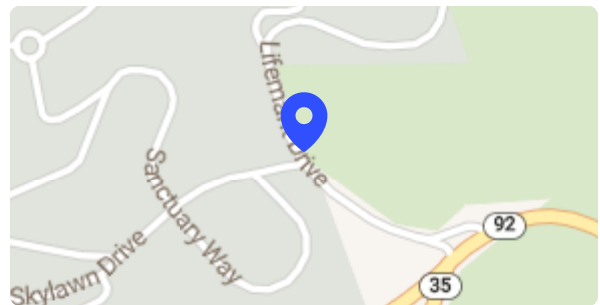


Repast

Thursday, June 12, 2025

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM PT

Vista Room
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Lori Casagrande posted:

Nell and family I pray for you all in the loss of your beloved James. I worked with him at Longs Milpitas and his mentoring and friendship is forever in my heart. He shared how much he loved his family and he showed God's love in all persons he came in contact with. He was a someone my young son looked up to. May you feel at peace that he is with our Lord and savior. Lori Casagrande

August 2 at 10:11 PM



Katherine Raso planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James.



June 11 at 11:07 PM



Katherine Raso sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Bradley family.



June 11 at 11:07 PM



T. Windom shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I am beyond grateful and thankful that I was able to share some time and a private moment with my Honorary GodFather James while we (as a family) celebrated my Uncle Orian "Peewee" Julian's 70th birthday this past Nov 2024. James has always greeted me with a warming smile, arms wide open for a big tight hug, while repeatedly reminding me that even though my sister is his God Daughter, he always thought of me as his God Child too. After each embrace I was ALWAYS met with some type of bill, may it be a \$5 \$10 or \$20 bill to which he always made me take and keep, even at age 39. In a family dominated with Matriarchs and Women, I am so blessed to be apart of his life and his family. I will miss my 2nd Godfather dearly. Sending all my love to my big and little cousins, Nell, Joseph, Kacey, Laurie, Myron, ReNelle, and JoJo.



June 10 at 4:36 PM



Randy Semas lit a candle in honor of James.

James will always hold a special place in my heart for the kind caring person that he was to everyone he met rest in eternal peace my dear friend



June 11 at 2:49 PM



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April Ramirez lit a candle in honor of James.

I knew Mr Bradley from long's drugs he was my manager he was a very loving and caring manager he was like a father to me I had my first daughter his wife and him blessed me with gifts . My love and prayers go out to his family stay strong 🤝 🙏
It's crazy before I found out of his passing I was thinking about him ❤️ Mr Bradley u are home now 🙏



June 11 at 1:44 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James.



June 11 at 10:03 AM



Anonymous sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Bradley family.



June 11 at 10:03 AM



Jan And Mo Mohundro planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James.



June 10 at 11:01 PM



Jan And Mo Mohundro sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Bradley family.



June 10 at 11:01 PM



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TR

Tony & Debora Rouse posted:

On behalf of all the Rouse family, I am so sorry that James has left us and taken flight to meet God and his eternal family; to continue to live in love and happiness and wait for us to join him. I always felt peace in the presence of James and during my conversations with him. I saw how he contributed to the peace of St. Francis of Assisi Church and East Palo Alto, the way it should always be for everyone. I have no doubt that he brought that peace wherever he lived, worked, and places he visited. I thank James for the kindness he showed to me and the rest of the Rouse family. At the annual Ravenswood High reunion he told me memories of my brothers and sisters that attended high school at the same time as he did. He also remembered my father speaking to him as a teenager at St. Francis. I can relate, because I got to speak and learn from many outstanding parents and individuals at St. Francis, including the Goodwill family (all the way back to my elementary school when Mona treated me with kindness and the times Margorie welcomed the scriptural rosary group, including my mother Elaine and I, to your home to say the rosary on Friday evenings at each others homes), that influenced me in my life choices to this day. James had an outstanding life that was well lived for his family, neighbors, and the community. Let us continue to follow his example, in the ways possible to each of us, so that we can also live the same good life. That way, when it's our turn, we can also follow his flight to be welcomed by Jesus for living a life of love and peace. With all our love, Tony and Rouse Family of EPA

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Media

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June 11 at 6:14 PM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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