



# Bradford Burt Mandell

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**B**radford Burt Mandell, (Retired Major, USAF), born April 25, 1941 in Cohasset, Massachusetts, passed away on May 11, 2011 at his residence in Leesburg, VA, surrounded by his loving family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard Ellis Mandell and Elizabeth Lambert Mandell; daughter, Michelle Elizabeth Mandell, and a brother, Richard Mandell. He is survived by his loving wife, Nita C. Mandell (of Leesburg, VA); daughters, Jennifer E. Mandell and companion Todd Raigel (of Dayton, VA), Michelle Morgan and husband Steve (of Wheeling, WV), and Deanna Slaterbeck and husband Andrew (of Fredericksburg, VA); a son, Gordon Dean Wood, II, and wife Juliye (of Leesburg, VA); a brother, Robert Mandell and wife Linda (of Riverview, FL); sisters, Anne Bolderson and husband Bob (of Sebastian, FL) and Jean MacDonald and husband Bob (of Austin, TX); eight grand-children whom he adored – Theresa, Baylie and Alison Morgan, Casey and Forrest Slaterbeck, and Mason, Zoe and Spencer Wood; several nieces and nephews; and the many friends that he made throughout his life's journey.

He was a member of the United States Air Force from 1959 until his retirement in 1980. During this time he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Economics from Ohio State, as well as his Phi Beta Kappa Key, which had been his heartfelt goal for his mother and family. He also earned his Master's Degree in Computer Science from Stanford University. Upon his retirement from the military, he continued working as a systems' analyst and software engineer both in the private sector and as a contractor for the U.S. military. Most recently, Brad owned and operated his own business, Objective Services. Through-out this time he proudly acted as Business Consultant for Supag, an International Company based in Switzerland.

He was an inspiration and a hero to his family, friends, and the many people he met along the way. His greatest love was his wife, Nita, and his family. He was a great lover of life and of people. He loved to laugh and, more importantly, make others laugh. He enjoyed traveling, visiting with friends and relatives, spending time on the computer, and memorializing his life experiences



## Obituary

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through pictures and writings. After receiving a diagnosis of terminal cancer in November of 2009, he made the brave choice to live with cancer, rather than die from it, continuing to live his life to the fullest and sharing that journey with everyone around him. He was very grateful for the life that he had and felt that his life was very blessed. He left a legacy of his teachings through his knowledge and example. He will be greatly remembered and terribly missed. Memorial Service: Private, family celebration of his life to be held June 25, 2011 at a family residence in Leesburg.



## Events


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### Service

 **Saturday**, June 25, 2011

 10:00 AM ET

 **G. Dean Wood, II family home**  
Leesburg VA





## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

You're on top of the game. Thanks for shraing.##imported-begin##Jaxon##imported-end##

July 2 at 12:53 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I am so very thankful to have had you in our lives! You were and still are such an inspiration to me and my family. Mom had such a wonderful love life with you and I always think of what a difference you made in all our lives I don't know how all else to express the many ways you jave touched my life and others! I love you and miss you very very much!! I'll write if I get work!##imported-begin##Missy morgan##imported-end##

June 25 at 5:54 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I love you and i will see you on facebook!##imported-begin##Jennifer##imported-end##

June 25 at 8:41 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Brad, you loved living. It was obvious while you were taking pictures, enjoying a cup of coffee on the porch, telling a story or joke, creating web pages and programs, pulling wagonfuls of children (sometimes overvlarge balls), making up poems, removing stumps, playing goal post and kablooeey, and arm dancing while driving down the road. Brad, you never gave just some if yourself. I praise God that we were blessed with you in our lives.##imported-begin##Dee Dee Slaterbeck##imported-end##

June 25 at 7:01 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I love you Gramp!##imported-begin##Casey S.##imported-end##

June 25 at 6:52 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Big help, big help. And superlative news of csoure.##imported-begin##Beyonce##imported-end##

June 24 at 2:07 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Nita and all of your family, We are so sorry that Brad's cancer took his life from all of you and all of us who also loved him. We were in awe of the courage displayed by both of you during a very difficult time. Many decisions had to be made in a short period of time but Brad was a planner and made sure that anything that he could control was taken care of. We will miss him. Our love to all of you, Bill and Sandy##imported-begin##Bill and Sandy Tompkins##imported-end##

June 21 at 9:33 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

My appointments at radiation oncology at Fairfax Hospital coincided with Brad's for about a month. He was amazingly cheerful, always smiling and joking and somehow turning the treatments into an adventure. Nita came with him to every appointment and their obvious love and devotion to each other was another positive. It was a special man who could spread joy in such an environment. My heartfelt condolences go out to his family and those who were lucky enough to be loved by him.##imported-begin##Darlene Gardner##imported-end##

June 21 at 6:51 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

You were a unique and special man. I was always proud to be "on your arm." We had a special bond and relationship that few will ever know. You were an inspiration to us all, and you will remain in my heart, and those of others, forever. How I miss you. You will never be forgotten, and your spirit is going to shine through me and those that loved you. I am already seeing our grandchildren carry on with your teachings.##imported-begin##Nita##imported-end##

June 13 at 7:07 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Brad was a schoolmate back to elementary school in Mattapoisett, Mass. and through high school. His life was a successful and productive example of public service. The last part of his life, living bravely with cancer, was an inspiration and it taught me something important. I feel rewarded for having met him again at the end of his journey.##imported-begin##Thomas Renahan##imported-end##

June 6 at 12:39 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our thoughts and sympathy are with you all. Your memories will get you through this.##imported-begin##Emilie and Burgan Pugh##imported-end##

May 31 at 12:34 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Brad was a very loving and caring man, always a smile on his face an a jok to tell. Our thoughts and prayers are with Aunt Nita and Brad's family as they heal from this loss. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Patty Reese##imported-end##

May 31 at 12:33 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

On behalf of the Admins and community of Rocwiki, I would like to extend our deepest condolences on the passing of Brad. Brad's dedication to the concept of Wiki's was admirable. He worked extremely hard on Rocwiki and others and he will not be forgotten. Godspeed on your next journey, Brad.##imported-begin##Peter Boulay##imported-end##

May 29 at 1:14 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Nita, so sorry to read of Brad's passing. The last time he visited the Fairport Lions Club, he told us he had cancer. We lost a good Lion and Colleague. He used his computer knowledge to work for the Club. Pat and I will always cherish the evening that you and Brad joined us for dinner at the Johnson House in Churchville, NY. Take care and may God Bless. Your friends Jim and Pat Rice, Fairport Lions Club  
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Fairport Lions Club  
###imported-begin###Jim and Pat Rice###imported-end###

May 29 at 9:47 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Brad, your examples in courage and the love, laughter, and kindness you brought to so many others will live in those hearts you've touched.....for all time !God Bless and keep you !Your loving sister Ann and 'brother' Bob Bolderson  
###imported-begin###Robert and Ann Bolderson###imported-end###

May 25 at 5:45 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

To the Family of Brad Mandell: While I only knew Brad briefly, our connection through Toastmasters was a very special one. His message was very inspiring to me as I am a twice survivor of melanoma. He has given me courage. He also spoke so lovingly of his family. May he rest in peace.  
###imported-begin###Lauren Law###imported-end###

May 23 at 5:48 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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