



## Fred Franklin Bradley

April 26, 1931 - May 20, 2016

Fred Franklin Bradley, 85, passed away Friday, May 20, 2016, at Thomson-Hood Veterans Center in Wilmore, Kentucky.

Funeral services for Mr. Bradley will be 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, 2016, at Church of the Ascension " Episcopal. Father William Neat and Chaplain Chuck Ellestad will officiate. Interment with military honors will follow in the Frankfort Cemetery. Visitation for family and friends will be at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home Tuesday from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and at the church Wednesday beginning at noon until the service hour.

Born April 26, 1931 to James LaMarr and Lasca Lemon Bradley, Fred grew up in Providence, Kentucky. He graduated from the University of Kentucky, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism in 1953, when he was designated as Distinguished Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corp Graduate. Following his graduation, he reported for active duty at Lackland AFB, Texas and other bases until 1956, when he joined the Kentucky Air National Guard and returned to the University of Kentucky to study law and received a Juris Doctorate degree in 1959.

General Bradley was involved with the military for over thirty-six years, including over four years of extended active duty with the United States Air Force and more than thirty years in the Air National Guard. He was

discharged from the Kentucky Air National Guard on April 28, 1991, and assigned to the Retired Reserve

During his distinguished civilian career, he was a practicing attorney, a former Franklin County Judge, and served as a Kentucky State Senator for eighteen years. His passion was his farm " breeding, training and racing thoroughbred horses, a love he passed on to his children. He was a member of Church of the Ascension " Episcopal.

Fred was preceded in death by the love of his life, Bettye Carol Fryman Bradley and his parents.

He is survived by his wife Kay Doughdrill Bradley; son Stephen L. Bradley (Yuvadee), their children, Miles Bradley and Job and Kitachon Pimsri; son William "Buff" Bradley (Kim), their children, Kory, Drew and Jett Bradley; daughter, Anne Bradley Merchant (Eddie), their children, Sandra Chambers (Andrew), Tyler and Bradley Merchant and Fred's great-grandchildren, Emelyn Merchant and Grace Chambers; daughter, Margaret Coffey (John), their children Hunter, Forrest and Gunnison Coffey; Fred's sister, Sara Bradley Mason; and Fred's three step-sons, Gary, Charles, and Benjamin.

Don Giles, David Boswell, Butch Smith, James Doss, Sam Blythe, Dick Frymire, Bill Johnson and Carl Hurst will serve as pallbearers. Serving as honorary bearers are Jim Morris, Hank Hancock, Will Johnson and Brent Burns.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy are suggested to Alzheimer's Association, Thomson-Hood Veterans Center Family Council or Second Stride Horse Retirement.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home.

Condolences may be shared via the online guest book at [www.harrodbrothers.com](http://www.harrodbrothers.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fred Franklin Bradley*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *To Buff, Kim and family - our thoughts and prayers go out to you for the loss of your father. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help during this difficult time. Carol, Garth and Cassidy*

**Carol Smith** - May 27, 2016 at 09:52 PM



“ *My father Malcolm Gibson owned a auction barn in Providence when Mr. Bradley was growing up ,during a visit in Frankfort I went to the Capitol to meet Mr. Bradley in Frankfort when he was State Senator to meet him , I knew his Father and Mother well they were great people and friends . I introduced myself to Mr. Bradley he said I went to your Fathers auction every Saturday , He sold me a mule I thought my Dad was going to kill me ,Mr. Bradley was in in the same grade in school as my sister Anne . Mr. Bradley talked to me as if he had known me all my life . I really liked him . He was my kind of man . God Bless , Mack Gibson*

**Mack Gibson** - May 27, 2016 at 09:26 PM



“ *Fred's gifts, skills and talents were beyond measure. But most amazing of all was his generous spirit. Fred treated everyone as if he thought they were the most important person in the world. I never met anyone like him, and don't expect to again.*

**kathy roberts** - May 27, 2016 at 08:47 AM

MW

“ My prayers go out to you, Buff, and your family. It is never easy, no matter what the age, to lose your father. It will be hard after the funeral and things go somewhat back to normal, although things will never be the same. Just remember you have all those special memories you had with your Dad and I will be thinking of you all and praying for you, and send big hugs.

*I had the pleasure and honor to have worked with Fred back in the 70's and 80's....General Bradley, Senator Bradley, Judge Bradley or just Fred to all. My friend for over 40 years. Fred also taught me everything about horses and life. So many good memories with Fred and Carl. Fred was one of a kind and made this world a better place with him in it. Always kind and loving life. He will be sorely missed. Fred, give Bettye Carol a hug for me. RIP my forever friend.  
Melanie*

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**Melanie Wasson** - May 26, 2016 at 10:07 AM

CD

“ BG Bradley was a great citizen, statesman, horseman, but most of all a great soldier/airman. Shortly before he retired I had the wonderful occasion to join his running group on the track at Boone National Guard Center. The track was 2.5 miles of gravel, hills, and heat. It did not bother BG Bradley, who had run 16 Marathons, he led the pace all the way, even started to sprint for the last quarter mile. I was out of breath and just glad to finish close on his heels. Then he destroyed me as only Fred could, he stated for the entire group that "I ran pretty good for a fat boy!" He will be missed. Rest in Peace Sir.

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**COL (RET) Jim Drake** - May 25, 2016 at 09:34 PM

BS

“ Sorry for your loss. Fred was a very good friend since 1964. Without his help I could not be in automobile racing like I am today. I will really miss him.

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**Butch Smith** - May 24, 2016 at 01:26 PM

HF

“ Our deepest condolences are with you all. Fred was a dear friend of Mom and Dad and he will be greatly missed! Words cannot express how much we all admired him and enjoyed his friendship! Prayers are with you!

*Joyce Ressett, Brianetta Johanneman and Steve Head*

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**Harold Ressett Family** - May 23, 2016 at 08:26 PM

BB

“ Fred was such a wonderful man and a dear friend. He dedicated his life to his family, community and state. He was loved by many and will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers for all his family and love ones.

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**Bobbie Brenner** - May 23, 2016 at 01:29 PM

BS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Senator Bradley was an icon to all of us. My thoughts and prayers are with you though this difficult time.

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**Beverly Salchli** - May 23, 2016 at 12:44 PM

DK

“ Please accept my positive thoughts about Fred. We served together for many years in the Kentucky Senate. Fred was one of the best legislators I had the good fortune to work with. We were also in Senate leadership at the same time. He may have been the most colorful. You could trust his word completely, and you always knew where he stood.

*Kentucky has lost a great friend and true leader.*

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**David K Karem** - May 23, 2016 at 11:04 AM

RA

“ My deepest condolences to the Bradly family. As a young officer in the KYANG BG Bradly was a role model of the highest caliber and a respected leader. His legacy runs deep in KYANG history.  
RIP Fred.

*Brig Gen Rick Ash*

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**Rick Ash** - May 23, 2016 at 10:03 AM

KB

“ My deepest sympathy to the Bradley family. It was an honor to have served the Ky Air Guard with the General. He is truly missed.

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**Kenneth Bernardi** - May 23, 2016 at 09:15 AM

JC

“ Our deepest sympathy to Fred's wife, and Buff and all the wonderful BRADLEY family on the passing of Brig. Gen FRED BRADLEY. I have known FRED and many members of the family for over 50 years and they are very special to our family. Fred was a superb fighter pilot in the Kentucky Air National Guard. He rose up to General Officer and to the 123rd TacRecce Wing Commander. He, Richard Frymire and I and many others went on many deployments around the world supporting our troops in several Theaters. Fred was always superb in taking care of our young men and women as we operated in harm's way.  
We will certainly miss him and all the great work he did helping preserve our freedom.  
A great Airman who served with honor and distinction.  
He brought great credit to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.  
God Bless General BRADLEY. You did good.  
LtGen John B Conaway and Linda

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John B Conaway - May 22, 2016 at 04:49 PM

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**John B Conaway** - May 22, 2016 at 04:49 PM

LS

“ Our sincere condolences. The word "great" is over-used these days but it fits Fred perfectly. We were honored to know Fred and be with him a few times at Churchill Downs and Ellis Park.

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**Larry & Jane Sparta** - May 22, 2016 at 11:38 AM

JO

“ Fred was a nice fun guy.  
We were in the KYANG in the early sixties. Will never forget a trip to LAS. He was at the Black Jack table for hours. Think he did OK---never said..

JLO

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**Jim O'Loughlin** - May 22, 2016 at 09:52 AM

SU

“ fred was a very nice man he treated you the same rich or poor harold and jane sutton shelbyville ky.

sutton - May 21, 2016 at 06:58 PM

DG

“ Eddie Merchant,  
Really sorry about your father-in-law. My condolences to you and your family.32

Dudley Gaines - May 21, 2016 at 05:39 PM

JB

“ My deepest sympathies to the family and friends. May God bless and comfort. I will never forget Fred and his family allowing me and two other legislators to live in their home during some of our early sessions in Frankfort. What a Great man and family. I was blessed to know and spend time with him and his family.

Judge Dr. Walter Blevins - May 21, 2016 at 09:14 AM