



## Mr. Eckel C. Bradley Sr.

January 11, 1925 - March 5, 2018

Eckel Clifton “Brad” Bradley, Sr., 93, passed away at home on March 5, 2018. He was a lifelong resident of Asheville born on January 11, 1925. He was the son of the late Clyde W. Bradley, Sr. and Annie Boone Harmon. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Col. C.W. Bradley, Jr., sisters, Helen B. Krickhan and Margaret B. Hudson.

Brad graduated from Lee Edwards High in 1943 and attended Asheville Biltmore College. The highlight of his time at Lee Edwards was playing football on the 1941 and 1942 undefeated teams with Charlie “Choo Choo” Justice. He was a U.S. Army Veteran, 3rd degree Mason at Biltmore Lodge 446, a 50 year member of First Baptist Church and was a member of the Fishers of Men Bible Class. He was President of the Asheville Sales and Marketing Club, Lee Edwards Dad’s Club, member of the Civitan Club and very active in the American Cancer Society. He was an avid UNC Tar Heel fan and a 45 year member of the UNC Rams Club. He was a member of the Asheville Country Club where he loved playing golf with the infamous “Bandits Group”.

From 1950, he spent his entire career in the coal sales industry, working for two different coal companies for over twenty years. In 1970, he started his own successful company Blue Gem Coal Sales Company for 48 years until his death. In his semi-retirement he was in Guest Relations at the Biltmore House. He looked forward to hosting the school tours and working with his wonderful fellow associates.

He is survived by his wife, Rita Cook Bradley; son, E.C. "Chip" Bradley, Jr. (Pam) of Charlotte; and daughter, Dianne Bradley Farabow (John) of Raleigh. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Boone Bradley (Ava), Katherine St. Thomas, William Farabow (Meg), Bradley Farabow and four great grandchildren, Katelyn, Annalise, Cooper and Bo. He is also survived by a sister in law, Elizabeth Griffiths, and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00pm on Saturday, March 10, 2018 in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church of Asheville. A reception will follow at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church, 5 Oak St., Asheville, NC 28801 or the American Cancer Society of Buncombe County Unit, 120 Executive Park Building 1, Asheville, NC 28801. The family would like to thank CarePartners Hospice for their care and compassion.

Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Ave., is assisting the family.

Condolences may be sent through the website, [www.morrisfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.morrisfamilyfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Asheville  
5 Oak Street  
Asheville, NC 28801

# Tribute Wall

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“ Happy Memorial Day Dad! 🙏❤️😊  
Blessed for Your Life, Fun Memories, and that You are My Dad! 🙏  
❤️😊  
LOVE & MISS YOU DAD! 🙏❤️😊

Dianne Bradley Farabow - May 25 at 10:57 PM

DF

“ 8 years in Peaceful Heaven!!! 🙏❤️😊☹️  
We Miss You Dad!!! 🙏❤️😊☹️  
We Love You Dad!!! 🙏❤️😊☹️

Dianne Bradley Farabow - March 05 at 11:47 PM

DF

“ HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY DAD!!!❤️😊☹️  
A BEAUTIFUL RED CARDINAL APPEARED ON MY BIRD BUDDY  
ON THIS SPECIAL DAY!!!❤️  
I LOVE CARDINALS!!!❤️💕  
WHEN CARDINALS APPEAR, LOVED ONES ARE NEAR!!! 🙏❤️  
💕  
I SAVED & SHARED THE VIDEO OF HIS VISIT TO FAMILY &  
FRIENDS!!!😊☹️  
BLESSED FOR THE DAILY MEMORIES OF YOU!!!  
WE MISS YOU DAD!!!😊☹️  
WE LOVE YOU DAD!!! 🙏❤️😊☹️

DIANNE BRADLEY FARABOW - February 15 at 10:01 AM

DF

“ *HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAD!!! 🎈 🎉 🎂 🥳 😘*  
*Remembering All of Our Fun Family Celebrations!!! 😊*  
*So Very Blessed & Thankful for You!!! 🙏 ❤️*  
*Love & Thanks for all the Fun Memories! 🙏 😘*

*MISS YOU DAD!!! 😘*  
*LOVE YOU DAD!!! 🙏 ❤️ 😊*

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - January 11 at 10:32 AM

DF

“ *Happy New Year Dad! 🙌*  
*So very Blessed for You! 🙏 ❤️*  
*Thankful for Our Years of Fun Memories!*  
*MISS YOU DAD!!!*  
*LOVE YOU DAD!!! 🙏 ❤️ 😊*

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - January 01 at 10:27 AM

DF

“ *Merry Heavenly Christmas & Happy New Year!*  
*Love & Thanks for Your Everlasting Presence & Guidance! 🙏 ❤️*  
*We Miss You Dad!!! 🙏 ❤️ 😊*  
*We Love You Dad!!! 🙏 ❤️ 😊*

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - December 27, 2025 at 11:38 PM

DF

“ *HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAD!*  
*Thankful and Blessed for You!*  
*Thanks for all the Fun Family Memories!*  
*I LOVE YOU DAD! ❤️*  
*I MISS YOU DAD! 🙏 ❤️ 😊*

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - November 27, 2025 at 08:36 PM

DF

“ *HAPPY FATHER’S DAY DAD!!! 🙏❤️😊*  
*Blessed for All the Fun, Laughter, and Happy Memories of You!!! 🙏*  
*❤️😊*  
*Love & Thanks for Being the Best Dad Ever!!! 🙏*  
*WE LOVE YOU DAD!!! 🙏❤️😊*  
*WE MISS YOU DAD!!! 🙏❤️😊*

Dianne Bradley Farabow - June 15, 2025 at 09:51 AM

DF

“ *Love & Thanks for being the Best Dad Ever!!!*  
*MISS YOU DAD!!!*  
*LOVE YOU DAD!!*  
*🙏❤️😊*

Dianne Bradley Farabow - March 05, 2025 at 10:01 PM

DF

“ *HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY DAD! 🙏❤️😊*  
*Remembering & Missing You on this Special Day of LOVE! 🙏❤️😊*  
*😊😊*  
*Blessed for Your Love and Care! 🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏❤️💕*  
*I LOVE YOU DAD!!! 🙏❤️😊*  
*I MISS YOU DAD!!! 🙏❤️😊*

Dianne Bradley Farabow - February 14, 2025 at 08:53 PM

DF

“ *Go TarHeels!!!💙*  
*A Great, Exciting, Down to the Wire, Nail Biting*  
*Win on Your #100 Birthday!!! 🎈🏀*  
  
*I MISS YOU DAD!!!*  
*I LOVE YOU DAD!!! 🙏❤️😊😊*



Dianne Bradley Farabow - January 11, 2025 at 06:21 PM

DF

“ *HAPPY #100 BIRTHDAY IN HEAVEN DAD!* 🎈  
*Listening to Your Favorite Frank Sinatra Songs on this Special Day to Celebrate You!*  
*UNC & NC State Basketball Game @4pm!*  
*So Many Fun Memories of Football & Basketball Games in Chapel Hill, our Southern Part of Heaven!* 🙏💙  
*Blessed for You!!!*  
*Miss You Dad!!!*  
*Love You Dad!!!* 🙏❤️😘😊

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - January 11, 2025 at 01:16 PM

DF

“ *HAPPY NEW YEAR DAD!!! 2025*  
*Love the BH Cardinal Crest with Family!*  
*Special Memories Forever!*  
*LOVE YOU DAD!!!*  
*MISS YOU DAD!!!* 🙏❤️😘😊

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - January 01, 2025 at 10:04 PM

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“ *Merry Christmas Dad!* 🎅🎄  
*Enjoying Gifts from the Biltmore House!*  
*Love & Thanks for All the Special Memories!* 🙏  
*I LOVE YOU DAD!!!* ❤️  
*I MISS YOU DAD!!!* ❤️

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - December 25, 2024 at 09:58 PM

DF

“ Thinking of You on Veterans Day with Lots of Love!❤️  
I MISS YOU DAD!!!  
I LOVE YOU DAD!!!  
🙏❤️😘😊

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - November 11, 2024 at 11:00 PM

DF

“ HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!🙏❤️  
Dad,  
You will always have a Special Place in My Heart filled with Special  
Memories of our Happy Times, Laughter, and Caring!!!  
I MISS YOU DAD!!!  
I LOVE YOU DAD!!!

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - June 16, 2024 at 11:19 AM

DF

“ Happy St.Patrick's Day!🍀  
Love the Biltmore Blooms in our yard!🌷🌻  
Blessed for so many Happy Memories!🙏❤️  
I MISS YOU DAD!!!  
I LOVE YOU DAD!!!  
🙏❤️😊

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - March 17, 2024 at 09:37 PM

DF

“ 6 Years Ago Today, We Saw an Awesome Rainbow in the Sky!🌈  
Rest in Peace Dad!🙏  
We Love seeing all the Beautiful Cardinals around us every day!😘

WE MISS YOU DAD!!!  
WE LOVE YOU DAD!!!



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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - March 05, 2024 at 11:23 AM

DF

“ HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY DAD!!!❤️  
Thinking of You & All our Loved Ones in Heaven on this Special  
Day!🙏  
Lots of Love to All!❤️💕😘

I MISS YOU DAD!!!  
I LOVE YOU DAD!!!



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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - February 14, 2024 at 06:04 PM

DF

“ HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAD!!!🎈  
Go UNC TarHeels!  
Great win over NCSU Wolfpack last night!  
So many Fun Family memories of our Carolina football & basketball  
games together!  
Blessed for All the Wonderful Memories of You!🙏❤️🙏

I LOVE YOU DAD!!!  
I MISS YOU DAD!!!



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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - January 11, 2024 at 09:34 AM

DF

“ MERRY CHRISTMAS DAD!!! 🎄👶  
We Cherish the Many Family Christmas Photos over the years of  
Celebrating this Special Day!  
Grateful for Lots of Fun Memories!  
Especially the Biltmore House at Christmas Reminds Us of You &  
All the Happy Memories!  
We Love and Miss You! 🙏🥰😊

I LOVE YOU DAD!!!❤️  
I MISS YOU DAD!!!🙏

Dianne Bradley Farabow

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Dianne Bradley Farabow - December 25, 2023 at 04:48 PM

DF

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024!!!  
Prayers for All to be Safe, Happy  
& Healthy!!!

I LOVE YOU DAD!!!❤️  
I MISS YOU DAD!!!🙏

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Dianne Bradley Farabow - January 02, 2024 at 08:32 PM

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“ HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAD!!!  
I am Thankful and Blessed for You!  
Thankful for All the Fun Memories!  
I MISS YOU DAD!  
I LOVE YOU DAD!  
🙏❤️

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Dianne - November 23, 2023 at 07:54 AM



“ *Mr. Eckel C. Bradley Sr.*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *HAPPY FATHER'S DAY DAD!!! 🙏❤️*

*Cleaning out the attic, I recently found some of your wonderful letters I saved from my college days at UNC!*

*Also your Special Letters of Encouragement after Graduation & New Career Opportunities!*

*Wow! What a Great Profession of now 50 years! THANK YOU!!!*

*Love & Thanks for all your Love, Care, & Support & Hard Work in helping me through this Journey of Life! Blessed for so many Fun Memories! Especially our Mini Family Reunions at UNC Football Games in Chapel Hill!*

*Bella crossed the Rainbow Bridge this week & now joins you all in Heaven. 🙏❤️🐾🌈*

*Like All of You. She Blessed us with Many Years of Love & Joy! 😊*

*I MISS YOU DAD!!!*

*I LOVE YOU DAD!!!*



*Dianne*

Dianne Bradley Farabow - June 18, 2023 at 09:23 AM



“ *5 years Resting Peacefully in Heaven. 🙏*

*I Miss You Dad!!!*

*I Love You Dad!!!*



Dianne Bradley Farabow - March 05, 2023 at 08:44 AM

DF

“ **HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY DAD!!!**  
*Thinking of You with Lots of Love on this  
Special Day!*  
*Elaine is with You All in Heaven Now!* 💕🙏  
*Blessed for our Wonderful Family & Fun Memories!* 🙏😊😊

**MISS YOU DAD!!!**  
**LOVE YOU DAD!!!** ❤️

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - February 14, 2023 at 04:40 PM

DF

“ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAD!!!** 🎈🎉🎂  
*Thinking of You with Love!*  
*The Beautiful Cardinals at our bird feeders always bring us Loving  
Thoughts of You!* 😊  
*We are enjoying all your photo albums, especially of your childhood!*  
*Blessed for our Family!* 🙏  
*Sending You Love, Hugs, Blessings & Best Wishes!!!* 🙏❤️😊😊

**I MISS YOU DAD!!!** 😊  
**I LOVE YOU DAD!!!** ❤️

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - January 11, 2023 at 10:04 AM

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“ **HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023!!!**  
*Elaine and I have enjoyed looking at the old photo albums! Blessed  
for so many Fun Memories! Especially the Bradley Family  
Reunions!*

**I LOVE YOU DAD!!!**  
**I MISS YOU DAD!!!**  
🙏❤️😊

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - January 02, 2023 at 06:01 AM

DF

“ Merry Christmas Dad! 🎄👶  
Miss You!  
Love You! 🙏❤️😁😊👶👶

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - December 25, 2022 at 11:54 PM

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“ **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO THE BEST DAD EVER!!!**  
*Enjoying many more Photos & Special Memories of You on this  
Father's Day Weekend.*  
*So Very Blessed for the Fun & Special Times We Had Together!*  
*Especially having the Bible we gave You on Father's Day in 1990!*

*I MISS YOU DAD!!!*  
*I LOVE YOU DAD!!!*  
🙏❤️😘

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - June 19, 2022 at 10:58 AM

DF

“ **HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY DAD!!!❤️**  
*Thinking of You Today with So Much LOVE!!!❤️*  
*Listening to one of your favorites, Frank Sinatra!*  
*Jut enjoyed My Funny Valentine. Every Day is Valentine's Day!❤️*  
*Right after that song was Young at Heart!❤️*  
*And...I saw a Beautiful Red Cardinal at my bird feeder!❤️*  
*Blessed for So many Fun Loving Memories of You!🙏*

*I MISS YOU DAD!!!❤️*  
*I LOVE YOU DAD!!!❤️*

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - February 13, 2022 at 04:15 PM

DF

“ *HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAD!!!* ❤️ 🎈  
*HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022!!!*  
*I MISS YOU DAD!!!*  
*I LOVE YOU DAD!!!*  
❤️ 🙏 😘

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - January 11, 2022 at 04:42 PM

DF

“ *MERRY CHRISTMAS DAD!!!* 🎄  
*So Very Blessed for You!!!*  
*Love and Thanks for All You Continue to Do...Every Single Day!!!*  
*I LOVE YOU DAD!!!*  
*I MISS YOU DAD!!!*  
🙏 ❤️ 😘

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - December 25, 2021 at 05:50 PM

DF

“ *HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAD!!!* 🦃  
*Love You and Miss You Every Single Day!*  
*Love and Thank You For Being With Us Today!*  
*'My Way' was Very Special at BHI Today!*  
*Love and Thanks!* 🙏 ❤️ 😘

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**Dianne B Farabow** - November 25, 2021 at 09:17 PM

DF

“ **HAPPY FATHER'S DAD!!!**

*Listening to Frank Sinatra on a Rainy Day, Thinking of You and All the Wonderful Memories of You!*

*Enjoyed a Nice Visit with William, Meg and Cameron.*

*Cameron has Your Blue Eyes!*

*I Miss You Dad!!!*

*I Love You Dad!!!*



*Dianne Bradley Farabow*

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - June 20, 2021 at 05:01 PM

DF

“ **Three Years Ago Today, We Saw a Beautiful Rainbow in the Sky!**  
**Missing You!**

*Blessed for All the Great Memories of You!*

*I Miss You Dad!*

*I Love You Dad!*



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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - March 05, 2021 at 06:40 AM

DF

“ *HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY DAD!!!* ❤️

*SENDING YOU LOVE, HUGS, BLESSINGS, AND BEST WISHES!*

*I MISS YOU DAD!*

*I LOVE YOU DAD!*



*Dianne Bradley Farabow*

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - February 14, 2021 at 10:08 AM

DF

“ *HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAD!!!* 🎈

*Blessed for Many Fun Memories of Your Special Day!*

*Thankful for All the Pictures of Special Family Times Together With You!*

*Love and Thanks for Many Wonderful Memories!* 🙏❤️😘

*I Miss You Dad!*

*I Love You Dad!* ❤️

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - January 11, 2021 at 08:57 AM

DF

“ *Thinking of You Dad at this Special Time of Year!*

*I Love You!*

*I Miss You!*

*So Blessed for You and Thankful for So Many Fun Memories!*



*Dianne*

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - December 26, 2020 at 06:07 PM

DF

“ *HAPPY FATHER'S DAY DAD!!!*

*Thinking of You on this Special Day with so many Happy Memories of You!!!*

*Thankful for All the Fun Father's Day Visits with You in Asheville for Many Years!*

*We Miss All those Great Times with You!*

*Thanks for Being a Wonderful Dad and Continuing to Love and Protect Us from Above!*

*Blessed for All your Letters and our Family Pictures to keep those Special Memories Alive!*

*We Miss You Dad!!!*

*We Love You Dad!!!*



*Dianne Bradley Farabow and Family*

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - June 21, 2020 at 09:08 AM

DF

“ *HAPPY EASTER DAD!!!*

*I Miss You!!!*

*I Love You!!!*



*Dianne*

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - April 12, 2020 at 10:59 AM

DF

“ REMEMBERING...

*Two years ago today we saw a Beautiful Rainbow in the Sky!!! 🌈*

*Missing you Dad!!!*

*So Very Blessed for You and All the Fun Times We had Together!!!*

*Thankful for All the Special Cards, Interesting Articles, Great Stories, Family Photos, and*

*Especially All the Letters of Love and Advice You shared with Us over the Years!!!*

*I Love All the Special Memories of You!!!*

*Love and Thanks for being a Terrific Dad!!!*

*I Miss You Dad!!!*

*I Love You Dad!!!*



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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - March 05, 2020 at 09:04 AM

DF

“ HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY DAD!!!❤️

*So Blessed for Your Love!!! 🙏*

*Enjoying so many Wonderful Memories of You!!!*

*I Love You!!!*

*I Miss You!!!*



*Dianne Bradley Farabow*

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - February 14, 2020 at 10:11 AM

DF

“ *HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAD!!!*

*THE BEST DAD EVER!!!  
So Blessed and Thankful for You!!!*

*I Love You!  
I Miss You!*



*Love and Best Wishes!  
Dianne*

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - January 11, 2020 at 09:05 AM

DF

“ *I Love You Dad!  
I Miss You Dad!*

*We recently celebrated the 2019 Holiday Season of Thanksgiving,  
Christmas, and now the upcoming 2020 New Year!*

*We are so Blessed For You!*

*I am so Thankful and Grateful for You!*

*The Best Dad Ever!*

*Love all the Great and Funny Pictures we have of Happy Times!*

*Love and Thanks for All the Laughs!*

*Such Wonderful Memories!*

*Happy New Year! 2020!*

*Blessings of Love, Peace, Hope, Happiness and Good Health to All!*



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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - December 31, 2019 at 08:33 PM

DF

“ *Happy Veterans Day!!!  
Thinking of You and Uncle Bill as We Honor Veterans Today!  
We Love You and Miss You!!!*



*Dianne Bradley Farabow*

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - November 11, 2019 at 05:46 PM

DF

“ *You are so Amazing Dad!  
The Biltmore Flower/Bulb you gave me years ago bloomed today on  
Father's Day!*

*Love and Thanks!* A row of three emojis: a blue and white prayer hands emoji, a red heart emoji, and a yellow kiss face emoji.

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - June 16, 2019 at 09:09 PM

DF

“ **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY DAD!!!**  
**I LOVE YOU DAD!!!**  
**I MISS YOU DAD!!!**

*Thinking of You on this Special Day with so much Love and Gratitude!!!*

*I am so Thankful for the Daily Reminders of You!  
The Beautiful Cardinals, Feathers, Your many Letters and Photos  
are such a Great Source of Comfort and a Reflection of the Special  
Times we had together!*

*I am very Grateful for the many Wonderful Memories of You and all  
the Happy Times that God Blessed us with!*

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO THE BEST DAD EVER!!!**  
**I LOVE YOU,**  
**Dianne**

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow - June 16, 2019 at 09:50 AM**

DF

“ Hi Dad!

*One year ago today, March 5, 2018, was a sad day for many.  
For those of us who love you dearly, we miss you!*

*We have learned so much this past year.  
You were right about so many things.  
There is still sadness, sorrow, and regrets.  
You deserved better.*

*But you are with The Best now and finally getting the best you  
deserve in a much better place!*

*Thinking of you today, like every day, missing you even more.  
Thankful for so many blessings to be grateful for!  
I find comfort in knowing you loved God and your church.  
I find comfort in knowing you found joy in working at the Biltmore  
House, loving all the wonderful, fun, positive, and caring friends who  
made you happy.  
I find comfort in listening to your favorite Frank Sinatra songs.  
I find comfort in reading your many letters I saved over the years.  
So many wonderful memories I have of You!  
So blessed and thankful!  
Thank you Dad for being a Fun, Loving, and Amazing Dad!*

*I Love You Dad!  
I Miss you Dad!  
Dianne Bradley Farabow*

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - March 05, 2019 at 10:23 AM

DF

“ *HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY DAD!!!* ❤️

*I LOVE YOU DAD!!!  
I MISS YOU DAD!!!*

*A Friend sent me this and it so reminds me of YOU!*

*IN MEMORY OF MY DAD*

*IF I COULD WRITE A STORY  
IT WOULD BE THE GREATEST EVER TOLD  
OF A KIND AND LOVING FATHER  
WHO HAD A HEART OF GOLD*

*IF I COULD WRITE A MILLION PAGES  
BUT STILL BE UNABLE TO SAY,  
JUST HOW MUCH I LOVE HIM  
EVERY SINGLE DAY*

*I WILL REMEMBER ALL HE TAUGHT ME  
I'M HURT BUT WON'T BE SAD  
BECAUSE HE WILL SEND ME DOWN THE ANSWERS  
AND HE WILL ALWAYS BE MY DAD*

*LOVE AND BEST WISHES ON THIS SPECIAL DAY OF LOVE!!!* 🥰

*Dianne Bradley Farabow*

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - February 14, 2019 at 08:30 AM

DF

“ *I Love You Dad!*

*I Miss You Dad!*

*It was one year ago this weekend when I last came to see you.*

*I am so thankful for that special and wonderful visit with you!*

*Sadly, The first weekend in February last year was the last time I saw you.*

*I Miss You so much!*

*I saved a news article, which by the way, is something I inherited from you, one of many!*

*It has helped to comfort me this past year, and*

*I would like to share it.*

*You can shed tears that he is gone,*

*Or you can smile because he lived.*

*You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back,*

*Or you can open your eyes and see all he has left! ❤️ 🙏*

*Your heart can be empty because you can't see him*

*Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.*

*You can remember him and only that he is gone,*

*Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on!*

*So Thankful for all the Wonderful Memories of You!!!*

*So Blessed You were My Dad! ❤️ 🙏*

*I Love You Dad!*

*I Miss you Dad!*

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - February 02, 2019 at 11:34 AM

DF

“ *HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAD!!! 🎈 🎉 ❤️ 🙏*  
*I Love You Dad!*  
*I Miss You Dad!*  
*I am watching a Beautiful January 11, 2019 Sunrise now,*  
*Thinking of You with Love and Best Wishes on this Special Day,*  
*Your First Happy Birthday in Heaven!*  
*I Wish You A Wonderful, Peaceful, Happy Birthday!*  
*Feeling so Very Blessed and Thankful You Are My Dad! 🙏*  
*Sending Love, Hugs, and Best Wishes to You and Mulligan! ❤️ ❤️*  
*🐾 🙏*  
*Dianne Bradley Farabow 🥰*

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - January 11, 2019 at 07:24 AM

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“ *I Love You and Miss You Dad!*  
*Thinking of You in this New Year! 2019!*  
*So Very Blessed and Grateful You Were My Dad!*  
*Thank you for your Love and Kindness!*  
*I Love You!*  
*I Miss You!*

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - January 04, 2019 at 04:04 PM

DF

“ *Love You and Miss You Dad! ❤️*  
*First Christmas without you Dad and Missing You so very much*  
*during this Special Time of Year as we Celebrate the Birth of Jesus!*  
*Hope You and Mulligan had a Nice Christmas in Heaven! ❤️ 🐾*  
*Praying for a Peaceful New Year!*  
*Love You and Miss You! ❤️ 🥰*  
*Rest in Peace! 🙏*

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - December 28, 2018 at 10:34 AM

DF

“ Love you and Miss you Dad!  
Here it is the last Sunday in November!  
Thanksgiving weekend.  
I am so Thanful for You Dad!  
Thinking of you a lot and really missing you!  
What a year!  
Time is flying by too fast!  
The Best and Most Exciting news this year is that  
Cameron William Farabow was born on October 31. ❤️👶  
Truly a Miracle of God and So Very Blessed. 🙏  
My First Grandson is Precious and so Adorable and he just melts  
my heart!  
Such Amazing Love! ❤️  
I Thought of you on Veteran's Day with such pride as our country  
honored our Veterans.  
Also thought of you yesterday as State beat Carolina in OT in the  
last football game.  
They showed a picture of Charlie Choo Choo Justice while I was  
watching the game on TV.  
So many Great Memories of your Life!  
We sure had some Fun times in Chapel Hill at Football and  
Basketball games!  
Love and Thanks Dad for All you have given me!  
I Love and Miss You!  
Hope You and Mulligan are having fun together! 🐾🐾

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - November 25, 2018 at 10:00 AM

DF

“ MY DAD

CONTINUED.....

*I SAVED MOST OF DAD'S LETTERS AND CARDS OVER THE YEARS AND WILL SMILE WITH HAPPINESS AND SURELY A FEW TEARS AS I READ THEM OVER AND OVER AGAIN!*

*MY DAD WAS ONE OF THE BEST!  
A GREAT DAD WHO LOVED HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS!  
MY FUN DAD WILL BE MISSED!  
I WILL ALWAYS CHERISH THESE SPECIAL MEMORIES!  
DAD WILL LIVE IN MY HEART FOREVER!*

*LOVE AND THANKS TO GOD AND YOU, DAD, FOR SENDING US RAINBOWS,  
WHITE FEATHERS, AND CARDINALS, STILL COMFORTING AND CARING FOR US EVERYDAY!*

*GREAT NEWS FOR YOU ON THIS FATHER'S DAY!  
WILLIAM AND MEG ARE EXPECTING A BABY BOY IN NOVEMBER!  
GOD AND LIFE IS SO AMAZING!  
ONE LIFE ENDS AND ANOTHER BEGINS! 🙏  
I KNOW THERE IS A GREAT BIG SMILE ON YOUR FACE FOR ANOTHER ADDITION TO ALL YOUR TERRIFIC GREAT GRANDKIDS!  
WE ARE SO VERY BLESSED FOR THE WONDERFUL FAMILY GOD HAS GIVEN US!  
I AM SO HAPPY AND GRATEFUL FOR EVERYONE! 🙏*

*I LOVE YOU DAD!!!  
TO.THE.BEST.DAD.EVER!!!*

*HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!*

*DIANNE*

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - June 17, 2018 at 08:10 PM

DF

“ MY DAD

*MY DAD CREATED ME!  
MY DAD GAVE ME LIFE!  
NO ONE LOVED MY DAD LIKE I LOVED HIM!*

*I AM BLESSED TO HAVE HAD SUCH A WONDERFUL DAD!  
AND THANKFUL FOR SO MANY CHERISHED MEMORIES!*

*WHEN I WAS YOUNG, DAD TRAVELED IN HIS JOB LEAVING ON  
MONDAY  
AND RETURNING HOME ON FRIDAY.  
FRIDAYS WERE ALWAYS HAPPY DAYS, BECAUSE DAD WAS  
COMING HOME!*

*WE LOVED FUN FRIDAY NIGHT FAMILY DINNERS AT TINGLES  
CAFE,  
AND LUNCHESES AT TRANTHAMS DRUG STORE!*

*I REMEMBER GOING TO CHURCH ON SUNDAYS, SITTING IN  
THE BALCONY UNDER THE BEAUTIFUL DOME OF FIRST  
BAPTIST CHURCH.  
CHIP AND I WERE BAPTIZED THERE.  
DAD ALWAYS STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF GOD IN OUR  
LIVES AND DAILY  
PRAYER!*

*I RECALL HAPPY FAMILY TIMES GOING TO MY BIG BROTHER  
CHIP'S FOOTBALL  
AND BASKETBALL GAMES.  
WHEN DAD WAS PRESIDENT OF THE DADS CLUB AT LEE  
EDWARDS HIGH SCHOOL, I WOULD GO WITH DAD TO SET UP  
CONCESSIONS AT THE STADIUM BEFORE THE HOME  
FOOTBALL GAMES.  
AFTER THE GAMES, WE WOULD BRING HOME ANY  
LEFTOVER HOTDOGS.*

*WHAT A SPECIAL TREAT! THE BEST STEAMED HOT DOGS  
EVER!*

*THERE WERE MANY EXCITING TRIPS TO CHAPEL HILL TO  
WATCH CHIP PLAY FOOTBALL FOR THE UNC CAROLINA  
TARHEELS!*

*WE STAYED AT THE CAROLINA INN, AND AFTER EACH GAME  
WE WALKED AROUND TO THE NEARBY FRATERNITY  
PARTIES, CELEBRATING*

*THE CAROLINA WAY!*

*IT WAS ANOTHER HIGHLIGHT OF DAD'S LIFE HE TRULY  
ENJOYED!*

*WHEN I LEFT FOR COLLEGE AT CAROLINA, DAD SENT ME  
WEEKLY LETTERS, INCLUDING INTERESTING ARTICLES AND  
ALWAYS A FUNNY JOKE MAKING ME LAUGH!*

*MOST OF HIS FUNNY JOKES CAME FROM HIS GREAT  
GOLFING BUDDIES.*

*DAD ALWAYS LOOKED FORWARD TO HIS WEEKLY GOLF  
GAMES WITH A FUN GROUP OF GUYS!*

*ON MY WEDDING DAY, DAD PRESENTED ME WITH A SPECIAL  
LETTER*

*I WILL ALWAYS CHERISH, REFLECTING BACK ON SO MANY  
WONDERFUL*

*FATHER-DAUGHTER MEMORIES!*

*AFTER WILLIAM AND BRADLEY WERE BORN, WE LOVED  
DAD'S SPECIAL VISITS AND AS ALWAYS HE CONTINUED TO  
SEND LETTERS AND CARDS OF LOVE AND BLESSINGS, AND  
OF COURSE FUNNY JOKES AND SILLY HAND DRAWN  
PICTURES FOR THE BOYS.*

*DAD ALWAYS REMEMBERED FAMILY BIRTHDAYS AND SPECIAL  
OCCASIONS,*

*SENDING US CARDS, GIFTS, WITH PHONE CALLS AND  
SPECIAL VISITS!*

*FOR MANY YEARS WE ENJOYED FUN FAMILY REUNIONS IN CHAPEL HILL AT UNC HOME FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL GAMES! MEETING ON FOOTBALL SATURDAYS TO TAILGATE BEFORE THE GAMES AT KENAN STADIUM WERE SUCH SPECIAL TIMES TOGETHER!*

*WE CELEBRATED DAD'S 90TH BIRTHDAY IN CHARLOTTE AT CARMEL COUNTRY CLUB, WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO CHIP AND PAM!*

*FAMILY AND FRIENDS ENJOYED A WONDERFUL CELEBRATION!*

*BRADLEY PRESENTED HIS GRANDDADDY WITH A SPECIAL MUSIC VIDEO THAT INCLUDED FAVORITE PHOTOS OF DAD'S LIFE ALONG WITH MUSIC OF HIS FAVORITE FRANK SINATRA SONGS, MY WAY AND YOUNG AT HEART!*

*MANY OF FRANK SINATRA'S SONGS REFLECTED DAD'S LIFE, INCLUDING,*

*IT WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR, NICE AND EASY, THAT'S LIFE, THE BEST IS YET TO COME, TO NAME A FEW.*

*DURING OUR VISIT IN JANUARY THIS YEAR TO CELEBRATE DAD'S 93RD BIRTHDAY, I ASKED HIM WHAT WAS IMPORTANT TO HIM AND WHAT WOULD MAKE HIM HAPPY.*

*HE TALKED ABOUT WANTING TO GO BACK TO THE BILTMORE HOUSE.*

*WORKING IN GUEST RELATIONS AT BILTMORE FOR 16 YEARS WAS A VERY SPECIAL PART OF HIS LIFE!*

*DAD WAS VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE MANY FRIENDSHIPS OF FELLOW EMPLOYEES AND GUESTS!*

*DAD WAS VERY ACTIVE AND ENERGETIC FOR 92 YEARS AND STRONGLY BELIEVED THE KEY TO A LONG HAPPY LIFE WAS TO LOVE GOD,*

*TO SMILE AND BE HAPPY, TO WORK HARD, STAY BUSY, AND HELP OTHERS!*

*HE SET AN EXAMPLE FOR ALL OF US AND INSPIRED US TO FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS!*

*I THANK THE DEAR LORD EVERY DAY FOR MY DAD AND AM SO VERY GRATEFUL FOR HIS UNCONDITIONAL LOVE, CARE, KINDNESS, AND PATIENCE THAT MADE HIM THE MOST AMAZING, INCREDIBLE, REMARKABLE, DEVOTED AND FUN DAD!*

*SOME REFER TO DEATH AS A GRADUATION OR A CHANGE OF ADDRESS.*

*AS MUCH AS I MISS MY DAD AND OUR FRIDAY PHONE CALLS, I FIND COMFORT KNOWING HE IS WITH GOD IN HEAVEN AND IS IN A MUCH BETTER PLACE NOW, FINALLY RESTING IN PEACE! 🙏*

*HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!  
I LOVE AND MISS YOU! ❤️  
DIANNE*

*TBC*

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**Dianne Bradley Farabow** - June 17, 2018 at 06:33 PM

SC

“ *I'm gonna miss you Uncle Brad. We had some great times together. I will always cherish all the times we spent together. Love you Uncle Brad. Rest In Peace.* ”



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**Stephanie Cook** - March 10, 2018 at 11:32 AM

DF

“Dad was so many different things to so many different people! How to sum his life and what he meant in a few words seems impossible. He was fun, nice, considerate, so determined and he had unbelievable energy.

A very happy part of his life were the 16 years he spent as a part of the guest relations staff for the Biltmore House. It brought him such joy and he always treasured the many friendships and great experiences he had there.

Since his passing, I have received such sweet, kind words from friends and family that I wanted to share them:

“Granddaddy always gave me words of wisdom and will always guide me in the right direction”. -grandson, Bradley Farabow

“Grandad taught me that my brother is my best friend, to always help my parents, and always try to better myself. This advice has helped shape who I am today”. -grandson, William Farabow

“Uncle Eckel was an amazing gentleman who deeply loved his family. His stories and memories of our Bradley clan were told with fondness, humor, respect, and love. We will forever hold him close to our hearts.” - Brenda

"Thank you for the laughter, for the good times we shared...  
Thanks for the shoulder to cry on when I was sad...  
Thanks for always being there no matter what the need".  
You were always my first line of defense when Mother needed something  
before I could get to Asheville. I will miss you dearly, my friend! 'Til we  
meet again" – Elaine Motley

I have been reminded again and again what a fun loving, caring and devoted man he was. His considerate, kind and loving manner

*shined through everything he did. He maintained a genuine admiration and consideration for others while his determination and hard work set a great example, inspiring us all to work hard and enjoy life.*

*The many letters of love, concern and advice he wrote to his children and grandchildren will remain a treasure to us. The funny jokes and interesting news articles kept us intrigued and showcased his sense of humor and wisdom. The best advice he gave for living a long life was, be happy, work hard and stay busy! He was so many different things to so many different people, he will always have a special place in our hearts. We are filled with Memories of happy times, times of laughing, caring and being family.*

*God now has him in his arms, we have him in our hearts!*

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**Dianne Farabow** - March 09, 2018 at 10:20 AM

WF

*“ Grandad taught me how to be a true gentleman, that my brother is my best friend, and to always better myself. Those values will always be with me thanks to him.*

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**William Farabow** - March 08, 2018 at 06:36 PM

EM

“ *"Thank you for the laughter, for the good times we shared...  
Thanks for the shoulder to cry on when I was sad...  
Thanks for always being there no matter what the need."*



*You were the sculptor of snow families, the chief elf on Christmas Eve,  
The first line of defense when Mother experienced some emergency  
(As when she broke her hip on a slick floor at the beauty shop but refused to be transported until her hair was dried and perfectly set!)*

*Losing you is summed up by the words of an old Irish poem:*

*Death leaves a heartache no one can heal;  
Love leaves a memory no one can steal.*

*Here's to the memories of you! You will long live in our hearts and in the  
the  
millions of photos (four generations of "photographers") in the family  
chronicles.*

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**Elaine Motley** - March 08, 2018 at 04:01 PM

MB

“ My deepest sympathies to Mrs. Bradley and the entire family. I had the privilege of sharing the office next door to his with my Dad for a few years and found his smile, laugh, and perspective on the world both refreshing and enlightening. The world has certainly lost a true gentleman, but I know he's enjoying the 19th hole now.

*My best regards,*

*Mike Browne*

*Charlotte, NC*

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**Mike Browne** - March 07, 2018 at 10:37 PM

BF

“ Granddaddy always gave me words of wisdom, and will always lead me in the right direction. I look forward to playing golf with him again one day.

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**Bradley Farabow** - March 07, 2018 at 09:14 PM

RB

“ Sorry to learn of Eckel's passing. He was a good friend and good person. My brother, Fleming, and I had the office next to his on Ravenscroft for many years. He was a big Tarheel fan in all sports.

*We want to express our sincere sympathy to Rita and all the family.*

*Ray and Brenda Browne*

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**Ray & Brenda Browne** - March 07, 2018 at 07:53 PM

PE

“ Having worked with Brad at Biltmore, I can tell you that he was an inspiration to his coworkers. He amazed us all with his energy and enthusiasm for sharing Biltmore with the school kids. His groups always seemed to be laughing. I will miss working with him in the House, but also hearing his stories during our breaks. It was an honor to have known him.

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**Peggy** - March 07, 2018 at 05:36 PM

JA

“ Brad and I worked together in Biltmore's ticket center. We became friends and remained friends over the years. He was a great guy, full of energy and love and an inspiration to many. I will miss Brad.

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**Jan** - March 07, 2018 at 01:46 PM

BB

“ I will always remember our talks together, the laughs and tears. The family is now complete, please give my Dad a hug and tell him there is not a day i do not think of him. Our love to you always and forever, bill.

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**bill bradley** - March 07, 2018 at 01:24 PM

JG

“ We are sad to hear of Brad's passing. He always had a smile whenever we saw him at church and the club. We loved to talk sports. He will be missed. Our thoughts are with you during this sad time.

*Jim & Joyce Greene*

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**Jim & Joyce Greene** - March 07, 2018 at 01:08 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Eckel C. Bradley Sr..*



March 07, 2018 at 11:55 AM



“ *So sad to hear this news. Brad was a friend for years and a bigger than life personality! We played many a round of golf together as members of the Bandits. What a true competitor. Honored to call him a friend! RIP Brad!*

**Tedd & Gail Smith** - March 07, 2018 at 06:49 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Eckel C. Bradley Sr..*



March 06, 2018 at 01:31 PM



“ *Love & hugs to the Bradley & Farabow families <3 Will never forget your awesome father, husband & grandfather. He had the kindest smile and was loved by all who met him. He will be missed by so many. Love always to our dearest friends. May God take extra special care of you during this difficult time. The Godwin family xoxo*

**Teresa Godwin** - March 05, 2018 at 07:59 PM