



## Mr. James Thomas "JT" Bradford

April 26, 1942 - January 5, 2021

James Thomas "JT" Bradford was born on April 26, 1942 in Talladega, Alabama to the late James Eugene and Nona Hatten Bradford. Educated in the Talladega school system, he was a 1961 graduate of Westside High School where he played football. After high school, JT joined the United States Army where he advanced his education while stationed in Arizona. He later served in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War working in central intelligence. After 6 years of service, his tour of duty ended in Maryland in 1968. Following an honorable discharge from the Army, JT moved back to his hometown of Talladega, where he returned to civilian life and began a career in insurance. Soon afterwards, he met and married Eula Hearn in 1970. The two moved to Anniston, and were blessed with three children, Sabrina, Valorie, and James II. While in Anniston, JT embarked on a new career in telecommunications with South Central Bell where he gained increasing responsibility. After years of working with South Central Bell, he founded Bradford Telecommunications where he furthered his career in the industry as a business owner. In 1987, the Bradford family relocated to the suburbs of Atlanta, GA when JT secured a position with AT&T as a site manager with the Georgia World Congress Center where he was responsible for managing event telecommunications. When the Georgia Dome was built in the early 1990's, he managed program broadcasting for professional and collegiate sporting events, concerts, and other special events held at the facility. Due to the nature of his career, JT encountered many celebrities and attended

countless football bowl games. Perhaps most memorable is the 1994 Super Bowl where he and his team ensured millions of fans could enjoy the game as it was being broadcast. JT enjoyed his career and all the opportunities it afforded him until his retirement in 2001. Over the next couple decades, JT could often be found fishing at the lake across from his home. He loved the outdoors and maintained an impeccable lawn, and always grew fresh vegetables. He and his dog, Thaddeus, Jr., took daily walks in the park. JT was widely known and greatly loved. No matter who he encountered, he always offered a smile, a funny story, and ended most conversations with "Have a good day and pass it on." He treasured his family and friends and enjoyed entertaining. He was a grill-master, music connoisseur, and an avid card player. He really appreciated a good celebration—birthdays and holidays, with Christmas being his favorite. JT knew and loved the Lord and was a faithful member of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Powder Springs, GA. He departed this life on January 5, 2021, and is survived by his three children: Sabrina Bradford Warden, Valorie Bradford Hamilton, and James Thomas Bradford II, all of Atlanta, GA; three grandchildren: Aaron Hamilton, Chandler Warden, and Ayden Hamilton; two sisters: Freddie Johnson of Birmingham, AL and Dorothy (James) Merritt of Talladega, AL, and a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents: James and Nona; two sisters: Missie and Annie; and three brothers: William, Charles, and Johnny Cecil.

# Cemetery Details

## Union Springs Baptist Church Cemetery

3668 Eastaboga Road  
Talladega, AL 35160

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JAN 8. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Home Chapel  
217 Coosa Street East  
Talladega, AL 35160

## Celebration of Life

JAN 9. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

KB

“ As “Westiders”, we will forever hold dear the last time we were in JT’s presence. It was at Eula’s birthday party held at Cookie’s house in Atlanta. Seeing JT was one of the highlights of the party since we’d not seen him in years. He and George really fellowshipped together; he enjoyed us and we absolutely enjoyed him. May you all be blessed with pleasant memories of your dad and be comforted knowing others are praying for you as well.  
George and Kaye Buchanan

Kaye Buchanan - January 09, 2021 at 02:20 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mr. James Thomas "JT" Bradford.



January 09, 2021 at 01:01 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James Thomas "JT" Bradford.



January 08, 2021 at 02:04 PM

LM

“ Love Brandon and Paula Miller purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. James Thomas "JT" Bradford.



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**Love Brandon and Paula Miller** - January 08, 2021 at 11:05 AM

YE

“ May God's Grace and Mercy comfort you during the days ahead. Be assured earth has no sorry that heaven can not heal. God loves you and so do I



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**Yvonne Estell-McElderry** - January 08, 2021 at 10:56 AM

LC

“ Love, The Team at Provident Village at Creekside purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. James Thomas "JT" Bradford.



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**Love, The Team at Provident Village at Creekside** - January 08, 2021 at 08:55 AM

EG

“ Erika Gordon purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. James Thomas "JT" Bradford.



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**Erika Gordon** - January 08, 2021 at 12:09 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James Thomas "JT" Bradford.*



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January 07, 2021 at 07:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. James Thomas "JT" Bradford.*



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January 07, 2021 at 05:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. James Thomas "JT" Bradford.*



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January 07, 2021 at 04:14 PM



“ *Evelyn & Vacher Hearn, Jr. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. James Thomas "JT" Bradford.*



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**Evelyn & Vacher Hearn, Jr.** - January 07, 2021 at 01:18 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James Thomas "JT" Bradford.*



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January 07, 2021 at 12:13 PM



“ *Gussie Lee Turrentine lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Thomas "JT" Bradford*



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**Gussie Lee Turrentine** - January 07, 2021 at 10:18 AM



“ *The Louise Stephens Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. James Thomas "JT" Bradford.*



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**The Louise Stephens Family** - January 07, 2021 at 09:46 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. James Thomas "JT" Bradford.*



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January 06, 2021 at 11:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. James Thomas "JT" Bradford.



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January 06, 2021 at 10:05 PM