



Walter Taft Bradshaw

November 8, 1933 - August 25, 2021

Walter Taft Bradshaw, age 87, passed into presence of his Savior Jesus on Tuesday, August 25, 2021. He is survived by his wife of 10 years, Anne (Bateman West). His wife of 53 years, Nancy (Eubanks), preceded him in death. From this marriage he is survived by his children Matthew (Natalie) and Sean (Susan) as well as grandchildren Hope, Colin, Olivia, and Grant. Taft was born November 8, 1933, in Wilmington, NC to Junie Powell and Nellie Byrd Bradshaw. He had one brother, Leroy, who preceded him in death. He attended The North Carolina State University School of Design. Upon graduation, he started his career in Fort Lauderdale, FL. You can see his fingerprints all over south Florida, as he spent his career designing stunning grounds for hotels, condominiums and residences. While in Fort Lauderdale, he was an early member and deacon at Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church. After retiring, he and Anne have lived in Boone, NC and Marietta, GA. Taft was a man of many names. You may have known him as Taft, but you also may have known him as W.T., Brad, or simply "B" (if you are one of his beloved grandchildren or step-grandchildren). He was a man who never knew a stranger and loved to start up a conversation with anyone he met. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on Monday, August 30 at Calvary Church in Charlotte, NC. The family will receive friends at the church one hour before the service. Private interment will follow at Magnolia Memorial Gardens.

Taft will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Taft's family has given the family of Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home the privilege of caring for him and for them. For more details, please visit www.LoweNeddoFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Magnolia Memorial Gardens

5801 Pineville–Matthews Road
Charlotte, NC 28226
http://www.calvarychurch.com/site/18_150_112.cfm

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary Church
5801 Pineville-Matthews Road
Charlotte, NC 28226
info@calvarychurch.com
<http://www.calvarychurch.com>

Funeral Service

AUG 30. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Charlotte, NC 28226
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Tribute Wall



“ *Walter Taft Bradshaw*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Walter Taft Bradshaw*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM

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“ My condolences to WT's family and join you in wonderful memories of him.

I moved a block away from WT in 1943 when he was 10 and I was 8. We spent a lot of time walking to high school together many, many mornings, solving the world's problems. He nominated me and pushed for my selection in the school's top social fraternity. We lost track of each other but reconnected in 1982 when his firm was selected to design a master landscape plan for the University of Miami's Coral Gables Campus. He was considered to be Florida's finest landscape architect. I was the University's senior vice president for Business & Finance and responsible for campus planning, design, construction and maintenance among other things. The University had a board committee on buildings & grounds which included wonderful business leaders who thought they knew as much about landscaping as they did their own businesses. A committee member asked WT why he selected mahogany instead of oak trees to line the most important street on campus, he replied, "that's what you pay me for, to make these kinds of decisions." This was classic Bradshaw, but the Board didn't like that answer and wanted me to fire him. I didn't but instead found someone with credentials who knew how to sell ideas to university boards, Harvard's retired chair of the landscape architecture program. We all worked well together and got the job done that has made this university's landscaping one of America's most beautiful.

I'm sad to say we lost touch again and that I just learned he was living in Boone, because my wife and I have spent a month there for each of the past fourteen summers and didn't run into him. WT "Taft" Bradshaw was loved and respected.

David Lieberman - August 29, 2021 at 01:47 PM

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“ I have known Brad for more than 60 years as he started is professional career in my fathers landscape architectural office in 1958. As I followed my family in their practice WT insisted that I attend NCSU School of Design and for that I am eternally grateful. Brad was a wonderful designer, painter and a fierce competitor for more than 40 years.
Not always easy to get along with, Taft was honest and a respected person and I offer my condolences to the Family.

Frederic E. Stresau, FASLA

Frederic e Stresau - August 28, 2021 at 05:43 PM

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“ Taft was our neighbor in Hound Ears for 21 years and a finer fellow you’ll never meet. We were also in a bible study group together and he inspired all of us with his openness about his strong faith. He shared marvelous instances of God working in his life. He was a great story teller with a marvelous sense of humor. He loved this area of North Carolina and captured the essence of it in his paintings of old barns and beautiful churches. Jesus surely welcomed him saying “ we’ll done my good and faithful servant”. We’ll surely miss you Taft. Bob and Pat Brinegar.

pat brinegar - August 27, 2021 at 06:20 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Walter Taft Bradshaw.



August 27, 2021 at 03:04 PM