



Mr. George Bradley Kraft

July 23, 1958 - April 21, 2019

George Bradley Kraft, 60, passed away Easter Sunday morning at home with his loving family by his side. The son of the late Paul Kraft, Sr and Dorothy Hegewald Kraft, Brad was born July 23, 1958 in Louisville, Kentucky. He was a 1976 graduate of Providence High School and attended I.U. Bloomington where he was a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity.

Brad began his career at the old New Albany Plumbing Supply in New Albany. He then joined the family business, Kraft Funeral Service, to manage the newly acquired Kraft-Graceland Memorial Park where he excelled and proved his acute management skills. Some years after Kraft Funeral Service joined with Dignity Memorial, he was asked to manage the operations of the much larger Resthaven Memorial Park in Louisville. Years later, he took the opportunity to join NorthStar Memorial Group where he grew into the position of Vice President of Operations. Brad was that manager people want to work for; organized, communicative, and always fair. Families in New Albany, Louisville, Tulsa OK, Cleveland OH, Houston TX, Nashville and Memphis TN, and Decatur IL were better cared for at times of need because of Brad's hard work and caring attitude. He was extremely proud of what he did for a living and didn't mind telling you about it.

He was a dedicated member of Northside Christian Church in New Albany, many Cemetery Associations, and former member and President of the Indiana Cemetery Board. Brad loved the outdoors. He loved to camp and hunt, was passionate about fishing, was a lifetime member of Ducks Unlimited, and was Director Emeritus of B.P.O.O.T.T.G.E.S.W.O.A. camping club.

Brad Kraft NEVER met a stranger. When you first met him, you would feel as if you had known him for a long time. He took on the fight of his life with cancer about five years ago, his wife, Shelly, always at his side, and his three sons never far behind. He will always be missed by his family and especially his dear grandchildren. Brad finally gave in, a few minutes into this Easter Sunday morning, an appropriate day for such a man of deep faith.

In a text discussion about coming cancer treatments with a brother several weeks ago, Brad stated, "Don't worry about me. No matter what, I win. Either I get to spend a few more years with family, or spend an eternity with the Lord. Win – Win!!!"

Brad is survived by his wife of 38 years, Shelly Kaiser Kraft; sons, George (Bobbie), Theodore (deceased), Stephen, and Paul Kraft (friend Ashley); grandchildren, Georgia, Denver, and Wallace; brothers, Paul Jr. (Lisa), Charles (Jackie), Kurt (Dottie), Robert, Joe (Pam), and John (Laurie); sister, Nancy Kraft Molnar (Joey, deceased); brothers and sisters-in-law, Sandy Nance (Steve), Mike Kaiser (Kim); Mark Kaiser (Amy), Susan Waiz (Rob), Matt Kaiser (Jackie); and a multitude of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, and friends too numerous to mention.

Visitation will be 2 pm ~ 8 pm Wednesday at Kraft Funeral Service, 2776 Charlestown Road, New Albany IN and from 10 am ~ 1 pm Thursday at Northside Christian Church, 4407 Charlestown Road, New Albany IN. His Funeral Service will be 1 pm Thursday at the church with burial following in Kraft-Graceland Memorial Park, New Albany.

Cemetery

**Kraft-Graceland Memorial
Park**

New Albany, IN,

Events

APR 24 Visitation 02:00PM - 08:00PM

Kraft Funeral Service

2776 Charlestown Road, New Albany, IN, US

APR 25 Visitation 10:00AM - 01:00PM

Northside Christian Church

4407 Charlestown Road, New Albany, IN, US

APR 25 Celebration Of Life Funeral Ceremony 01:00PM

Northside Christian Church

4407 Charlestown Road, New Albany, IN, US

Comments



“ Susan @ ASD- Answering Service for Directors purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Mr. George Bradley Kraft.



Susan @ ASD- Answering Service for Directors - April 26 at 02:59 PM



“ What can I say that hasn't already been said? Brad was kind, he was full of humor, he was dedicated, he was intelligent, he was a pleasure to know. Brad was a terrific mentor and aided so many of us through our careers, his guidance was unparalleled. Both personally and professionally, he enriched the lives of all that were fortunate enough to know him. I'm thankful for the good times and laughs I shared with Brad and Shelly.
My thoughts and prayers are with all of Brad's loved ones.

Greta - April 25 at 06:43 AM



“ Brad , You have earned your own comfortable chair that won't disappear at lunchtime. I will never pass the donut shop without thinking of you and the eclairs .I am glad I had the honor of knowing a wonderful person like you. You touched so many lives in so many ways and you will be missed by all who knew you.Shelly you had a wonderful man always remember that.



Sheryl Whitbey - April 24 at 09:14 PM



“ Brad was such a caring and warm man. The longer I worked under his kind supervision, the more I admired him. It was no surprise to me when I got to meet his sweet wife that he would marry such a wonderful woman. I will miss my "cancer buddy" always and cherish the memories of him. Until we meet in Heaven, my friend, thank you for all I learned from you!

Suzanne Griggs - April 24 at 12:05 PM