



Richard Scaife Bradford, Jr.

June 10, 1942 - July 18, 2015

Richard Scaife Bradford, Jr., 73, of Laurel, died Saturday, July 18, 2015, at The University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 22, 2015, at Highland Baptist Church, with burial to follow at Hickory Grove Cemetery. Rev. Gene Douglas and Rev. Timothy Hubbard will officiate. Visitation will be at the church from 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday.

Mr. Bradford was a member of, as well as employed by, Highland Baptist Church, where he was affectionately known as "Papaw".

He retired from Bradford's Grocery where he served as co-owner/operator for 35 years.

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Scaife Bradford, Sr.; his mother, Evelyn Lambert Bradford; and a brother, James L. Bradford.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Carolyn Smith Bradford; sons, Richard Scaife Bradford, III of Laurel, William James Bradford (Summer Walker Bradford) of Denham Springs, LA.; daughter, Virginia Bradford Pearson of Ellisville; and three grandchildren, Emily Ann Pearson, Connor Bradford Pearson, and Rachel Elizabeth Pearson; sister, Beth Armstrong of Sandersville; sister-in-law, Gloria Bradford of Laurel; two nieces, Pam McKinley and Melanie Arnett; nephew, Rod Armstrong; and close family members, Judy Steed of Lucedale and Karen Holifield of Laurel.

Pallbearers will be Rod Armstrong, Mose Arrington, Mitch McCarty, Richard Odum, Billy Washington, Kirby Haden, Donnie Jones, and Marty Hayes.

Honorary pallbearers will be Ken Allred, Ernest McAlpin, Jim Bradford, Dale Strickland, Randy Wall, Harvey Saul, David Williams, Kermit Frazier, and Jerry Giles.

To view and sign the guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Tribute Wall

RG

“ So sorry to hear of Big R's passing, he was a fine man. Praying for you to find peace.

Randy and Elaine Graham - July 23, 2015 at 01:28 PM

SS

“ Richard Scaife Bradford, Jr.

Steve and Denise Shuman - July 21, 2015 at 07:31 PM

JD

“ Carolyn, we are so sorry for your loss. Peace and care. I've kept up with you and your family over these many yours through Bettye Waller Couch. We first met at a party (you came with Bettye, 50's) at my house or somewhere close to Beat Four School. God bless.

Jimmy and Evelyn (Blackledge) Davis - July 20, 2015 at 07:04 PM

LF

“ Carolyn and Family, I have been following your sorrowful journey with profound prayers. May your faith continue to comfort you and your family through this time of sadness. What a blessed example you are to all. May I be such a stalwart in the faith. Your classmate, Loretta Bullock Fleming

Loretta Bullock Fleming - July 20, 2015 at 06:16 PM

AB

“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for God's comfort and peace during these days.

Amy Busby - July 20, 2015 at 05:19 PM

BT

“ Carolyn. So sorry for your family's loss. Susanne and I are praying for you all. So blessed to have known Richard and had the joy of working with him for so many years. I know he was about to pass the 20-year mark at Highland where he meant so much to everyone. I agree with so many who have said that Richard would be the hardest staff member to have to replace. He was truly one of a kind. Love you all.

Bart and Susanne Terry - July 20, 2015 at 03:48 PM

LD

“ Dear Mrs. Carolyn,
We are saddened to hear of Bro. Richard's passing. We are holding all of you close in prayer during this time.
With love, Paul, Liza, and Daniel Downey Nashville, TN

Liza Wall Downey - July 20, 2015 at 02:46 PM