



James W. Bradley

August 2, 1968 - November 23, 2019

James W. Bradley (51) of Louisville passed away Saturday, November 23, 2019, after a short, but admirable battle with cancer.

James was born in Anchorage, AK and lived in various places as a military dependent. He graduated from Ft. Knox High School and the University of Louisville, JB Speed School of Engineering. James was a telecommunications engineer at Parsons, designing contract structure and communication system projects for BellSouth. From there, he went on to BellSouth's Outside Plant Planning and Design department where he became a subject matter expert for multiple cutting edge technologies and high profile BellSouth fiber optics based services. He continued in this role at AT&T as a Manager of Outside Plant Engineering Design. He was an admired employee, having mentored all who joined the engineering group after him and was a sought after codes, system and design technical expert throughout all BellSouth and AT&T departments.

James began practicing Kiyojute Ryu Kempo Karate in 1988 and remained a dedicated student and teacher throughout his life. James earned black belts in multiple martial arts and was awarded the title of Hanshi, Senior Master. He taught at multiple locations in Louisville, but the primary location was at the University of Louisville Kempo Club located on the University of Louisville Belknap Campus.

James is preceded in death by his nephew, Jacob Bradley, and brother-in-law, Timothy Twaroski.

Left to cherish his memory are his parents James and Mary Bradley; sisters Michelle Twaroski, Anne M. Talbot (Jim), and Kathleen Goff (Phillip); brother David Bradley (Teresa); nephews Ryan Leach and Ian Goff; and niece Amelia Goff. In addition, Jessica Day and Lincoln will forever cherish their time on Earth with James.

James will be forever remembered as a smart, comical person with great story telling ability and a wonderful, yet mischievous, smile. He was a gentle dedicated teacher who

had a positive impact on his students' lives and treated all of his coworkers as family. He instilled a higher purpose in all around him through compassion and generosity to anyone in need.

Memorial visiting will be on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 from 3-7 pm with a celebration of life starting at 7 at Ratterman and Sons Funeral Home 3800 Bardstown Rd.

Disposition will be Wednesday, December 4 at 10 am at the Cave Hill Cemetery Scattering Garden, family and friends can meet at the Broadway gate at Cave Hill Cemetery at 10 am.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the St. Jude Children's Hospital, Habitat for Humanity, Salvation Army, or the Center for Women and Families.

Cemetery

Cave Hill

701 Baxter Avenue
Louisville, KY,

Events

DEC 3 **Memorial Visitation** 03:00PM - 07:00PM
Ratterman & Sons Funeral Home - Bardstown Road
3800 Bardstown Road, Louisville, KY, US, 40218

DEC 3 **Memorial Service** 07:00PM - 08:00PM
Ratterman & Sons Funeral Home - Bardstown Road
3800 Bardstown Road, Louisville, KY, US, 40218

Comments



“ 22 files added to the album BellSouth/AT&T Pictures



Jeff Ising - December 05 at 03:35 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Anne Talbot - December 03 at 10:34 PM



“ Tim to James Bradley's family, James was a presence wherever he went. An infectious smile with silly jokes that will be missed. May God watch and keep him close for even God can use James humor from time to time. My sincerest condolences at this time.

Timothy Lyninger - December 03 at 06:24 PM



“ Thank you for sharing!

Anne Talbot - December 03 at 10:31 PM



“ There are rare and special people who make everyone on their team better. James was, and still is one of those individuals who continues to make his team members at AT&T better engineers, and most of all, better people. He set the bar high for all of us, and would help any and all to reach it. I miss his intelligence, knowledge, humor, and most of all.... his friendship. I strive to be strong, patient and kind like him.

Joel Warren

Joel Warren - December 02 at 06:32 PM



“ Thank you Joel! It was so wonderful for you to share! God speed

Anne Talbot - December 03 at 10:33 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Camping Pics



Brad Gardone - December 01 at 01:49 PM



“ Awe! Thank you!

Anne Talbot - December 01 at 06:37 PM



“ 8 files added to the album Kempo Pictures



Brad Gardone - December 01 at 01:45 PM



“ Wow! Those are very nice!

Anne Talbot - December 01 at 06:38 PM



“ I knew James from Kiyojute Ryu. He was always so positive and fun. Condolences to his loved ones.

Michael Branch - November 28 at 02:52 PM



“ Thank you!

Anne Talbot - November 28 at 03:12 PM



“ James was also my neighbor. He was so welcoming to me when I moved in 2015. I felt safe knowing he was nearby and filled me in on any important neighborhood news. I will miss him. May you rest now in peace.

Kelly Gillooly - November 28 at 12:12 PM



“ Thank you!

Anne Talbot - November 28 at 03:12 PM



“ Hello family of James and the Ryu. I want to take this time to greet you with all the love I can possibly have. This is a time to grieve but remember the best of times. My name is Kenneth and I have trained with James a few times but not all the time. However, the times I did train with him, he was always loving and gentle. But what stood out to me is that he could always see what was ironically humorous and laugh a lot. That's me too so I considered him a brother. We were both in trouble with the Soke a few times together. I will miss him at any training that we would normally have together. I will do my best to be as inviting to people as he was. Thanks for making him. I love you

Kenneth Newton - November 27 at 09:08 PM



“ Thank you! Yes he had an infectious laugh!

Anne Talbot - November 28 at 03:11 PM



“ James was one of the first guys I met when I started college in 1987. He was a fun guy and always made others laugh. He and I quickly became friends and eventually got an apartment with another fellow Speed School student. Through the years, I came to know James as one of the nicest, most genuine, helpful people that I have ever met. I have heard countless stories which make this point. God speed old friend!
Prayers to all James' family and friends!
Duffy Ford

Duffy Fird - November 26 at 03:36 PM



“ Thank you!

Anne Talbot - November 27 at 06:41 AM



“ James was such a nice guy, you will be missed.
Patricia



Patricia - November 26 at 06:52 AM



“ Yes he was! Thank you!

Anne Talbot - November 26 at 10:48 AM



“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Brad Gardone - November 25 at 10:24 PM



“ These go way back! Thanks for sharing!

Anne Talbot - November 26 at 10:48 AM



“ James was my next door neighbor for 10+ year's. He was the kindest, happiest person anyone has ever met. He was so good with my boys when they were younger, riding their bikes down the street. James never met a stranger, he had a kind heart, this world has lost a fantastic person. He is someone you will never forget. He had been released from his pain into Gods loving embrace. God speed my friend

Melissa Rueff - November 25 at 07:00 PM



“ Amen! Thank you for your kindness!

Anne Talbot - November 25 at 08:46 PM



“ James was such a positive influence in my formative years as a teenager, and a dear mentor to me. He was a joyous person who made Kempo feel safe and accessible. He was always willing to drop everything to help me train, or drive me back and forth to Frankfort for Wednesday classes. James was full of stories and love and my heart goes out to all who will feel his loss.

Lisa Brown - November 25 at 06:14 PM



“ Thank you!

Anne Talbot - November 25 at 06:19 PM



“ I've known James for a bunch of years, personally and professionally. He was always kind, thoughtful, funny- always had a joke for me- just one of the nicest people I've known. I don't know any of the family, but my heart is holding you as you grieve. I'm grateful to have known him. He was truly a blessing in my life. Peace, dear friend, you were beloved.

Beth Akins - November 25 at 05:46 PM



“ Thank you!

Anne Talbot - November 25 at 06:20 PM



“ I'm heartbroken at the news. Even though I haven't been able to make it to Kempo class in a while, James has truly been one of the best people I've ever met and I have a lot of fond memories of him.

He was always there to support, to inspire, and his classes were always fun and unique. I will miss him greatly.

Slava Ivanyuk - November 25 at 03:08 PM



“ Thank you!

Anne Talbot - November 25 at 03:39 PM



“ My memories of James and stories of his kindness are far too lengthy for such a short tribute. I loved Kempo training with him, in part because we both shared a crazy, screwball sense of humor. For James, this often drew looks of bewilderment from our classmates, whose eyes often trailed his way, waiting for the next trip to The

Far Side. Much more than that, however, I loved James because he embodied so fully what we espouse in the martial arts: to live a strong, gentle life, helping and loving others, staying positive in even the darkest moments, and being ultimately someone who adds to what is good in the world and the best of humanity. I never, during the decades of training next to him, ever heard a bad word or sour story about him, only snippets of how giving and good he was in every regard. These snapshots and occasional bits of information, I'm sure, were only a glimmer of the full picture. I will deeply miss his outstanding example and inspiration in a world and time in short supply of such loving angels. RIP, old friend.

Chip Sebastian - November 25 at 03:02 PM



“ Thank you!

Anne Talbot - November 25 at 03:06 PM



“ I first met James in 1998 when I moved back to Louisville after college and started training with him and Brad at the UofL Kempo Dojo. From the outset, James was a big-hearted, warm guy who kept me in stitches during class. I remember early on he was making point during a lecture and drew on the chalkboard "Young James Bradley," which was just a stick figure with a nose. I was dating a girl named Kate at the time and he would always pull out these hammy lines from the Godfather and, in deadpan conspiratorial tones, treat me like Michael Corleone and ask me how Kate was.

If James was a stick with a nose growing up, by the time I met him, he was STRONG. I remember practicing jujutsu randori with him and, though he would always match the skill of the person he was practicing with, there was this underlying strength that made his techniques very formidable. This was born out again and again whenever James and I would have playful tests of strength. He was a powerful guy, but with such a gentle heart.

James was instrumental in my development as a young black belt. Though he was a funny, friendly guy, he took his and his students' kempo training very seriously. He had incredible technical knowledge in all of the various arts, was a great teacher and taught me the finer points of many techniques that I now pass on to my own students.

As the years went on, James and I shared some great times watching football and eating cheeseballs at the Dundee Tavern. I moved out of state in 2005 and didn't see James as much, but he was always a highlight of my annual trips back to Kentucky to practice kempo. In those clinics, he always balanced his very insightful questions for the soke with goofy one liners and puns that earned him the name James "Makiwara" Bradley.

James, I love you, man. I'm so glad that we were able share such special times together and joyfully practice kempo on so many occasions (and watch football). I'm

sorry you were taken from us so soon. You will forever be in our hearts and remembered as one of the great Kiyojute Ryu kempo masters.



Brendan Post - November 25 at 02:47 PM



“ Beautiful! Thank you!

Anne Talbot - November 25 at 03:09 PM



“ James touched a lot of lives, he was one of a kind . I REMEMBER GOING TO THE MALL AT Christmas time to visit the angle tree gift for kids, he spent 3-400 dollars on Christmas gift to these kids. Rest In Peace my friend .

Charles HIGDON - November 25 at 01:04 PM



“ I remember that as well. He took extra care to get the best for the kids!

Anne Talbot - November 25 at 02:03 PM



“ Susan Lashley lit a candle in memory of James W. Bradley



Susan Lashley - November 25 at 11:04 AM



“ What a beautiful soul. There will never be another one like him. Love you always, my friend. Eternal rest grant to him O Lord, and May the Perpetual Light shine upon him.

Susan Lashley - November 25 at 11:06 AM



“ Thank you Susan!

Anne Talbot - November 25 at 03:09 PM



“ James had a contagious joy for life and living that inspired myself and many others. He will be deeply missed.
Rachel Weinrich

Rachel Weinrich - November 25 at 09:47 AM



“ Thank you- yes he will!
Anne Talbot - November 25 at 03:39 PM



“ My condolences to his family. I will keep the family in my prayers and thoughts. James will be remembered forever. God Bless
Al Soujod

AS - November 25 at 09:18 AM



“ Thank you!
Anne Talbot - November 25 at 03:40 PM



“ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7). Love you Anne. God bless.



rebecca - November 25 at 05:07 AM



“ Thank you my friend!
Anne Talbot - November 25 at 03:40 PM



“ What a beautiful smile. I am so sorry for the loss of your beautiful brother, Anne. Thinking of you and all your family during this time of great loss.

SJ - November 24 at 10:48 PM



“ Thank you!

Anne Talbot - November 25 at 03:40 PM



“ So very sorry for this great loss, Anne & family. I lost my little brother a few years ago & understand.

Stephanie Roberson-Thomas - November 24 at 10:18 PM



“ Thank you! I know you do!

Anne Talbot - November 25 at 03:41 PM



“ Love you always my beautiful brother



Anne Talbot - November 24 at 09:58 PM



“ Praying for your whole family. My your memories carry you through this difficult time.



Dawn Hester - November 24 at 09:42 PM



“ Thank you! So nice to share family times!

Anne Talbot - November 25 at 03:41 PM



“ Kathleen Goff lit a candle in memory of James W. Bradley



Kathleen Goff - November 24 at 09:29 PM