



Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

Ralph Lee Bradley, '57

April 18, 1942 - March 23, 2017



Ralph attended AMA two years.

“HQ” Company; Private, 1,
Swimming, 2; Lacrosse, 2.
2; Junior Athletics, 1;

Ralph L. Bradley, 74, of Scottsville, VA, formerly of Alexandria, VA, died on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at UVA Medical Center.

Born April 18, 1942 in Arlington, VA, he was the son of Frankie Simmons and Burton Ramsey. He was preceded in death by his parents and his daughter, Stacey Bradley, and son, Ralph Bradley Jr.



Ralph proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy as a member of the U.S. Joint Services Color Guard of Washington, DC and later as a boatswain's mate on an escort ship for the destroyer USS Basilone, which joined the quarantine of Cuba that finally forced the removal of the Russian nuclear missiles from the island.

Entrepreneurship, innovation, and success have been the hallmarks of Ralph's career in the energy industry. His career spanned the exploration, production, energy marketing, power generation and HVAC industries. As co-founder and CEO of H&B Products, Ralph successfully steered the company to prominence in the highly competitive HVAC industry. In 1980, Ralph sold H&B and founded the Eastern Group, a natural gas exploration company. Under his leadership, the company prospered during one of the most volatile eras in energy history. By 1995 the Eastern Group was among the largest natural gas producers in the Appalachian Basin attracting the attention of Statoil, the national oil company of Norway, and resulted in the acquisition of the company in 1997. Ralph stepped

down as CEO, joined Statoil's board of directors, and founded Bradley Energy U.S.A. to focus his vision on deregulation and private enterprise opportunities.

Ralph had great passion for many things in his life including restoring classic cars and hot rods, captaining his boat through coastal waterways, ski trips, and fine wines. He turned these passions into great adventures, made all the more enjoyable when shared with family and friends.

He shared his many talents by serving on multiple professional and charitable boards including the Alexandria Hospital Foundation, the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria, and North Coast Energy. He received many awards and accolades including being a finalist in the 1996 'Entrepreneur of the Year' award for Greater Washington, and also was a graduate of Harvard Business School's OPM program. He was always willing to lend a hand and will be greatly missed by his many friends and family.

He is survived by his beloved wife Jacqueline and his children Glen Bradley (Wanda), Christine Vancleave, Morgan Bradley, Dakota Bradley, a brother Don Bradley (Donna), a sister Ellen Willis (Randy), and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held at 11 am Friday, March 31, 2017, at Christ Episcopal Church, 120 High Street, Charlottesville, VA. Interment with military honors to follow.