



## D Michael Bradley

September 28, 1939 - December 29, 2016

D. Michael Bradley (Mike), 77, passed away peacefully with his wife and daughter Heather by his side after a long battle with cancer on December 29, 2016 at his home in Lindenhurst, Illinois. He

Mike was born September 28, 1939 in Kenosha, Wisconsin. He grew up in Zion, Illinois, spending much of his time as a young boy with his brothers and cousins at his grandparent's farm in Kenosha. After graduating from Zion Benton High School in 1957, he started working at Abbott Laboratories in North Chicago. He met and fell in love with Hilda Davis and they married in April of 1966 and moved to Libertyville, Illinois where they lived when Heidi was born. Mike continued to work at Abbott, traveling around the world, primarily Central and South America and even living in Caracas, Venezuela for over 2 years. After moving back to the states, they settled in Lindenhurst, Illinois, where they lived when Heather was born. In 1977, Mike changed careers and became a licensed real estate agent working for Poe & Poe Realtors in Waukegan, Illinois for several years, eventually getting a brokers license and managing their location in Antioch, Illinois. In late 1986, he opened his own office, Benchmark Realty in Gurnee, Illinois. He continued to run the office, sell houses and build houses until he retired in 2015.

Mike loved to build things, his lifelong passion for it showing in so many ways. His second career revolved around building homes for people as well as

helping people find homes to build lives in. He was a highly skilled woodworker and loved to make beautiful furniture and smaller pieces for the homes of friends and family.

Mike was a diehard Green Bay Packers fan, cheering them through ups and downs, but never wavering. He was also happy that he was able to see the Chicago Cubs finally win the World Series.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Hilda Bradley; his daughters Heidi Bradley Alexander (David) of Crystal Lake, Illinois and Heather Bradley of Atlanta, Georgia; his grandson Caden Alexander; his brother Thomas Bradley of Zion, Illinois; nieces Casey, Kymberlee and Stephania; cousins Nan and Rich. He was preceded in death by his parents Harold Bradley, Sr. and Esther (Falk) Oglesby; and his brother (Harold) Kenneth Bradley, Jr.

A memorial visitation will take place on Tuesday Jan. 3 from 4-7 pm with a service starting at 7:00 pm at Ringa Funeral Home 122 S. Milwaukee Ave. Lake Villa, IL. In lieu of flowers donations to American Cancer Society 100 Tri State International #125, Lincolnshire, IL 60069 would be appreciated.

# Tribute Wall



“ *D Michael Bradley*

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *D Michael Bradley*

December 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *I worked with Mike on several deals, many years ago. I remember him for his smile and professionalism and especially his personality. I was newer in the business and he never let that be a problem for him. He gave me advice and I respected him so very much. Mike was an asset to the real estate community and will be deeply missed.  
RIP Mike*

**Karen Ginn** - January 03, 2017 at 01:54 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of D Michael Bradley.*



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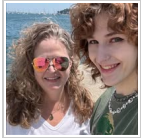


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**Heidi Alexander** - December 31, 2016 at 09:50 AM



“ *Dear Mike, you left a lot of love behind you when you flew away. It is going to be hard to forget you. You gave a lot to everybody who was around you. Thank you for calling me a friend. Thank you for talking to me when I was sad, so I cried less.*



*Mike, you are not longer here and cause me pain. I will miss you always.*

*Rosalinda E. Kliora*

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**Rosalinda E. Kliora** - December 30, 2016 at 06:47 PM

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“ Mike and I worked together at Poe & Poe and he and I were the same age. I went on to Remax and he went on to open his own company. We had a lot of fun at Poe and a lot of laughs with all the agents who went to various companies throughout Lake County. We were selling real estate before the franchises and did it before computers, calculators and had big old multiple listing books. Enormous changes have taken place. Mike and I usually saw each other at social gatherings up until the past few years. Cancer is everywhere and they have come a long way with certain kinds of it. At least Mike isn't suffering anymore and is in a better place. Memories will always be there to recall all the special moments! God bless the family and my prayers are with all of you. Time moves so fast and looking back is what we are all doing now.....

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**Chandra Sefton** - December 30, 2016 at 05:35 PM