



Melvin Bradley Stratton

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Bradley Stratton was called peacefully to God on August 2, his 78th birthday. Beloved husband for 54 years to Carolyn (nee Hoover). Loving father to Jennifer (Craig) of Cypress and Matthew who preceded him in death. Loving grandfather to Jacob. Preceded in death by his parents, Melvin and Edna Stratton.

Bradley was born on August 2, 1946 in Houston. He graduated from Jesse H. Jones High School in 1964. As Bradley started his freshman year at Stephen F Austin University, he felt called to serve his country and left to join the United States Navy. He served proudly from 1966-1970. After leaving the military, he worked for Southwestern Bell for 30 years.

On Easter Sunday in 1968, Bradley met his wife Carolyn at Trinity Presbyterian Church and they were married there on July 25, 1970. In 1974, they welcomed their daughter Jennifer and in 1977, their son Matthew. In 2008, his grandson Jacob was born.

Bradley was known for his love of family and friends. His sense of humor was enjoyed by all who knew him and his deep knowledge and enthusiasm for Texas History was admired by all. He was also an avid gun collector and a lifelong member of the National Rifle Association.

He will be deeply missed by his family and his large group of friends, especially those at First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena.

. In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to the charity of your choice.




Events


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Visitation

 **Tuesday**, August 6, 2024

 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT


 **South Park Chapel**
1310 North Main Street, Pearland TX 77581

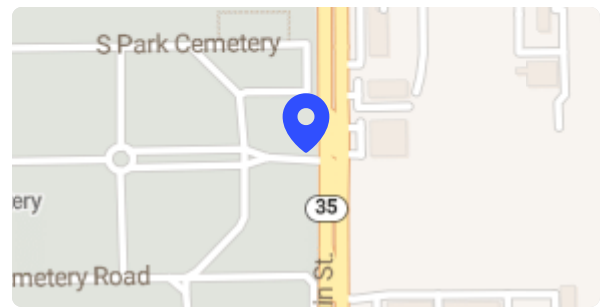


Service

 **Tuesday**, August 6, 2024

 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT

 **South Park Cemetery**
1310 North Main Street, Pearland TX 77581





Tribute Wall

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South Park Funeral Home And Cemetery shared a **Webcast Video**.

August 6 at 5:11 AM



Raymond G. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Melvin.

August 5 at 5:59 PM



Lisa And Eddie Baldon planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Melvin.

August 5 at 11:15 AM



Lisa And Eddie Baldon sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Stratton family.

August 5 at 11:15 AM



Jason & Jodi Alsobrook And Family sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Stratton family.

August 5 at 5:58 AM



Joe C. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Melvin.

August 4 at 4:09 PM





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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Stratton family.



August 4 at 4:09 PM



Skip posted:

I first met Brad while playing Little League baseball in Houston in a time when folks did not lock doors or windows. My Dad was the coach and Brad spent time in our back yard learning to be a great pitcher. We also attended the same high school with Brad being a year ahead of me. We lost touch with one another after high school but reconnect when we both joined a knife collecting organization. We both spent time on the board together and became reacquainted. Brad was basically the same guy I knew in high school for the most part. If Brad liked you, and you were arrested, he would go to jail with you to keep you company and keep you laughing — he was just a great guy. He liked to talk about the time, while in the navy, he ate a thousand year old egg and got exceptionally ill. His buddies got him back on board ship and a medic got him through the worst. His C.O. Never found out what happened as his action could have been a court marshal. Brad and I served on the Houston Gun collectors board of Directors. We also were part of a gun club that shot together weekly. Many a discussion was had over a person's target. Was someone shooting groups or patterns. The last unofficial group that we belonged to was made up of a group of friends that we named "The Over The Hill Bunch". At Brad's urging we even had membership cards made up, NOTE: Carolyn renamed use the "Sewing Circle" and that moniker stuck. Many a story and many a lag was shared by this group. And I cannot imagine a good group like this without Brad. I am a better and happier person for having known Brad.

August 4 at 3:41 PM



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Douglas Plaisted posted:

I knew Brad through our love of guns and history. We had been on the board of the HGCA, and not always in complete agreement on issues. But that did not affect our friendship. Wish that was a skill known in America today. One of my favorite memories of Brad was at one of our monthly meetings. We had a historian from one of the museums in San Antonio come over and talk to us. He started off saying that he was going to give us a quiz to see what we knew. The historian started asking questions and immediately several people started yelling out the answers. Brad was one of these. The historian was looking increasingly frustrated. Finally the historian asked "Can you name a lawman with a connection to El Paso. People started yelling out names again, a lot of names. A name was mentioned and someone objected to it as the man, a famous gunfighter, had indeed been in El Paso and killed someone - but he was not a lawman Agreement was reached as it was pointed out that while not known as a lawman, the gunfighter for a very short time was a lawman in another town. At that time, the frustrated historian gave up trying to stump us, and started his talk. Can't you just see Brad having fun during that quiz time?Douglas Plaisted

August 4 at 7:00 AM



Shari Okin planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Melvin.



August 3 at 2:02 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Stratton family.



August 3 at 2:02 PM



Alvin Epperson posted:

you old Yanger and #3 of the UNHOLY THREE---see yah with ALL THE SAINTS!! epp

August 3 at 10:40 AM



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Priscilla/Bill Hofstetter posted:

Our condolences to the Stratton family. May you find comfort in the fond memories of Brad. He will be missed. - Priscilla & Bill Hofstetter

August 3 at 7:05 AM



Randi Howard August 5 at 3:33 PM

My sincere condolences to Carolyn and family. Prayer is the grand means of drawing near to God. I pray for your comfort. Randi Howard



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Melvin by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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