



Homegoing Celebration for *David Bennett Bradshaw*

Saturday, September 3, 2022 at 11:00 AM

Grace United Methodist Church

4112 W. Slauson Avenue

Los Angeles, California 90043

Pastor Lesa R. Smith, Associate Pastor, Officiant

Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Lead Pastor

Order of Service

Processional	Pastors & Family	Keithly Garret, Musician
Words of Grace		Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin
Song of Praise	"Amazing Grace"	Kathy Bailey
Invocation		Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin
Scriptures		
Old Testament		Amber Gates
New Testament		Eden Patton, MD
Reading of Obituary		Dr. Beverly Dureus, Esq.
Resolutions/Remarks		Please limit to 2 minutes
Grace United Methodist Men		
Musical Selection	"Blessed Assurance"	Kathy Bailey
Eulogy		Pastor Lesa R. Smith
Commendation		
Benediction		
Honor Guard Presentation		
Parting View	"Going Up Yonder"	Kathy Bailey
Recessional		



David Bennett Bradshaw, (affectionately known as (Brad, Bennett, and Ben) was born on April 14, 1929, to the union of Jerimiah and Ethel Gross Bradshaw. He was the sixth of seven children. Brad was born and reared in the small town of Jetmore, Kansas, which was co-founded by his ancestors. Brad graduated from Jetmore High School, where he was a skilled football player. Upon graduating from high school, Brad relocated to Pueblo, CO.

Brad joined the Navy, after being informed by his sister that he had been drafted by the army. Brad was stationed on the USS Suisun. Brad experienced many challenges in the Navy because of his race. A recruitment officer tried to enlist him as a cook, however, he scored high on the entrance exam and rose through the ranks to become a First Mate Electrician, which was unheard

of at that time. Brad served during the Korean war and was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1954.

After leaving the Navy, Brad settled in Los Angeles, CA, where he attended Pacific College. He was employed by Litton Industries and became one of the first African Americans to oversee the Aerospace Department. Brad worked at Litton Industries for over thirty years. During the early stages of his career, he met a small group of African American engineers that became his lifelong friends. One of them introduced him to Susan Henry, whom he married in 1960. Susan was the love of his life. Brad admired her beauty, intellect, and kind spirit. They were married for over fifty-six years.

Brad was a devoted family man. He was proud of his children and grandchildren, especially their educational accomplishments. Brad was also extremely proud of his lineage. He was known as the family historian and had traced his family history back to the early 1800s, before the invention of ancestry.com. Brad organized several family reunions and made a concerted effort to attend every family function. He was often called upon to recite the family history.

Both Brad and Susan loved to entertain. They hosted the annual family Christmas dinners, as well as the Los Angeles Chapter of Dillard University Alumni Association Annual Holiday Gumbo parties. In addition to entertaining, Brad and Susan loved to travel. Every summer, Brad and Susan would tote their children and relatives in the family camper to remote locations throughout North America. Brad continued traveling with his wife after their retirements. After Susan's death, he traveled with his daughters throughout the United States and had returned from a 5-day vacation in Hawaii this past March.

A quite man, Brad was slow to anger. He was extremely practical, hardworking, and frugal. He hated sitting still as he found it boring. He was often spotted driving around South LA to work on one of his apartment buildings. Brad loved to work out and continued to ride his exercise bike daily, up until a month before his death. Brad loved jazz, camping, fishing, and watching Westerns. An ardent sports fans, Brad and Susan were Laker season ticket holders. He recently held season tickets at the new So-Fi Center where he and his daughter Susan Jr. saw the Los Angeles Chargers play football.

Brad was a faithful and devoted member of Grace United Methodist Church for almost sixty years. Brad was a proud member of the Grace United Methodist Men and served as the President in 1977. Brad was a trustee at the church and ran the food pantry program with his dear friends.

David was called by God on July 26, 2022. He was preceded in death by his mother, father and wife, Susan H Bradshaw, brothers Edward Gross Bradshaw (Sertetha), James Richard Bradshaw, Warren Eugene Bradshaw (Venice), Howard Arron Lee (Charlene) and sisters, Lena M Bradshaw Caro (Ralph), and Mary Elizabeth Bradshaw (John).

He is survived by his three daughters (Susan, Janet and Elaine; one son (David); five grandchildren (Sheronda, Amber, Jacob, Eden, Brooklyn); six great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, God-children, friends and neighbors.

Honorary Pallbearers

Butch Caro	Simeon Adderly
Kevin Caro	Bruce Edwards
Warren Bradshaw	Billy Archibald

Active Pallbearers

David T. Bradshaw	James Hale, Jr.
Rolando Juniel	Jacob Patton

Acknowledgement

The family of David Bennett Bradshaw gratefully express their gratitude for the calls, visits, flowers, kind words, prayers, food and other expression of love and support extended to us. We want to thank you for making our burden much easier. Please continue to pray for us. May God's blessing forever shine on you. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to the Men's Group at Grace United Methodist Church. Please make check payable to Grace United Methodist Men. Donations can be sent to:

The David Bradshaw Family
4517 Chasar Place
Los Angeles, CA 90043

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The family of David Bennett Bradshaw invite you to join them for food and celebration immediately following the service at Embassy Suite- LAX North, 9801 Airport Blvd., Los Angeles, California 90045

Interment

Burial services will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. in the Forest Lawn Memorial Park, 6300 Forest Lawn Drive, Los Angeles, California 90068.