



## Bradley Dyer

November 12, 1939 - March 3, 2024

Bradley A. Dyer peacefully passed away on March 3, at his home in Southfield, Michigan, listening to his favorite musician John Coltrane with his loved ones by his side. Brad was preceded in death by his wife Carol Dyer, father Wilmer Dyer, mother Hazel Dyer, and sister Lisa Dyer Kropf. Left behind are his daughter Alexis Dyer of Chelsea, Michigan, brother William Dyer and wife Jill Yager of Asheville, NC, nephews Micah Dyer and Sam Kropf of California, and Brad's partner of decades, Charvette Goss of Royal Oak.

Bradley was a 1957 graduate of Oakwood High School and a Magna Cum Laude graduate from Miami University. He was a graduate teaching assistant at Miami University and the University of Michigan. Brad was an honorably discharged Army veteran E4 serving in Europe. After three years of service, he married and enrolled in the English Literature Doctoral Program at the University of Michigan.

Brad loved people and believed in the rights of workers. He opened his home for Leader Dog training which his wife Carol introduced into the women's prison system. He worked with local governments, unions, and community and civic leaders on issues of employment stability. He spent the next 30 years working for the Michigan AFL-CIO and Michigan Human Resources Development Inc. (HRDI), a job he loved and from which he retired in 2015. He developed the concept of prison reentry programs from his years of

working and teaching in Michigan prisons. This program is a model that is widely used today.

Brad was an avid reader of novels and poetry, reading nearly 100 books a year. Some of his favorite authors included James Lee Burke, John Sanford, Lee Child, and poets Lawrence Ferlinghetti and Gerard Manley Hopkins. He was a wonderful man who was generous, kind, and thoughtful with a great sense of humor and a sense of adventure. Brad never met a stranger and could strike up an engaging conversation with both young people and adults. Anyone lucky enough to be part of his world is forever changed by his presence.

Brad was a lover of jazz music with John Coltrane being one of his favorites. He was a collector of books and jazz records. Brad enjoyed attending jazz concerts throughout the year, especially the yearly Detroit Jazz Festival. He also loved travel and for many years he and his partner would travel to Aruba for fun and relaxation.

Brad was a giving man, donating to several charities every year. Brad's favorite charities include the Jane Goodall Institute, Doctors Without Borders Foundation, and Leader Dogs for the Blind. Brad was a man we loved and admired. He will be missed but his legacy will live on.

In Lieu of Flowers, please donate to the Jane Goodall Foundation, Doctors Without Borders Foundation, and Leaderdogs Foundation.

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## Instructions For

Livestream\*\*\*\*\*

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3. You are now on their Tribute Page.
4. You should see a tab labeled photo & videos (or it may be labeled media, depending on your device). Select that tab.
5. Just before the service starts, you will see an icon labeled Webcast (or it may be labeled external video, depending on your device). Select the icon.
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# Previous Events

## Family Hour

APR **20**. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Livestreamed Funeral Service in memory of Bradley Dyer*



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**Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - April 20, 2024 at 03:03 PM

MG

“ *My condolences to Char, Alexis and all of Brad’s family and friends. Brad was an exceptional person; he was one of a kind. I was lucky enough to have worked with him for most of my career and he taught me everything I know about workforce development and so much more about the world in general. He was a book of knowledge. I owe that man a debt of gratitude and I will forever be grateful for his guidance, wisdom and direction over the years. He will be missed by all. May he Rest in Peace.*

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**Missy Guth-Beach** - April 20, 2024 at 09:24 AM

WD

“ My brother’s final resting soon to come but my love, thoughts and admiration for Brad will never find a resting place. The respect he showed for me, the guidance and advice he willingly offered with patience, care and tenderness will continue to guide and provide solace. Admiring Brad was easy. His gentleness and unmatched intelligence never gave way to arrogance. He was unassuming, never boastful even though reasons to be were apparent to those who knew him well or slightly.

He spoke and listened with the same intensity making his advice come from deliberation and not impulsiveness. I knew he always considered deeply the advice he solemnly offered. For what more could I have ever asked and received.

So for some eighty years, from our first memories on Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina, through our secondary schools years in Ohio, through the years together as college roommates, a time of his high level academic achievements, through his Army years when he understood my loneliness, alone overseas, that even a simple postcard could soften, through our years together at Michigan during my graduate studies and his doctoral studies, when my struggles with work and study would suddenly evaporate over a cup of coffee and an order of his patience and calmness and through the decades to follow.

I could go on but Brad knew, I am sure, what he meant to me then and I know what he means to me now and will for all of the days ahead.

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William V. Dyer - April 19, 2024 at 03:08 PM

MD

“ During my childhood summer visits to the Midwest I could always count on a visit from Uncle Brad, Aunt Carol, and Cousin Alexis. My Dad and I would make guesses on exactly how late Brad would be. A few hours? A day? When he would arrive I could look forward to a pizza, stories upon stories, and lots of laughter. I read many of the same books as Uncle Brad - they found their way from him, to my Dad, and were then sent on to me. I remember thinking he always had a cool car and listened to good music. I hold a lot of love and appreciation for those summer visits. My love and prayers to Brad, Alexis, Char, his friends and the rest of the family.

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Micah Dyer - April 19, 2024 at 11:31 AM

WJ

“ It was my distinct privilege to know and work with Brad for 25 years at MI State AFL-CIO LEAD and HRDI. I learned so much from him that has helped me to survive in the world of workforce development. He was a great mentor and teacher and to this day I consider him to be the smartest man I have ever known. No one could turn a phrase in a grant proposal like Brad and his writing prowess is legendary. He will be missed by all who knew him. My sympathies to Char, Alexis, and family.

Walt Lodes Jr.

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Walt Lodes Jr - April 15, 2024 at 08:50 PM