



Bradley G. DeZurik

April 7, 1947 - December 18, 2012

Bradley George DeZurik, 65, of Gentry, Arkansas, died December 18, 2012, at his home. Born January 7, 1947, in Waukegan, Illinois, he was the son of Roland Francis DeZurik and Marguerite Winter DeZurik. He graduated from Illinois State University with a bachelor's degree in special education. Brad was the Director of the Siloam Springs Adult Development. He served as chairman of the Dogwood Festival and president of the Gentry School Board for many years. He also served on the Housing Authority Board in Siloam Springs.

On September 2, 1967, Brad married Judith Ann Erickson in Grayslake, Illinois.

He was preceded in death by his father Roland DeZurik and one sister, Linda Erickson.

Survivors include his wife Judy of the home; two sons, Erik Roland DeZurik and wife Charity of Gravette, Arkansas, and Jason Charles DeZurik and wife Dorie of Gentry, Arkansas; four grandchildren, Gunter, Madison, Kya and Jade; his mother, Marguerite DeZurik of Fayetteville, Arkansas; one brother, Chad DeZurik of Phoenix, Arizona; and one brother-in-law, Charles Erickson of Oak Island, North Carolina.

Memorial services will be 2:00 p.m, Friday, December 21, 2012, at Wasson Memorial Chapel, Siloam Springs. Memorial contributions may be made to the Siloam Springs Adult Development Center, PO Box 585, Siloam Springs, AR 72761-0585. To sign the online guest book, visit www.wassonfuneralhome.co

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Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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Brad and I were not close friends, but I certainly stayed aware of the great things he did for so many in Siloam Springs. I first new Brad as the big friendly chimney sweep who had moved to town with a quite unusual profession. I soon learned of the wonderful work he did with the Adult Development Center, and knew several families so positively effected by his work there. A close mutual friend, Etta Martin, once described Brad as "a not so good looking a guy, but as the most beautiful individual inside that she ever met" for the work he did with many at ADC. My wife and I admired his soul-felt unique ways in hands-on teaching. The many tributes to Brad and his family were so deserved--Siloam Springs will sorely miss one of it's finest supporters.

Keith and Mary Ann Sutterfield

Keith and Mary Ann Sutterfield - January 11, 2013 at 07:20 PM

SP

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Sandra K Pyke lit a candle in memory of Bradley G. DeZurik



Sandra K Pyke - December 29, 2012 at 08:37 PM

DV

“ I have few words that truly express the deep feeling of loss at Brad's passing. Many knew segments of Brad's life but some were privileged to know the Whole Man.

My heart goes out to Judy, Erik, Jason, Gunter, Madison, Kya, Jade, and his whole family.

While our earthly world dimmed a bit with this loss, Heaven became a brighter place by his presence.

Peace, my brother friend.

Dick Vance - December 22, 2012 at 11:08 AM

GP

“ Judy & Family,

It just doesn't seem real to me that he is gone. I still can picture him coming in to visit us in the Cardiac Rehab department. I enjoyed getting to know him over the last several years. His personality and mannerisms were so unique. He was such a talented man.

I have been praying for you and your family since the day I heard the news of his death. Words cannot adequately express my thoughts and feelings.

*Sincerely,
Grace Parish*

Grace Parish - December 21, 2012 at 11:03 PM

BS

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. So many memories over the years. I first got to know your family while teaching 2nd grade at Gentry, then many contacts through the years. Also, so many memories of our Joe and his time working with Brad at ADC--sometimes that was a challenge!! Am thankful that even during our times of sadness we can also recall the happy memories.

Betty Southerland - December 21, 2012 at 10:40 AM

SS

“ I have so many memories of Brad, Judy, Toni and myself...I still tell stories about us being neighbors in Spring Grove ,Illinois.....He was a good friend and a caring man and we will all miss him. I remember his getting to know my dog and him riding my horse. He and your whole family is in my heart . I love you guys.

Steve Stickels

steve stickels - December 21, 2012 at 07:30 AM

KC

“ I didn't put this off to be special. I put it off because Brad is special. and I want to say it right. I don't really know how to say what the passing of Brad means to me. Our friendship started as a chance meeting. I was doing the morning show on KUOA and Melody had joined the Dogwood Festival Committee . She kept telling me about this guy Brad and what a funny guy he was and the special relationship they had since day one. The next year I volunteered as marketing on the committee and it was at that first meeting that I understood what Melody was talking about. That day, we became friends. Really, it was that fast. Our friendship grew every year. Brad & Judy and Melody and I would take Friday trips to seek out the best seafood places around. What we were really doing is looking for "SHRIMP AS BIG AS SCHOOL BUSESSES." We were supposed to do that again as soon as I felt better. I'm so sad that never happened. When I was diagnosed with kidney cancer a year ago, Brad was one of the first people to call me and cry with me and offer me any help no matter what. He made sure I had his number in my phone. He said if you need me, just call and I'll head your way, no matter what time of day or night. I'm going to tell you now that I'm not taking his number out of my phone.

To Judy and the rest of the family--Although my heart is breaking, i know yours is breaking more. You have my deepest condolences. Brad was a fantastic human being.

I will miss my friend deeply. Rest In Peace, Ergo. Love you.

Kip Casper

Kip Casper - December 20, 2012 at 07:53 PM

TS

“ Judy,

I have such great memories of Brad and the crazy times our families had together. Nothing like inventing a board game for us to play as we drove to Arkansas or convincing me to participate in his first Mud Mania. Your family has always had a special place in my heart. My prayers are with you, Erik and Jason and the rest of your family.

Toni Stickels

Toni Stickels - December 20, 2012 at 01:44 PM

 Suzy Mathews

“ Brad was always there to lift your spirits. Randy and I will never forget Brad's kindness. We will miss him dearly.

Suzy Mathews - December 20, 2012 at 09:11 AM

MC

“ I lost a big piece of my heart up on learning of the passing of my best friend. I was so honored to be one of the few friends that got to know the real Brad. Not just the caring joke loving man but the true man. I got to travel the road with Brad from his first photo of a vacuum to his magnificent current photos. Brad once told me that God took away the bottle and replaced it with a camera and until that day he hadn't really seen what the world was. Today my friend, you now are in God's world and finally at peace. You are missed by so many and will be remembered and cherished by more people than you realized. People you touched in your years of service to Siloam Springs and the residents that knew and loved you. Our friendship went beyond the norm and I can not say how honored I am to have known and loved you and your precious wife. Someday my friend the 4 of us will meet again and go on the search for the best "school bus size shrimp" I will miss all our "pet" names and practical joke plotting but I will never forget.

Melody Casper

Melody Casper - December 20, 2012 at 09:01 AM

ML

“ Judy, I am so sorry to hear of Brad's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your children. He is joining a fine crew in heaven. There will be lots of coffee drank and discussions of gardening and other inportant items. May you find comfort in your memories.

Marilyn (Edgmon) Loyd

Marilyn Edgmon Loyd - December 20, 2012 at 08:54 AM

DA

“ *Brad was an incredible man. He gave our son all the dignity and respect he deserved as a human being. Diego thrived and learned so much from him. We loved and kept every email he sent about our son. Our hearts ache for your loss but his legacy will live on through our son. May God bless you and give you comfort during this time.*

Luis and Debbie Andrade

Debbie Andrade - December 20, 2012 at 06:58 AM

JG

“ *Judy and family,
I am so sorry to hear about Brad. I sure have alot of respect for him and the wonderful things that he has done for so many people. My you find comfort in your memories. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you.*

Janey (Janes) Goldman

Janey Janes Goldman - December 20, 2012 at 06:24 AM

ME

“ Ken and I were so shocked and sad to hear about Brad's passing. He was always such a good friend to us, and he always made us laugh even though we weren't always sure why. He came up with some pretty off the wall stuff. But it was funny!

Brad was such a great director (and the only director) of the Siloam Adult Development Center. He was so dedicated and cared about and helped so many at the center for so many years from the beginning -- with Judy by his side. He did so much for the community all those years also.

Our sorrow and prayers go out to you, Judy, and your family, for your loss, and the loss we all feel.

Ken and Marsha Emanuelson

Marsha Emanuelson - December 19, 2012 at 07:17 PM

MZ

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Mark Zurek - December 19, 2012 at 04:56 PM

GL

He was a good man & helped us in the adult center a lot. He will be deeply missed. He helped us on cans & bolts a lot of times & will be deeply missed. Brad Lucas

George Bradley Lucas - December 19, 2012 at 05:31 PM

TC

this man will be missed by many many people...

tess campbell - December 19, 2012 at 06:28 PM

MC

Mark I remember the first photo your dad took. It was a picture of your moms red vacuum sweeper that he had put an apron on. He had called me and said he was sending me a picture he took. Some other mumbo jumbo about it and he then emailed it to me. He had said he wanted to take a picture of "his beautiful wife" in the apron but she wouldn't stand still so he took the sweeper instead. We recently talked about that picture and what was going on in his life at that time.

Melody Casper - December 20, 2012 at 09:07 AM



“ *I am so sad to hear of Mr. DeZurik's passing.
I always thought of him as a funny, hard working guy.*

I remember when he came up with the idea of the Siloam Springs Women's Football League. He even would write game reviews in the paper. He mentioned my mom having a particularly good game one time, and I had to say, 'Mom- when did this happen? How did I not know about it?'

Even though I was just a kid, I really connected with that feeling of it being ok to innocently exaggerate an entertaining story.

He was inventive (think Mud Mania) and caring (think the Adult Learning Center).

His family was always nothing but kind to me as a youngster and my thoughts and prayers are with them at this difficult time.

God bless you all.

*Noel Bailey
Columbia, SC*

Noel Bailey - December 19, 2012 at 02:30 PM

PE

“ So many things to say about this man, yet I can't think of what to write. He was my friend. He had great faith in me. He really put his heart and soul into the Dogwood Festival, especially these last few years. I will never forget the jokes, the harassment, that "look" of mischief I saw so many times, the beautiful photographs and the laughter. Oh, the laughter. I will miss you, Brad. :) Especially when the dogwood trees are in bloom, I will miss you more. Be at peace, finally. And to you, Judy, and the rest of the family, I mourn your loss with you and celebrate the life we knew and will see again! Patti Eiland

Patti Eiland - December 19, 2012 at 02:23 PM

DS

Aww Mr. Brad. The Dogwood Festival just won't be the same without you. You were in line for the Pioneer Citizen Award. You have certainly earned that honor. But you left us too young and too early, but Heaven will be blessed to have you and your wit. You always had a hug for me. I loved your hugs. God bless your family and thank you for sharing Brad with us all these years. Donetta Samuels

Donetta Samuels - December 20, 2012 at 10:17 AM

WM

Brad was a unique and genuinely intelligent and funny man. He motivated our Dogwood Festival committee and staff by his example of deep thought, brainstorming, and inclusiveness -he was always recruiting new members. It seems, however, that his heart was his biggest asset. Every time I visit with Daniel at First Baptist Church I think of the constant impact on his life that Brad must have had; the families of Daniel and many other clients of the Adult Development Center over his 35 years of service owe him a deep debt of gratitude. So does our community and our Chamber of Commerce. His legacy is a life of service well-lived. May God comfort his family and many friends.

Wayne Mays -December 26, 2012

Wayne Mays - December 26, 2012 at 03:22 PM