



Eli F. Bradley

October 26, 1916 - January 2, 2007

BRADLEY, Elihu Francis

Eli Bradley, 90, loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, and uncle, passed away Tuesday, January 2, 2007 at Yale New Haven Hospital. Eli was predeceased by his beloved wife of 56 years, Eileen Reynolds Bradley, with whom he made his home in West Hartford, CT. After Eileen's death, and at the age of 82, Eli found love again when he married Ethel "Toots" Bradley and made a new home with her in Branford, CT. Eli graduated from Yale University, Class of 1939, with a bachelor's degree of Engineering in Metallurgy. While at Yale, he also pursued what became a life long passion of his, English and Poetry. Eli retired as Chief of Materials Engineering and Research at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft in 1977. During his distinguished career, Eli's work with titanium and other superalloys used in the development of high performance jet engines led to ten patents in the refractory metals field. Eli was elected President of the American Society for Metals in 1978 and was the recipient of ASM's 2002 Gold Medal for a lifetime of technical achievement. Eli read and wrote poetry, and used his fantastic memory to recite poetry at will. He was an avid fan of the Yale Bulldog football and hockey teams, and of the New York Mets. He loved his summer bungalow on Cape Cod in West Falmouth, MA and loved watching his children, and later his grandchildren, play sports including football, soccer, and hockey. Eli leaves his second wife, Ethel "Toots" Bradley of Branford, CT, his daughter Susan

Collins and husband Thomas of Pittsfield, MA, his son Kevin Bradley and wife Nancy of Paxton, MA, his son Rohan Bradley and wife Debbie of West Hartford, CT, his son Quentin Bradley and wife Cindy of Burlington, CT. He leaves ten beloved grandchildren: Jennifer Collins Freshman and husband David; Brendan Collins and wife Jan; Cameron Collins; Curran Bradley; Aidan Bradley; Conor Bradley; Trevor Bradley; Colin Bradley; Ian Bradley; and Kelly Eileen Bradley. He leaves a great granddaughter, Hannah Freshman. Eli also leaves his loving sister Lucille Oestreicher of Hamden, CT and many special nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers Edmund and George, and by his first son Elihu "Chippy" Bradley, who died in 1948, and Toots's daughter Sandra Diehl in 1995. Eli also leaves Toots's devoted family: Judith Marks and husband Nate, Joanne Vinci and husband John, James McPherson and wife Susan, and all of Toots's grandchildren and great grandchildren. Eli's kind and empathetic, unassuming, gentlemanly manner will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing this very special man. Friends may call on Eli's family on Sunday, January 7, 2007 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford, CT. Funeral services will be Monday, January 8, 2007, at 9:15 a.m. from the funeral home with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. in St. Mark the Evangelist Church, 467 South Quaker Lane, West Hartford. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery. Memorial donations in Eli's memory may be made to Eli and Eileen Bradley Memorial Library, Genesis Club Inc., 274 Lincoln St., Worcester, MA 01605. Online messages of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Susan, Kevin, Rohan and Quentin,
I was so very, very sorry to hear of your father's death. Unfortunately I didn't receive word until a few days after his services. I would have preferred to make my condolences in person. Your dad was my godfather and even though we didn't see each other very often, I always felt a very special bond with him and your dear mother. They were both such special people, and I truly enjoyed the times that we spent together.
Please accept my deepest sympathies and I hope that your grief will soon be eased by many fond memories. I am so honored to have called Mr. Bradley, my godfather.##imported-begin##Kathy Walsh Drake##imported-end##

January 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I was privileged to work for ?Brad? for many years at the Old Pratt & Whitney, when going to work was looked forward to for the camaraderie, learning experience, and feelings of accomplishment and contribution to great products. As I look back, much of that was due directly to the technical guidance and encouragement of our leader, Eli Bradley. Brad?s many deserved honors should include his talent for guiding budding metallurgists toward creative application of sound materials engineering practices to attain successful achievements in the advancement of aircraft engines and, I?m sure, a myriad of other products throughout industry. I am saddened by his passing on, but will always happily remember his pleasant, gentlemanly, and knowledgeable approach to life at Pratt & Whitney.

In loving remembrance,

Ray Tribelhorn##imported-begin##Ray Tribelhorn##imported-end##

January 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Toots,
Our heart felt sorry goes out to you and all of Eli's loved ones. Please know that Eli was the personification of a gentlemen's gentleman. We will all miss that twinkle in his eye, his ever present smile and good humor. He was loved by all that knew him.##imported-begin##Marylyn and Dick Augur##imported-end##

January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mrs. Bradley and Family ~ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this very difficult time ~ We are so very sorry to learn of your loss ~ We know Mr. Bradley will be very missed by all who knew him ~ Sincerely Frank and Pam Christiansen and Family We work with Judy and Nate in Princess House and have heard many wonderful things about all of their family especially both of you, Mr. & Mrs. Bradley###imported-begin###Pam & Frank Christiansen and Family###imported-end##

January 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Bradley and Collins family,

We were so sorry to hear about the loss of Eli. He was a wonderful man and we feel honored to have known him. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

With Love,

Marc & Jayne###imported-begin###Marc Bellora Jayne Monteleone###imported-end##

January 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Kevin:

What a wonderful tribute to a very special father. You must be very proud of his long and distinguished life. Our best thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Barbara and Bill Murphy###imported-begin###Barbara and Bill Murphy###imported-end##

January 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *To all the Bradley Family:
Paul and I are very sad at Eli's passing, but we know that he has gone to a better place where he will be with Eileen and Chippy again. Rejoice in his estimable life and remember all the good things.##imported-begin##Ronnie Vacchina##imported-end##*

January 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Here Eli lies whom none but Death could Shake,
And here shall lie till judgement all awake,
When the last trumpet doth unclothe his eyes,
The wittiest poet in the world shall rise."*

Well, it was said about Shakespeare, but Shakespeare never developed high performance titanium. We will miss this Renaissance Man. Rod and Pat Liner, Allison's In-laws from California##imported-begin##Rod Liner##imported-end##

January 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *It is with sadness that we learn of the passing of Brad - Eli to many but Brad to many of his associates at Pratt & Whitney. Brad was a good friend to me and we enjoyed many years of working together. Brad was a very fine man and a person of honesty and character. It was a pleasure to work for him. We enjoyed our annual correspondence after he retired. Although we can not attend the service, please know that he was most highly regarded by Martha and I as well as by his former associates at P&W.
Matt Donachie##imported-begin##Martha & Matt Donachie##imported-end##*

January 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Susan, Kevin, Rohan and Quentin, I was saddened to read about your father's passing. I will always have the sweetest memories of both of your parents from our childhood days. Both were always so friendly and welcoming. I remember traveling with you down to New Haven for a Yale football game and your Dad's enthusiam. Though I remember playing 'football' in your back yard, it wasn't the Yale game that really caught my attention that day but rather the English bulldog. He reminded me our English bulldog, 'Tubbins'. One more memory, out of many I could share with you. One day your father gathered some of the neighborhood kids and had us sit down on your front stoop. He then went on to read a story to us and I was enthralled by it. "The Gift of the Magi" has ever since been a favorite of mine. It was such a treat to have him take the time to share something so special with us. He was a gentleman and I will remember him with great fondness. May time lessen your sadness. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Fondly, Jean Johnson###imported-begin###Jean Johnson###imported-end##

January 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ To Kevin Bradley and the Bradley family -

I offer my sincere condolences on the death of your father. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Warmest regards -

Tom Pier

Board Member, The Genesis Club###imported-begin###Tom Pier###imported-end##

January 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM