



## Paul Bradford Braswell

November 24, 1958 - January 12, 2021

Paul Bradford Braswell passed away on January 12, 2021 at the age of 62. Celebration of Paul's life will be held at 10:00 a.m., January 20, 2021 at the St. Luke's United Methodist Church with burial to follow in the City of Lubbock Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Tuesday evening, January 19, 2021 from 5-7:00 p.m.

He is survived by his wife, Mari-Kathryn Braswell of Lubbock; father, Roy French Braswell of Israel; brothers, Roy Bennett Braswell, II of Crosbyton, TX, Neal Blake Braswell and wife, Stacey of Rowlett, TX Donald Hodges Bowman Braswell and wife, Sandra of Rockwell, TX; nephews, Michael Braswell and wife Ashley and children, Levi and Eden, Blake Braswell and wife Laura and son, Liam, Zachary Braswell, Luke Braswell and Benjamin Braswell; nieces, Rebecca Braswell, Hanna Braswell and Chloe Braswell. He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Paul Gibson Braswell on November 28, 2020.

The family lived in the metroplex, Euless and Mesquite, during Paul's early years. Roy moved the family to Gilmer when Paul was in elementary school but, his father continued his dental practice in Mesquite while the older boys, Roy and Paul, managed the ranch in Gilmer during the week. His father then moved the family to Pampa where Paul graduated high school. After graduation Paul attended Sewanee: The University of the South in Sewanee, TN for two semesters. He pledged and joined the Chi Psi fraternity during his first semester. Later Paul transferred to Texas Tech where he and several other Brothers founded Chi Psi at Tech. Paul is considered the founding father

of Chi Psi on the Texas Tech campus. He has remained very active with the fraternity over the years by attending annual conventions and remaining active with the undergraduate Chi Psi brothers at Tech. He has been the President of the Alumni of Chi Psi for a number of years. Paul is a 1983 graduate of Texas Tech.

After graduation from Tech, Paul started a computer support and software programming business. During his early years he moved to the Metroplex. Over the years he has also been CFO and Accounting manager for several businesses. Along the way, he purchased land in Montague County to start a Texas Longhorn cow/calf operation in 2001. This is about the time he met his wife Mari-Kathryn. Over the next 17 years, he and Mari-Kathryn enjoyed their Longhorn ranch and are life time members of the Texas Longhorn Breeders Association of America where he served on several boards and committees. They spent several years in the cattle show circuit and the first herd sire purchased was EOT Cherrypicker's King 421 just before "King" won the 2006 Millennium Futurity for his class. King is proudly displayed in the living room because Paul loved that bull. The Cactus Ridge Ranch was also featured on the cover of a Danish farming/ranch magazine in August 2009. Paul and his special (longhorn) girl, Belle, were pictured on the cover. Paul and Mari-Kathryn spent three years planning and hosting Longhorn cattle education seminars for Longhorn breeders.

Paul has always been proud of his work with and the success of Children's Charities of Fort Worth. Paul served on the Board of Directors for many years before their recent move to Lubbock.

Paul worked diligently at creating a better world through politics. While living in Montague County, he became the County Chairman for a short while until he resigned his position to campaign for the House of Representatives for District 68 in 2012. Rick Hardcastle had retired and this was the year that the Primary was extended because of the state redistricting arguments. His campaign came to an end at the Primary election. A couple of years later he campaigned for County Commissioner Precinct #1 and was again

unsuccessful. But, in 2016, Paul did prevail in winning the State Republican Executive Committee position for Senate District 30. He served in that position for 2 years. One of his greatest accomplishments was working with friend and ally, Jack Barcroft, they were successful in having electronic voting in the SREC meetings and at the State Convention. He was always diligently working to improve our world and fighting to put common sense back into our government. Paul and Mari-Kathryn were delegates to the Republican State convention in 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016 and 2018. Paul was elected as a delegate to the National Republican Convention twice: 2012 in Tampa, Florida and 2016 in Cleveland, Ohio. This was an honor that he appreciated from his fellow delegates when he was elected to represent CD 13.

Contributions or Honorariums in Paul's name to Chi Psi Educational Trust, 45 Rutledge Street, Nashville, TN 37210 or Our Friends Place, 6500 Greenville Avenue, Suite 620, Dallas, TX 75206.

# Cemetery Details

## City of Lubbock Cemetery

2011 E 31st Street  
Lubbock, TX 79404

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **19**. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Sanders Funeral Home  
1420 Main Street  
Lubbock, TX 79401  
(806) 763-6433  
director@sandersfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.sandersfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

JAN **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

# Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Paul Bradford Braswell



Sanders Funeral Home - January 15, 2021 at 03:02 PM

LA

Such a beautiful tribute to Paul, God bless you MK ❤️❤️

Laurie Armstrong - January 18, 2021 at 02:02 PM

MK

“ Mari-Kathryn - Rhonda and I send our condolences. I first met Paul when we roomed together at the 1982 Chi Psi Convention in Chapel Hill, NC. This was the same week that I met my wife, Rhonda. We will regret not seeing him at future Conventions. Paul always worked hard for the Chi Psi in particular for the Brothers at Texas Tech. He will be missed.

MICHAEL KOSUSKO - January 22, 2021 at 11:16 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul Bradford Braswell.



January 19, 2021 at 10:04 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul Bradford Braswell.*



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January 18, 2021 at 01:44 PM



“ *I met and worked with Paul in Republican Party of Texas operations. I served as the RPT State Convention Parliamentarian in 2012, 2014 & 2016 and as a member of SD 30 was proud to have Paul as our SD 30 Committeeman. We also went to Tampa together for the 2012 Republican National Convention. He knew technology like no one's business and he advanced electronic voting for the RPT. A great man leaves a great loss, but now he is in a greater place. See you again some day, my friend.*  
*Richard D. Hayes, Denton, TX*

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**Richard D. Hayes** - January 18, 2021 at 11:16 AM



“ *Lee Ann Caro purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Paul Bradford Braswell.*



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**Lee Ann Caro** - January 17, 2021 at 11:38 PM

LC

“ Lee Ann Caro lit a candle in memory of Paul Bradford Braswell



Lee Ann Caro - January 17, 2021 at 11:19 PM

CJ

“ I met Paul when he was running for the Texas House and I was Cottle County Chairman. We became good friends. I enjoyed talking about Longhorns with him.

Conrad Masterson Jr. - January 17, 2021 at 08:55 AM

MJ

“ Mary Ann Jones lit a candle in memory of Paul Bradford Braswell



Mary Ann Jones - January 16, 2021 at 10:57 AM

CB

I was so sorry to hear about Paul. He lived his life with such passion.  
Cindy Barrows

Cindy Barrows - January 17, 2021 at 11:37 AM

EC

I met Paul through his lovely wife Mari-Kathryn. My first impression was "He's tall and a Cowboy!" Paul had a gentle soul and was so humble. My prayers for MK and the Braswell Family. May the Lord provide her and the family Peace to know He is doing well and has a Big Texan Smile on his face!

Eric Cordero - January 17, 2021 at 12:01 PM

MR

“ I met Paul my sophomore year at Texas Tech University and we had a nice discussion about family. He expressed his passion about the importance and priority of family and school. We were brothers in the same fraternity for a time and he was equally dedicated to the morality and values that were part of the brotherhood.



Paul was good man and I know he carried his passion for family and brotherhood throughout his life. Rest in peace Paul.

Mark Reinking

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Mark Reinking - January 16, 2021 at 12:19 AM

JR

“ Jack & Sharon Ridinger purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Paul Bradford Braswell.



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Jack & Sharon Ridinger - January 15, 2021 at 04:59 PM



“ 5 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Sanders Funeral Home** - January 15, 2021 at 04:31 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Paul's passing. He was a great guy from a great family.

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**Dexter L McKay** - January 15, 2021 at 02:56 PM



“ 71 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Sanders Funeral Home** - January 15, 2021 at 01:14 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Paul Bradford Braswell.* ”



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January 14, 2021 at 02:02 PM