



*Leonard Whitlow  
Bradley, Sr.*

**June 23, 1934 - Sept. 24, 2025**

Leonard Whitlow Bradley, Sr., 91, of Morganton, NC, passed away Wednesday, September 24, 2025.

He was born in Wise County, VA on June 23, 1934. He was the son of the late Samuel Robert Bradley and Etter Rose Triplett Bradley.

Leonard served his Lord and Savior, dedicating his life as a servant within his church, Praise Assembly of God and the former Church of God on Hwy 181 N. He was Sunday school director at the Church of God for many years.

Leonard was instrumental in developing the Brentwood Water Corporation and served as president for over 40 years. He was a founding member of the Carbon City Volunteer Fire Department and was a former member of the Morganton Optimist Club. Mr. Bradley owned and operated Carbon City Trade Center and Leonard's Trade Center for 61 years. His family was his greatest treasure, and he proudly displayed their pictures above the door for all to see at the Carbon City Trade Center.

Those left to cherish his memory include his children, Ben Bradley (Margaret), Kathy Clark (Audrey), Cynthia Hart (David), Diana Queen (Michael), Tina Still (Bob), John

Clair (Audrey), Cynthia Hart (David), Diana Queen (Michael), Linda Sun (Bob), John Bradley, Robbie Dean Bradley (Brenda), Lisa Cox (Rodney), and Sara Sisk (Rodney); grandchildren, Brandy Martino (Mark), Brad Bradley, Melissa Corpeling (Jeff), Heather Bolick (Jase), Amanda Millian (Bradd), Jason Feimster, Joshua Feimster, Bethany Van Pelt (Byron), Misty Gainey (Brandon), Tyler Jones (Amy), Elijah Jones, Kriston Clifton (Will), Emily Bradley, Kevin Cox (Shelby Longgrear), Ashleigh Cox (Josh Ingle), Autumn Mize (Robert), Taylor Barajas (Nathan), and Branson Sisk; great-grandchildren, Adam Martino, Alexandria Martino, Jaxon Martino, and Sydnee Martino, Airionna Bradley, Dakota Bradley, Charlotte Van Pelt, Henry Van Pelt, Stella Jones Kate, Drexel Jones, Kinsley Reeves, Blakely Reeves, Carson Perry, Ky Dillingham, Ansleigh Mize, Owen Mize, Anna Gainey, Jack Gainey; great-great-grandchildren, Asher Martino and Kora Martino; sister, Doris Bradley Bird; special niece, Becky Worley; and numerous other nieces, nephews, and extended family.

In addition to his parents, Leonard was preceded in death by his wife, Edith Lula Kirby Bradley; grandson, Matthew Bradley; granddaughter, Amber Queen; five brothers; and five sisters.

The family will receive friends from 9 to 10 a.m., Saturday, September 27, 2025 at Praise Assembly of God. The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. in the church with Revs. Kevin Crawford and Boyd Biggerstaff officiating. Burial will follow at Gibbs Chapel Wesleyan Church Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Praise Assembly of God, PO Box 897, Glen Alpine, NC 28628.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

Oh, I am so sorry to hear of Leonard's passing. He was just so much fun to be around. Jack and I enjoyed our time with him in Dallas Texas at the meeting of the National Rural Water Association. I showed Jack and Leonard the doll I had bought at the shop down the street. Leonard wanted one for his wife, so off we went back to the shop! He made our trip unforgettable in so many ways. I wish I had known in time for the funeral. Jack always counted Leonard a special friend in the 'water business'. Brentwood and Triple Community Water lost two 'sweeties'! Love and sympathy to all the family, Guinn Huffman

—Guinn Huffman



Leonard and Mrs. Bradley were our neighbors for many years my husband David and I and our family thought the world of both of them, they were both two of the most wonderful people you could ever meet. They were the best neighbors we could've ever ask for, the both of them will be greatly missed.

—Susan Ingram & Family



Leonard was a great man! Glad I got to know him.

—Hannah Pleasants

My sincere condolences to the family. May the Lord give you peace and comfort in your time of loss. I remember going to Leonards house with my aunt Beulah Chester (his Mom's sister) when I was younger. We also stopped by the store

some. My thoughts and prayers are with y'all as you navigate this difficult journey of loss.

To the family - all the family were special to us my hubby Bob Riddle and Leonard were friends for many yrs .. his uncle and aunt James and Stella were some of best friends Leonard will sure be missed but he lived a blessed life showing his Christian love .,RIP now the life with Christ is the best .. my deepest condolences to All the family ....The Robert Riddle family .

—Bob and Joann Riddle and sons

Charlie Hardin my dad enjoyed Leonard's friendship so very much! Would stop weekly or more to purchase something. Between them probably knew everyone in CALVIN (Carbon City)—either could have run for public office and won by a landslide both looked for the positivity in others. Together once again!!

—Eddie Hardin



—Martha and John B Hamrick



Bradley family, I still remember hanging out at store on carbon city road when Leonard had it. Was always something crazy going on. Such a cool guy. Prayers for all



–Roger Austin Hart

Have known Leonard and his wonderful family for many (60 years) and he was such a sweet man to me and my family.



Loved visiting his store on Carbon City Road when I was little. He always had a smile and a hug for me whenever we saw each other. He will be missed.

–Lori Carter Henry

To the Family I'm so sorry for your loss I Pray the Good Lord wrap his loving arms around you all and comfort you now and for the days to come

–Randy Spake



A friend for many years. RIP

–Sidney Simmons



Sara and family. I'm sorry on the loss of your Dad, Pawpaw and Great Pawpaw. Never had the opportunity to meet him but if your family is testament to the type of family his legacy leaves then it's a fine one. If you need anything, anything at all please reach out to me. I'm right next door and willing to help with whatever you need. My sincere condolences to all of your family. Much Love, Kim R.

–Kim Rikard

Sweet Leonard, we at Praise Assembly loved you so much. You were such a blessing to us! I know you are with Jesus and Edith. See ya soon

—Shelia Mays

My prayers are with you and your family

—Cynthia Autrey



May God wrap his arms around this family and surround them with love and support God Bless

—Debbie Gibson



—Edna Suttles

He was such a good man! The Street family loved him so very much! Yall are in our thoughts and prayers. If you need anything please reach out to us. Love yall

—Misty Carroll



Even though it was only for a few months, I'm so grateful to have had the opportunity to know and spend time with Leonard and his family. In that short time, I got to know what an extraordinary man he was, and how adored he was by his amazing family and others who knew him. I'm going to miss you, Leonard.....like a sore thumb, as you'd jokingly put it. Rest in Peace and may God bless and watch over

your family.

—Ashley