



Bradley S. Dardaganian

November 5, 1966 - May 1, 2021

Bradley S. Dardaganian passed away suddenly on Saturday, May 1, 2021, at the age of 54. Brad was born November 5, 1966, in Dallas, Texas. Brad grew up in Dallas and attended Greenhill School, beginning in third grade, graduating in 1985. He graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in Economics. He subsequently attended Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, earning master's degrees in Divinity and Counseling Psychology. Brad met his beloved wife, Christa (Nance) in the Boston area. They married in Dallas on April 5, 2002, and have two children, Joshua, and Sarah. Brad loved and was so proud of his family.

Brad was multi-talented. He learned to play multiple instruments and loved taking things apart to figure out how they worked. He enjoyed and had jobs in the technology industry and served as pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Bonham, Texas, and Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church in Kettering, Ohio.

Brad was quite interested in his Armenian heritage and began doing genealogical research several years ago. The family believed that all his grandfather's relatives had been killed in the Armenian genocide in 1915. However, Brad was delighted to find some Dardaghanian relatives in Lebanon, whom he was able to meet on a mission trip a few years ago. What a joy it was for Brad to see President Biden recognize the mass killing of Armenians as a genocide, just a few days before his passing.

Brad had an infectious smile and a warm and compassionate heart. He was quick witted and was always up for a road trip, especially if it involved seeing live music. Brad was a loyal fan of the Dallas Cowboys and Texas Rangers, and enjoyed an annual vacation with his wife's family in Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina.

Brad is survived by his beloved wife, Christa (Nance) of 19 years and their two teenage children, Joshua Stewart and Sarah Frances, his mother, Judith Dardaganian of Dallas, sisters Kristin Booth (David), Stefani Dardaganian, half-sister Shannon Latimer, step-sister Anne Barker (Scott), his wife's parents Robert and Sandra Nance and Peggy and Robert Wallace, his wife's sisters, Amy Richardson (Kent), Danielle Nahon (Jordon) and nieces

and nephews, Rachel Oxford, Kailey Winkler (Matt), Theodore Boeke, and Faith Boeke. He is predeceased by his fathers, Stephen Dardaganian and Kenneth Latimer.

A memorial service to celebrate Brad's life will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Bonham, TX on Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 12:30 pm. The service will be streamed using Facebook Live (<https://facebook.com/FPCBonham>).

Comments



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Bradley S. Dardaganian.



May 19 at 09:33 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bradley S. Dardaganian.



May 18 at 06:56 PM



“ Brad was a friend in high school. I recall his gentle humor and generous spirit. It's no surprise that he followed the path of ministry. We didn't stay in touch after graduation, and I have both a real appreciation to read a bit about how his life progressed, and a sense of loss that I missed the opportunity to continue to know and connect with him. I wish his family members the space and grace to grieve their loss and find a path forward.

Scott Elkins - May 11 at 11:39 AM



“ I so enjoyed going out on Friday nights with Brad while we went through seminary together. It was great to unwind at a local pizza shop and talk about what was on our hearts and minds. I'm so saddened with this sudden loss and pray Brad's family experience the comfort, grace and peace of God.

Todd Smith - May 08 at 06:43 PM



“ To Brad's family, I am so sorry and shocked to hear this. I met Brad as small group sponsors for SYW. He will be greatly missed. Prayers for all of you and his church family.

Jo Lynn Logan - May 08 at 05:11 PM



“ I am so sorry to learn of Pastor Brad's passing. He was instrumental to me and to Sugar Creek in several ways, including he and I starting the weekly prayer group at Sugar Creek. I also remember one heartfelt conversation that he and I had regarding why non-human animals suffer, and why do they suffer so harshly at times. While he didn't have "the answer" for me, it was a helpful conversation to me that I shall not forget. My deepest sympathies to Christa, Joshua, and Sarah - you are not alone, as I know that God is holding you in the palm of His hand especially right now and others, like me, are grieving with you.

Barbara S Neyhouse - May 08 at 10:46 AM



“ Brad is my stepbrother, and I first met him when he was just a little guy tagging along with his big sister. I have so many childhood memories of my time with him and Kristin. We shared wild adventures in a fort we built over and over in a tree in our grandmother's backyard. We also played store with her coupons, rummaged through her spare room for ancient treasures, and ate bowls and bowls of her homemade peach cobbler. On other weekends (Kristin and Brad visited us monthly and on many holidays) we hiked in the woods, played touch football after Thanksgiving dinner, watched holiday musicals while splayed out on sleeping bags in front of the TV, and took copious "look how much they've grown" pyramid and stair-step photos with the cousins. He was easy to be around, fun to play with, and could startle you with intelligent witticisms that seemed to come out of nowhere.

Brad and I lost touch as adults but then found each other again last year through my memoir research. He was enthusiastically supportive of my attempts to remember my past, write truthfully about it, and reconcile feelings and relationships, and he shared generously of his own father story, similar in some ways to my own. I was really looking forward to deepening my relationship with this brave, authentic and kind man. My heart is heavy.

Rest in peace, my friend. May we meet again on the other side and share another memory or two.

Anne Barker - May 07 at 12:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bradley S. Dardaganian.



May 05 at 04:02 PM



“ It is with the greatest sense of loss for all who knew him that I offer my sincerest condolences to Brad's wife, family, and friends. I met Brad as an enthusiastic young man of 18 at the University of Texas and had a chance to see him grow in maturity during our time together there. I had not been in touch in far too long. I pray for peace for all who feel the loss of Brad's passing.

Jeff Funkhouser - May 04 at 10:56 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Brad was a wonderful friend and mentor. He gave me a chance in Grace Presbytery and was a friend when I didn't know anyone in Texas. He will most certainly be missed. He was a bright light to me and to so many.

Katy Rigler - May 04 at 07:58 PM



“ Brad was a friend from seminary! Pilgrim Hall brother! He was a gentleman. I remember his Cadillac with the horns of steer on the front end. Prayers of comfort and peace!

Alexander Ruzanic - May 04 at 05:28 PM



“ Brad was a Pilgrim Hall brother during our years at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. My heart is heavy today. My prayers and love go out to the family. Here's a picture I took of Brad in the mid 90s at GCTS. Agape, Billy Francis



Billy Francis - May 04 at 03:57 PM



“ I and Brad's other friends from seminary are stunned to hear of his sudden homegoing; one of the most faithful and compassionate friends I have ever known. Prayers for his lovely family and grieving friends.

Price Grisham - May 04 at 03:00 PM



“ Brad was one of the first friends I made at Gordon-Conwell Seminary. We had great fun, great talks, and I admired his kind and gentle spirit. We stayed in touch especially lately through Facebook, and regularly played online Scrabble. I'll never forget the yellow Bradillac! I have so many good memories... I could go on and on. I will miss him greatly.

Rachel Stahle - May 04 at 12:05 PM