



Bradford John Dickens

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Brad Dickens, 53, of Puyallup passed away April 24, 2005. He was a veteran of the United States Army. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Diane; sister Anne Tipton of Cincinnati, OH; uncle J. Edwin Ireton (Judy) of Dayton, OH; and brother-in-law David Liscow (Tami) of Puyallup, WA. Memorial service will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, May 7, 2005 in the Mountain View Garden Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.



Tribute Wall

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Anonymous posted:

Happy Birthday Sweetheart, It's the 23rd again. You would be 58 today and yes, a year older than me again. But you are forever 53. I still think of you everyday and more on your birthday. I sang Happy Birthday today. I admit it was a little off-key...it's hard to sing while crying. Sorry if it hurt your ears! HA-HA It's also Sunday and I hate Sundays ever since the Sunday you left me 1528 days ago. Yes I count them all. Anyway, remember that I love you and miss you terribly. Someday we will be together again and we can celebrate all our birthdays again. I love you, Diane##imported-begin##Diane Dickens##imported-end##

August 23 at 3:12 AM



Anonymous posted:

Hi Sweetheart, April 24th again. Four years that seem like forty. I had a quiet day today; got the car serviced and went to the store, but it's just motions. Nothing is the same without you in my life. Monday Dan is going to help me in the front yard. He's going to dethatch all the moss I killed and I get to power wash the porch and driveway. Tuesday Bud is coming to spend the day and Wed. I'm going to get in touch with more agencies. finding a job is difficult right now because of the economy but I keep trying and will find something. I spoke with Anne a couple of days ago and she is thinking about you too. We both miss you so much. I'm going to get a bite to eat now and watch some TV. Remember how much I love you and wait for the day we will be together again. Diane##imported-begin##Diane Dickens##imported-end##

April 24 at 4:26 AM



Anonymous posted:

Hi Sweetheart, It's April 24th again. Three years and counting. Time is endless and so is my love for you. I hurt so much. Time makes things a little easier but not much. I have a gaping hole in my heart and soul that nothing will ever fill again. I can remember good things and smile but there isn't a day that goes by that I don't cry at least once - I miss you so much. Today is just a bigger reminder of what I no longer have. September 19th was the BEST day of my life and April 24th will always be the WORST. I am going to allow myself to be sad and miserable today and tomorrow I promise to be better as I begin my 4th year without you. Don't worry about me. Dan and Bud spent yesterday afternoon working on the lawn in the backyard. It's starting to look a lot better. They both have been so good to me and I love them for it. I know you haven't gone...you've just gone ahead. Someday I will be with you again and I cling to that thought when I am in the dumps. I am sitting here now with tears in my eyes but I have a little smile on my face...I promise. I love you more each passing day and forever. Diane##imported-begin##Diane Dickens##imported-end##

April 23 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Hi Honey,Happy Anniversary! Today is our 31st and the third anniversary I have spent alone. 31 years ago right now, our reception was winding down and we were getting ready to head to the airport hotel for the night. Maybe I should have meatloaf for dinner tonight! I'll never forget that so-so dinner but it gave us a chance to unwind from the very busy day we had gone through. Remember how your wedding ring set off the metal detector at the airport? I was upset when they wouldn't let me hold it after you had worn it less than 24 hours. Now I wear it on a chain around my neck so that I always have you with me in a tangible way. You are always with me in spirit but I find comfort in being able to touch your ring when I need you by me.I think I may go for a drive this afternoon. It's a beautiful fall day much like the day in 1976 when we got married. I think getting out and about will give me something to do instead of just sitting here alone. I do that enough already.Chris called this morning just to let me know that she was thinking about me. That's nice but doesn't help much when all I think about is you.Think about me today and remember our special day. I love you more than ever and I always will.Diane##imported-begin##Diane Dickens##imported-end##

September 18 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Happy Birthday Sweetheart!Today is your birthday again. How I miss you! I heard from Anne this morning and she said that your birthday is the hardest for her. I agree, even a little more than our anniversary. It is hard for her to have lost her little brother, even more so so soon after losing Don. Today you would be 56 (older than me again huh). I wish I could give you a birthday hug and kiss. I miss just being able to touch you and be held by you.I'm starting to look for a job and miss having you as my sounding board. I guess I'll just have to trust my judgement alone. Just another reason I miss you so much.Don't worry about me; I am getting along ok. I can't stop thinking about you or missing you and I'm sure that will ease over time but never go away entirely. You will always be the heart of me.I miss you and love you more each day. Remember, someday we will be together again.Love, Diane##imported-begin##Diane##imported-end##

August 22 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Hi Sweetheart, It's the 24th of April again. Time flies so quickly. I can't believe that it's been two years since you passed away. I never thought I could get through 1 year let alone 2, but I keep on going. Dan was over today to replace a rotted fence post. It is setting up in concrete for a couple of days and he will come back on Thursday to re-attach the fence. He has been so good about coming over and helping me with things around the house that I just can't do myself. A few weeks ago he came and cleaned the gutters and now the fence. Don't worry about me, everyone is looking out for me and the house. Two years! I just can't get over that. I miss you more each day and love you forever. All my love sweetheart, Diane

April 23 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Merry Christmas Honey, It's the 2nd Christmas without you and I miss you so much! I spent a quiet day at home. Chris & Dan went to her brother's for dinner and her sister-in-law invited me at the last moment; odd guy out again. It was nice of her to think of me but despite Chris trying to persuade me to go with them, I declined. I just don't want to face a boisterous crowd and don't want to have to smile when I don't feel like smiling. I have only met Chris' family a few times and while they seem like nice people, I am the outsider and I feel your loss more when I am the

December 24 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Happy Anniversary Sweetheart! Today is our 30th anniversary and I miss you more than ever. I looked at our wedding album this morning and remembered our wedding day and the beginning of our life together and thought about other anniversaries we shared. How about our 1st when we anticipated eating the chocolate wedding cake we had saved, only to discover it was spice cake. It was very good but not the chocolate we had waited for. How about our 10th when we had a picnic on the living room floor. Our 20th when you got my anniversary band for me. Our 25th (our 1st anniversary after our move to WA) just 8 days after 9/11 and we went out to eat and the restaurant wasn't very busy and everyone was so subdued. Our 28th (our last together) when we went to Ocean Shores for a long weekend. Now I face the 2nd September 19th without you and this date is one of the hardest. It's the day we chose together to start our married life. You may be gone from me but I still celebrate our life. So Happy 30th my love. Looking through the album, I realize so many people from that day are gone now. There is a picture of us with our grandparents and I am the only one left from that picture. The picture of you and Mom together and you are both gone. The picture of you and me along with Mom, Ray & David and now it's just me and my brothers. I look at my favorite picture of you and me taken under the Chupa after the ceremony and I smile; your smile was so beautiful and peaceful as I hope it is today as you remember also. I am going to Dan & Chris' house for dinner tonight and we will have a quiet evening watching TV and remembering you. I spent 10 days in Cincinnati earlier this month and I saw your sister and uncle. Both are fine and it was good to see them and spend time together; they're my last link to you and I cherish them. I'll close for now but remember how much I love you and miss you and think of you. Remember me today and always as I do you. Happy Anniversary! Diane##imported-begin##Diane Dickens##imported-end##

April 30 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Happy Birthday Sweetheart! Another important date and all I can do is think of you on this day and remember past birthdays. I miss you more on these days which is hard to comprehend since I miss you so much anyway. By this time next week I will be in Cincinnati for a long overdue visit. I'm staying at Valerie's and Anne & I are going up to see Ed & Judy and I'm also going to watch Kate play soccer. I'll visit ICS and eat at the places we missed so much and then I'll come home and find a new job and get going with my life again. I'll have you with me in spirit while I'm in Ohio and think of you all the time while I do things for both of us. Happy Birthday love. I love you always, Diane##imported-begin##Diane##imported-end##

August 22 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Hi Sweetheart, Today is April 24th. It's been one year since you passed away and left this world and me behind. Not a day goes by that I don't think of you constantly and miss you terribly. I look back at my 1st year without you and know that no matter how much I wish for it, you aren't coming back. You did NOT however leave my heart and mind and I promise that as long as I live you will live with me in everything I do. I let you go physically but I keep you with me in my soul. One year is not some "magic" number, but it is the last of my "firsts" to get through and maybe now the seconds might go a little easier, but I don't think that April 24th will ever be an easy day for me. I know that you are hoping that I "get my act together" and I know that it is time. In my mind, I had to get past today so that I can start over without you and live my life as best I can. I think I'm ready to try. I have the landscapers coming at the end of next week and I'm preparing some items to put in the neighborhood garage sale right after that. After that, I am not planning any other "events" that will allow me to delay. I have a couple of agency contacts and I will actively seek a new job and start again. I want a job that will enable me to live a quiet and comfortable life not a job that IS my life. I have learned that stress is all it's cracked up to be and I don't need it. I'm good at what I do and can be a benefit to some company but not at the sake of my health, so I will be careful and picky if need be to insure my sanity. I know what you would have said when I took off from Korsmo and I know that you would tell me to only take a job that I will be happy with not take a job just for the sake of working. I lived with you long enough to KNOW exactly what you would say. Just as I know you would say stop feeling sorry for yourself and go on living. Dan & Chris and Bud have been so wonderful to me over the last year. I told you once that moving here would give you family if something happened to me and vice versa, I just didn't expect it to be so soon. Dan called last night and wants me to go with them this week to the Tulip Festival up north. I guess I'll go along. It's a 2 hour drive just to get there but I would like to see it once anyway. Dan called just to see if I was ok because he knew yesterday was 52 weeks and wanted to check on me. I don't know if anyone will call today but we'll see. Anyway, I will go for now and be back soon (maybe not as often) but soon. I love you forever. Diane##imported-begin##Diane##imported-end##

April 30 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Hi Sweetheart, It's April 19th and so many thoughts are chasing through my mind. Five years ago we were driving across country and we went to Mt. Rushmore on the 19th. In 2002, we were moving into our new house this week. In 2004 this was the last week of your radiation treatments and last year we moved you to the nursing home on the 19th. That is the one thing I will never stop feeling guilty about. I wanted to bring you home so badly and I wish that could have been the way we did it. I don't know if that would have been easier for you mentally or not but I'd like to think you would have been happier here with me even knowing you wouldn't be here that much longer. It's just something I will have to live with I guess but that doesn't make me feel any better. I signed a proposal today to get the front yard sod replaced and also to place crushed rock along the 2 sides of the house the way you always wanted. The price was pretty good because the landscaper is the one David uses at the Apt. complex and he is giving me a really sweet deal. I promise I will take better care of the new lawn. I had a nice time with Dan & Chris on Easter and yesterday Chris' mom went with me to Sams Club and then they had me over for dinner again last night. I really like Chris' mom and she is very nice to me and has "adopted" me as one of her "kids". The weather has been really nice the last couple of days and today I worked out in the yard a little in prep for the crushed rock. Bob and I watched the Reds this morning and they are doing really well early in the season. I try to do what was always normal for us and that makes life predictable but also difficult because I know you would enjoy the baseball and NASCAR and everything else we always enjoyed. I'll close for now but be back in a day or two. I love you so much and miss you more! Diane##imported-begin##Diane##imported-end##

April 18 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Hi Sweetheart,Happy Easter. Another Sunday and another holiday without you. Today is 51 weeks since you left and next week is 1 year. That is so hard to imagine. I never thought I could make it a month let alone a year without you.Bud stopped by for a little while last night and he brought me lilies. Kelsey called from school just a little while ago and we had a nice chat. I'm going to Dan & Chris' house for Easter dinner. Her mom is visiting for a few days so it will be just the 4 of us. Chris' dad passed away 2 weeks ago and she and her mom aren't in the mood for much holiday festivities which suits my mood also.I'm doing a little better with the prescription the doctor gave me. The pain in my knee is tendonitis and will get better with time and care and she confirmed what everyone else has said about my hip and the arthritis. I just have to deal with it. The medicine for my knee is helping my hip also and I haven't needed tylenol for a few days now. Too bad that I can't take the presription long term; it's not good for my stomach to take it for long periods of time. But I take the relief for my hip while I can.I have to go get ready to leave now. I miss you so much and right now is even harder to deal with, but I will get through it; I promised you didn't I? sometimes I don't know how I can go on without you but I hear you tell me to go forward one day at a time and I can get through knowing I'll see you again when it's time.I love you so much.Diane##imported-begin##Diane##imported-end##

April 15 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Hi Honey,Today is David 50th birthday, can you believe it my "baby" brother. I went to see him to wish him a happy birthday.One year ago tonight was your last night here with me at the house. It's the 1st day of the 2 weeks I have been dreading. You went into the hospital for the last time on the 11th, one year ago tomorrow. This year has flown by and dragged by too. I can't believe that I've lived alone for 1 year now. How I hate it and miss you!!!Tomorrow I face another April day; I don't like April very much.I talked with Anne last night and she's doing ok. She is going to have to put one of Don's dogs down this week and it will be hard for her; help her if you can, OK?!I'm going to turn in now, I'll talk to you again later this week. Thursday, I have a drs. appt. to get my hip and knee checked (like I promised you) and then its' time to get off my duff and get back to work. I needed the time off but I'm ready to try and move forward. I know you'll be with me in spirit and help me if you can. Doing everything without you is so hard.Good night loveDiane##imported-begin##Diane##imported-end##

April 9 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Hi Sweetheart, Today is Sunday again. I don't do well on Sundays since you have been gone. I don't sleep well on Saturday nights reliving that last Saturday evening with you and then the 5am call on Sunday morning to tell me you were gone. It seems to be more pronounced right now as it gets closer to April and the 1st anniversary of your death. I gave up trying to sleep this morning a little after 6am and went out for the paper. The sun rises just after 6am now and this morning was sunny and clear and a hint of spring in the air and it was so like the Sunday morning I got the call and that just added to my already messed up day. Maybe it will get a little easier once I get past April 24th. It's not some magic number but I dread having to face it this 1st time. Last week I started forward a little to prove to myself that I could go solo. Monday I took a long drive and went up to Seattle and drove around Lake Washington and Tuesday I went to a matinee by myself. Doesn't sound like much but it's the 1st time I have ever done either and I did it and I CAN DO IT! We did everything together for so long and I never had to do things alone so it's a big deal to me to be able to do such simple things and not fall apart. Next up is fixing up the front yard. David, Dan & Bud are going to help and I promise I'll take better care of the lawn this year. I even bought a spreader on Friday so that I can weed and feed and kill moss and all that lawn stuff. I don't mind doing things around the house, I just don't like WHY I have to do them. I get so mad sometimes, Not at you because I know you didn't leave because you wanted to but I get mad at the fact that our time was cut so short. We should have had many more years together. It's so quiet in the house and I miss you more than even you thought I would. I miss just having you near and hearing your voice. I was starting to worry because I have trouble sometimes remembering what you sounded like but just in the past few days you have started popping up regularly in my dreams and I hear you talking and I do remember! It means a lot to me. Today is a pretty and sunny day around 60 and for the last day of winter not bad. Tomorrow is due to be the same and then surprise -RAIN- the rest of the week. But it's starting to be lighter longer and a little warmer and it helps to lighten my mood a little just being able to get out and do things. Don't worry about me, I will get along as best as I can until I can be with you again. I love you forever. Diane##imported-begin##Diane##imported-end##

April 30 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Hi Sweetheart, Another week has gone by and I spent the afternoon at Dan & Chris' house watching the Seahawks win the NFC championship...yeah you heard right! It could have been the Bengals/Seahawks as Bud has wanted for years but...not this time. The Seahawks - hard to believe! You would have loved the game- the Super Bowl will be a good one I think but I will miss watching it with you. We never missed a Super Bowl in all our years together...I guess ANOTHER first huh. Yesterday Chris & I went to Tacoma Music Players to see Dan in the orchestra. We went out for dinner first and had an ok evening; the show wasn't one of their better efforts however. This week I have to get someone to come out and look at those trees in back. One spilt in two during a recent storm and like we talked about several times, I'm worried that one will fall on the house so it's time to make them "go away". Well, I guess that's it for now. I think I'll turn in and get an early start tomorrow. It's been 39 weeks now and it seems like it was just today and sometimes seems like it's been forever since you were here with me. People keep telling me it "takes time" but I sure don't see it. Good night love, remember I love you! Diane##imported-begin##Diane##imported-end##

January 21 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Hi Sweetheart, Another Sunday has come and gone and I have been without you for 34 weeks. Next Sunday is Christmas and I get so sad when I think about getting through this holiday alone. I can't decide whether to have David & Tami come for dinner or just be by myself. I know that isn't what you would want, but I just can't imagine what that day will bring emotionally and I don't think I want to have anyone around except YOU and I know that isn't going to happen. I miss you so much that sometimes I wonder how I can bear it. I am only "half" now and can't seem to find out how to be whole again. The hole in my life sometimes seems too large to ever heal but I keep trying. I think the holidays are just making it worse. Hopefully after the first of the year things will settle down and maybe I can go back to work and try to start my life again. I miss you so much. I try to do things around the house that you always did and I know I'm more than capable but when I have difficulty I get so frustrated and upset and angry at myself and afraid that I won't ever stand on my own. But I keep trying because I know that is what you want and I try for you. I love you so much and that won't ever go away. You are so deeply imbedded in my heart and soul that I'm surprised people don't see you next to me. I didn't decorate for the holiday except for your rugs. They are hanging all over the house and I am enjoying them because they are you. I'll close now and head off to bed. I love you always. I just realized that it's December 19th. You asked me to marry you 30 years ago today! I still remember that whole evening..."I love you" - "How much?" - "Enough to ask you to marry me!" Remember? I'll always remember!! Night love. Diane##imported-begin##Diane##imported-end##

December 18 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Hi Sweetheart, Today is 30 weeks - 210 days - without you. How I miss you! This week has been somewhat busy. On Tuesday I took all of your Civil War books to a used book dealer in Tacoma; boy would you have gone nuts in that shop! The owner gave me a pretty good price for the books and took all of them. It's nice to know that others will get some enjoyment from the books that you enjoyed so much. Then I went to a jeweler in Bonney Lake and he bought my parents wedding rings (who would I pass them on to) and he bought your Dad's and Grandfather's Masonic bands and your Dad's diamond Masonic ring (again, who do I pass them to). I also took a couple of my old rings and your star sapphire and your garnet ring. The jeweler had me bring your garnet ring back because he said he couldn't give me a fair price versus the value and sentimental value; I'm glad because I really didn't want to part with that ring. I also kept your wedding band and will never part with it (mine either-I still wear mine). Today Dan played with the Tacoma Concert Band and Chris, Bud & I went to the show. Then we went to a new restaurant at South Hill Mall and we had a nice time. This Tuesday is the 31st anniversary of our 1st Date; remember that night? I had such a good time and knew that you were the "one" After that night, we were together every weekend. I remember all of that like it was yesterday. Then Thursday is Thanksgiving - I am going to spend the day with David & Tami at their place - I can't face staying here without you. I think the holidays will be hard but I will get through them; I PROMISE! Just don't expect me to not cry a little. I'm going to turn in now; it's been a full day. I miss you desperately and LOVE YOU always. Rest well my love, Diane###imported-begin##Diane###imported-end##

November 19 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Hi Sweetheart, Today is the 24th again, only this time it marks 6 months since you left. I can't believe how fast and slow the time goes by. I finished cleaning out your dresser and closet today. It was one of the hardest things for me to do, but I thought 6 months is enough, toughen up and get it done. I had worked on the closet a couple of times before but today I started and didn't quit until I had it finished. I had a good cry and then loaded everything in the car and took it all to Goodwill. Last week I gave some new shirts that you hadn't worn to Bud, along with one of your suede jackets. It fit Bud really well and he likes it a lot. I know you would approve. The clothes are the hardest because they are so personal but I had to complete the task hard as it was. I know they are just "things" and don't have any intrinsic value, but they were yours. But then I realized that I'm yours too and as long as I'm still here then you are still here in my heart where you always have been. Tomorrow, I am going with Dan & Chris to a surprise birthday party for Paul. Dave and Betty will be here for a couple of days and it will be nice to see them also. How I miss you at times like these; it's hard getting used to being solo. I will close now honey and say goodnight and remember, I love you. Diane###imported-begin##Diane###imported-end##

October 23 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Hi Honey, Today is the 24th and it is 5 months since you left this world and your illness behind. Even though I miss you terribly, I am thankful that you no longer suffer the way you did the last few weeks of your life. It broke my heart to have to watch you go through everything you did and know that there was nothing I could do to stop it. You rarely complained and braved so much I believe to spare me which was so much like you all the years we were together. You went out of your way to make my life easier and look out for me and when it was my turn, I tried the best I could. How I wish that I could still be taking care of you now. I am working through your things a little at a time and making a little progress, but it only drives home the fact that you are gone. So I do it as I can. It's been a quiet day today; I did laundry and some house cleaning and now I'll have some dinner and watch some TV. So I will close now and tell you again how much I miss you and love you forever. Diane##imported-begin##Diane##imported-end##

September 23 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Happy Anniversary sweetheart! Twenty-nine years ago, you made me the happiest person in the world when you said I Do. I still don't know why you fell in love with me, but I thank God every day that you did. The years we had together can never be taken away from me and although I'm sad today to be without you on our special day, I'll remember all the other anniversaries we had. My only wish would be that you could be here today like all of the previous September 19th's we had together, even last year when you weren't feeling well and we just had a quiet day together. What I wouldn't give for another quiet day with you. I love you as much today as I did when I said I Do. I only hope that you know just how much. I miss you every day, even more today. Think of me today as I think of you and remember that I will love you forever! Diane##imported-begin##Diane##imported-end##

September 18 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Hi Honey, Well, today is almost over and I made it through the first anniversary without you. I spent some time this morning looking through our wedding album and remembering that day like it was just yesterday. We had our whole life ahead of us then and made it through good times and bad times together. You were my rock when I needed you and now I have to stand on my own without you. I don't know how to do that yet but I am working on it. I went for a long drive this afternoon and now I'm just watching some TV before I turn in. Bud just called to say "Happy Anniversary - so that someone said it to me". He's the only one who has called today, but that's OK... I wanted a quiet day. I'm going to say goodnight and Happy Anniversary love. I miss you and love you always. Diane##imported-begin##Diane##imported-end##

September 18 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Hi Sweetheart, Today is 20 weeks since you left. I've done one day at a time for 140 days now and it just goes on and on. I went to the company picnic today and visited with everybody but it's just not the same without you. Tomorrow, I'll get going on your books. Bud has said that he will go with me to a couple of stamp dealers when I take your collections for appraisal. I went to the bank Friday and had your name taken off the accounts. Each thing I do just reinforces that you are gone and it is hard to do but I keep trying to deal with everything because I have no choice. But, as long as I live, you will live in my heart. Rest well my love; we will be together again. I love you. Diane##imported-begin##Diane##imported-end##

September 10 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Hi Honey, It's Friday and I'm just taking it easy today. Wednesday night David took me out for dinner since Tami is out of town. It was the 1st time I'd been to a restaurant in almost 2 years and was kind of strange without you along. David came back to the house and looked around at a few things that need doing, like the lawn and the house needing to be painted. He has so many contacts that he is going to help me get some good prices next spring to spruce everything up. Yesterday, I went to Rainier Oncology for the 1st time since just after you left. Everyone was so glad to see me and I got many hugs. Dr. McCroskey was really surprised to see me and said how much he misses us both. He gave me a big hug and smile and it was almost like it used to be when we went each week. Georgia talked about you and how special you were. When I went back to the chemo room, I half expected to see you sitting in one of the chairs. When I left it was bittersweet, I was happy to have connected again with all those wonderful people there, but I was leaving alone. We spent so much time in the last year going there and I saw you riding your scooter in the parking lot and me putting it in the car and it brought a smile to my face instead of a tear. Maybe there is hope for me yet. It's a beautiful afternoon today and I think I will go out and spray some new weeds. I promise to take better care of the yard next spring, I just can't muster a lot of enthusiasm right now. I'll close now but remember how much I love and miss you! Bye Diane##imported-begin##Diane##imported-end##

August 25 at 6:00 PM



Tribute Wall

Bradford John Dickens

AUG 23, 1951 - APR 24, 2005



Anonymous posted:

Hi Honey,Happy Birthday! Today is hard. I spent some time looking at pictures of you especially the different birthday pictures from over the years. I just wish I could add a picture today. You will be forever 53 in my heart and mind but I wish I could tell you happy 54th! Perhaps I just did.I'm going to Dan & Chris' house for dinner tonight and we will celebrate your birthday and remember you with love. I hope you are celebrating today as well.Know that I love you dearly and Happy Birthday my love.Diane##imported-begin##Diane##imported-end##

August 22 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Hi sweetheart,Another week has gone by and taken you farther from me. It's been 17 weeks now and it isn't getting any easier.Yesterday I rode with Chris when she went to pick Dan up from Camp Leo. Earlier this week, she and I went to a matinee one afternoon, dinner another night and to a party at one of her neighbor's on Friday. No matter how busy I try to be, it doesn't lessen the loneliness I feel. This week is your birthday and I have to face that day for the first time. I need you to help me get through that day.I sold your car which was harder than I expected. I'm going to get started on your books and videos next. I have the time since I am off work for awhile. I'm also going to look into a support group at Good Sam to help me adjust to life without you.I love you more than I can say but you know that already.Bye for nowDiane##imported-begin##Diane##imported-end##

August 20 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Hi Sweetheart,Another holiday weekend which just gives me more time to miss you. I think about you all the time and I miss you terribly. I'm trying to take care of myself because that is what you want. I take one day at a time and start all over again the next day. I've been doing that for 71 days now and there is no end in sight. I wish I could just hear your voice once more calling me "love". I treasure each and every memory of our too short time together and will love you always.Diane##imported-begin##Diane##imported-end##

July 3 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Goof Morning honey, Today is 9 weeks since you were set free from your illness. I miss you more with each passing day. Every day is a challenge just to get through without you. I KNOW you are in a beautiful place now, with no illness and all your family is with you. You now know your grandfather JB and you know my Dad also. I know you are happy and safe but I also know you miss me as much as I miss you. My only consolation is that someday we will be together again and never have to be apart. Until then, know how much I love and MISS you! As it says in your wedding band - "My Love Always" Diane##imported-begin##Diane##imported-end##

June 25 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Hi sweetheart, The service on Saturday went off with only 1 minor hitch which didn't affect anything. It was a nice service and Dan played the trumpet for you which I know you would have enjoyed. Many people commented on your hook rugs especially the Titanic. Bob was there in the new Reds shirt that Anne brought and Ted sat with me. Your senior picture received a number of "Drew Carey" comments as well. We had a cookout at Dan & Chris' house for the family and everyone had a good time but you were sorely missed. Kelsey wants to go to Six Flags in New Jersey and I found myself turning to get you to tell her what Pennsylvanians think about New Jersey...don't worry I filled her in and Anne agreed. I am going back to work tomorrow and start to put my life in it's new order whatever that will be. I figure it will be a work in progress. I miss you every minute and love you always. Diane##imported-begin##Diane Dickens##imported-end##

May 8 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Diane, I'm with you in spirit, today and always. Love, Ray##imported-begin##Ray Liscow##imported-end##

May 6 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you today. God Bless.##imported-begin##Uncle Ed & Judy##imported-end##

May 6 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Diane, Our thoughts and prayers are with you today and everyday. I know you have enough special memories of Brad that will help you get through this very difficult time, until you meet up again. Kim & Jamie##imported-begin##Kim & Jamie Lewis##imported-end##

May 6 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Celebration of life: In this moment we need not mourn; we celebrate the life of Brad Dickens. I was blessed to work with him for just a few years. In that time of long hour, never ending days and weeks we would from time to time share jokes and ventâ€¦ So, on this day I will not mourn but, look back and celebrate for the time we were able to sit and chat. Brad, will be missed by us all and one day we will meet again and we will share jokes and chat then again. God bless! Diane, if there is anything I can do for you, please do not hesitate. Terrance##imported-begin##Terrance##imported-end##

May 5 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

When I think of finding a marriage for myself, I have always looked at your marriage as one of my role models. You and Diane were so connected to each other and right for each other. Both walking toward whatever goal there was to reach. Brad never walking ahead or behind; Diane never walking behind or ahead; but both always walking side by side. There are sayings in old country songs that say, "we cannot distinguish between where one ends and the other begins" and that is how I've always seen your relationship with each other. You both have been there for each other physically, mentally and spiritually and it is hard to realize that one-half of "you" is missing now. But bear in mind that the one who is missing is missing only in person and will forever remain here in this world as long as we keep him alive in our hearts. So that is what the rest of us will do--keep Brad alive in our hearts.##imported-begin##Leslie Franklin##imported-end##

May 3 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Diane, We are sorry about Brad and miss him driving his Cruiser around in our neighborhood. You know where we are if you need anything at all. Love Earl and Gertie.##imported-begin##Earl & Gertie Stallard##imported-end##

May 2 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Diane, My wife and I send our deepest sympathy to you at this time with the loss of your husband. We have thought of you often in the past several weeks and our prayers are with you. If there is anything we can do for you, please do not hesitate to let us know. God bless you!##imported-begin##Will Stocking##imported-end##

May 2 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Diane, I know you will always miss Brad but you have 30 years of memories of a very good marriage to a very nice man. Martin and I both send our love and prayers to you at this time and I will be calling you soon. Love, Beverly##imported-begin##Beverly LeVallee##imported-end##

May 2 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Hi Diane, Kim and I are so sorry to hear that Brad has gone on, and send you our heartfelt condolences. We will keep you in our prayers for peace, and for decisions you now need to make about your own future. I will be in touch personally to discuss things that I might be able to help you with. With our sympathy, Dave Jung##imported-begin##Dave Jung##imported-end##

May 1 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I was very sorry to hear that your husband passed away.##imported-begin##Cheryl##imported-end##

April 30 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Hi honey. Chris & I were looking through photos tonight for your memorial and we found your high school senior picture behind your army picture. We had a good laugh (which is probably why I had never seen it before)! I miss you but know you are happy and no longer sick and that makes it easier for me. I love you! Diane##imported-begin##Diane Dickens##imported-end##

April 30 at 6:00 PM



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