



Gregory W. Braden

December 25, 1950 - April 10, 2020

My daddy , Gregory Braden, was one of the best dads on earth. He was a momma's boy and the only child so I was able to witness from a young age the strong bond between a mother and a son. My grandma loved God and when I mean loved God...she read the Bible and watched church everyday after work and in the morning on Weekends. He didn't go to church with her all the time but he would watch church with her at home because he lived with her. They would sit and talk about church and God together. I, Yakira Braden , am a daddy's girl . I always asked my daddy why he had so many kids (I am the oldest of 5 children). He said because I didn't want you to be alone like I was as a kid. But now I see why he had 5 children ...it was because he never wanted to be alone again. From a baby he treated us like best friends. He took us everywhere he would go even the horse race track.lol. , he would crack jokes with us on a daily basis, he taught us how to play basketball, he expressed his love for us on a daily basis, he would have done anything for us, but more importantly he taught us how to be kind to others and how to love. He was very funny and always the life of the party. People looked forward to his presence because he was loud, funny, and entertaining. He would light up a room. He was 6'2". Not only did he love his kids (he loved our extended family like they were his own kids and our friends like they were his kids).When my grandma passed in 2011, he was devastated but he always told me that she left him with us so that made him happy. He texted and called us all day everyday expressing his love for us , telling us that he was thinking

of us, and just wanted to know how we were doing. He would ask about how our friends were doing and wanted pics of them and their kids also. When I entered his apartment, there was stacks of every Father's Day cards and pics of me and my siblings since we were born until now. He loved his kids with all his heart and we were his lifeline. He is rejoicing in heaven with grandma and he will never leave us because he is our angel and he lives through us.

Yakira Braden

Cemetery Details

Restvale

11700 South Laramie
Alsip, IL 60803

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **20**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Calahan Funeral Home & Cremations
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Service

APR **20**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Calahan Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Gregory W. Braden*



Calahan Funeral Home - April 19, 2020 at 08:49 PM

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Continued prayers for the Braden family ❤️❤️🙏🙏

Carolyn Merrifield - April 20, 2020 at 02:35 PM



*Please accept our deepest sympathies to you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you on this time of grief. As you go through this difficult time, remember that you are loved. Such precious childhood memories of your dad. No one ever replace him. Sis, Yakira I love you and family!
Mr. & Mrs. William Hayes*

Carita Hayes - April 20, 2020 at 02:38 PM

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Great message. Beautiful tributes

Carolyn Merrifield - April 20, 2020 at 02:42 PM

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God bless you all, Braden family. Stay strong

Dennis Bundi - April 20, 2020 at 06:39 PM



My condolences to the entire family. I know how much this family loves each other and I'm so sorry for your loss. God is able and willing to see each of you through if you ask. God Bless💛 your Dad is in a much better place where there is no sickness or pain. Love and help one another. Beautiful service of a life well loved

Elizabeth Johnson - April 22, 2020 at 06:12 PM



“ *Gregory W. Braden*

October 09, 2023 at 04:52 AM