



Bryan A. Bledsoe

May 10, 1958 - March 5, 2021

Dateline Morgantown, WV

Bryan Arnold Bledsoe, age 62 of Morgantown, WV, passed away on March 5 2021, in Morgantown, West Virginia.

Bryan was born in Salem, Indiana on May 10, 1958 to Arnold and Frances (Bundy) Bledsoe. He married Mary Sue Gadlage in August 1978.

Bryan worked for the Bureau of Prisons for 29 years during which time he developed numerous friendships that became family.

He was an active member of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Morgantown WV.

He enjoyed spending time with grandchildren, golfing, kayaking, playing cards, trivia, chocolate, pickleball, traveling, and everything Indiana.

Bryan is survived by his wife Mary Sue of Morgantown, WV, two sons; Travis Bledsoe(Sarah) of Morgantown, WV and Evan Bledsoe (April) of Berlin, NH, and daughter Kacy Casto (Wes) of Morgantown, WV, eight grandchildren; Amaya, Jordan, Elijah, Sydney, Tucker, Owen, Crosby, and Lincoln; two brothers Brad Bledsoe (Kathy) and Barry Bledsoe, sisters-in-law; Linda

Jacobs (Arrol) and Chris Kluemper (John), and brother-in-laws; David Gadlage and Bernard Gadlage (Iris), uncle; Larry Bledsoe (Mary Ann), aunt Dorothy Allen, aunt Paulette Purkhiser (Ray), aunt Phyllis Wilkinson and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, twin sons; Justin and Jordan, grandparents, aunt Peggy Stackhouse, and sister-in-law Kathleen Schnell and brother-in-law, Donnie Schnell.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 12, 2021 at St. Celestine Catholic Church in Celestine, Indiana with burial to follow in St. Celestine Cemetery.

A visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. Mass time on Friday at St. Celestine Catholic Church in Celestine, Indiana. Masks and social distancing will be required for the visitation and Mass.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, St. Celestine Catholic Church, St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Morgantown WV, or charity of your choosing.

Online condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com

Cemetery Details

St. Celestine Cemetery

6864 Indiana 164
Celestine, IN 47521

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Celestine Catholic Church
6864 East State Road 164
Celestine, IN 47521

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Celestine, IN 47521

Tribute Wall



“ *Bryan A. Bledsoe*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Dear Mrs. Bledsoe, your husband hired me almost 20 years ago at FCI Gilmer. He was a very kind person and one I always respected. I am so sorry for your loss. Catherine Corcoran*

Catherine Corcoran - March 22, 2021 at 10:07 AM



“ *In memory ... of a man loved by many, respected by more. A man as genuine as they come. He touched so many lives. Those that knew him, know of his love, strength and wisdom. There are some that wanted to know him and now they grieve too. We grieve the loss of a brother, a husband, a father, a grandfather and a friend. You were an angel on earth and now you fly with the heavenly angels. May we realize that you are really still with us, keeping your loved ones safe and close to you. Your spirit lives on and we will never forget you.*



Kristen - March 13, 2021 at 06:55 PM

TB

“ You will be sorely missed without a doubt. I loved working for you back in the FCI Morgantown days. May all of you be able to find peace. One second at a time. And you never have to let go. My deepest sympathies to all. Unfortunately, I just found out; I would have been at the service. Know he always spoke of his family and adored you all. T. Brunozzi



Tammie Brunozzi - March 12, 2021 at 04:06 PM

KR

“ So sorry to hear of Bryan's passing. Prayers to the family and may the comfort of his memory surround you all.



Kim Rominger - March 12, 2021 at 01:37 PM

SD

“ My Brother, Friend, Mentor and Family. We had great times since our time together in Terre Haute. We shared many thoughts and memories thru the years and it was always a great day to have a conversation and thoughts with you my Brother. My thanks to you for being a wonderful friend and peer. My thoughts and prayers remain for Sue and the kids. She had a wonderful husband and the kids know they had a wonderful father. RIP my Brother, RIP.



Steve Dewalt - March 11, 2021 at 10:45 PM

CS

RIP Bryan. You lived your life well, positively impacting many, many others along the way. Prayers for Sue and the kids. It was a pleasure working with you at LEX and LEE and fortunate to call you friend.

Chuck Stricklabd - March 12, 2021 at 09:40 AM

CB

“ I’m so sorry about Bryan. I’m a psychologist who enjoyed working with him at Terre Haute. All of Bryan’s family have my deepest sympathy. May your memories give you all comfort in the days ahead. Cindy Bigler

Cindy Bigler - March 11, 2021 at 05:35 PM

CZ

“ Condolences to Sue and the Bledsoe family. I was blessed to have met and worked for Warden Bledsoe at USP Marion. He was a man of integrity and honor. He was a leader that got the tough jobs completed. I have numerous great memories with the Boss on the golf course that I will never forget. He was one heck of a competitor and never let you get one by on him. He loved his family and was an active Catholic. Rest In Peace Boss! Thanks for all your support and love my friend!

Chris Zych - March 10, 2021 at 10:50 PM

DH

“ In my two years of working with Bryan, I observed a man and leader like no other. The experience and knowledge he developed at MAR and other hard knock joints, made him perfectly suited for the toughest BOP mission at LB. His wisdom, discipline, character, and genuine care for his staff enabled everyone to grow and believe. My condolences to Sue and his family.

Donald Hudson - March 10, 2021 at 08:45 PM

KF

“ Condolences to Sue and the kids and the rest of the family. May he rest in peace. Love and prayers.
Kim Fleck and family



Kim Fleck - March 10, 2021 at 08:29 PM

AB

I had the opportunity to work with Bryan at Lexington. A great man. I had great respect for Bryan. A professional bar none who took care of his staff. Rest In Peace Bryan. Prayers to Sue, the kids and the grandchildren.

Art Beelet - March 11, 2021 at 05:23 PM

MH

“ *I worked with Bryan for several years at Butner. He was a good employee and a good person. I have an azalea bush that Bryan gave me for Secretary's Day one year. That bush is beside my door and blooms every spring. I think about him as I walk past the bush. You will be missed.*

Marie Hobgood - March 10, 2021 at 05:54 PM

DK

“ *I had the privilege to work with Bryan in Lexington. I will always remember him saying don't sweat the small things. He always had some life nuggets to pass on. When I visited Lewisburg, he made it a point to pull me in his office and asked how I was doing. He genuinely cared. This is a great picture of him. Those are the eyes of someone who truly cares. Rest easy my friend. God bless you and your family.*

Dan Kulick - March 10, 2021 at 10:25 AM

BT

“ *An incredible man with outstanding character and leadership! I will miss you Bryan, thank you!*

Bradley Trate - March 10, 2021 at 10:13 AM

JB

“ *Prayers & Condolences to Family & Friends!*

James Birkle - March 10, 2021 at 07:36 AM

JA

“ *I worked for Warden Bledsoe at USP LEWISBURG during a transition period which was easily accomplished under his leadership. A true leader who actually had the answers. It was a privilege to serve not under him but with him. John E Albright II USP LEWISBURG*

John Albright - March 10, 2021 at 07:36 AM

PC

A great old school Warden. A true leader that believed in his staff. He will be missed dearly.

Pedro A Carrasquillo - March 10, 2021 at 09:05 AM

BT

He will never be forgotten ❤️

Bradley Trate - March 10, 2021 at 10:10 AM

JR

In my personal opinion if Warden Bledsoe wouldn't have been Warden at USP Lewisburg at the beginning of the SMU program it wouldn't have been a success. Through his leadership and ability to make the tough and unpopular decisions he guided the program and staff thru what could have been a disasterous transition.

Jeffrey Rodgers - March 10, 2021 at 12:05 PM

RJ

I served proudly with Warden Bledsoe at FCI Gilmer and USP Lewisburg he was a great leader and a man of his word. He will be missed.

Roger Miller Jr - March 10, 2021 at 02:15 PM

TB

“ *Trinity Benton lit a candle in memory of Bryan A. Bledsoe*



Trinity Benton - March 09, 2021 at 11:16 PM

LA

“ *I remember Bryan as Warden Bledsoe, a well respected leader I had in my government career. I can say that if the government today had more men of grit and integrity like Bryan was to all of us in the BOP, it would be in a much better state than it is today. He will be missed by all who knew him. May he now have peace with our Lord Jesus Christ. The Bledsoe family will be in our prayers.*

LAM - March 09, 2021 at 11:06 PM

JC

“ To a great boss, friend, and all around good guy. You will be missed by many. Thank you for your guidance as my supervisor and even more when you called me in Afghanistan. Your wit and ability to put one at ease has left an indelible loss for all who knew you. I know that for those who knew you will greatly miss you, and your gentle spirit.

My deepest condolences and prayers are extended to his family, and friends.

John Caudle - March 09, 2021 at 07:06 PM

LJ

“ I
My heart is truly broken!💔
Elephant Shoes Bryan!

Linda Jacobs - March 09, 2021 at 06:52 PM

DK

“ When I first met Bryan he was my supervisor. I quickly realized what an extraordinary leader and mentor he was. He positively impacted so many people's lives along with the lives of their families. As special as he was as a leader he was an even better friend to both me and my family. Bryan your memory will be eternal with all of those who knew you and loved you. Dave & Barb Kranzel.

David Kranzel - March 09, 2021 at 06:03 PM

AK

“ My condolences to Sue and her family. I’ve known you guys since we were both in northern Indiana, Me at Grissom AFB and you at Peru. We had a great time then and it continued on for years especially the last five or six on our vacations when we are finally old enough to retire and enjoy life. In my eyes Bryan never changed always the nicest man and person that someone would have the privilege to know. I know it’s been a hard road, but he’s not in pain anymore and at peace. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Ann Kinder - March 09, 2021 at 06:00 PM

KB

“ Enjoyed knowing Bryan. He fit right in with the Gadlage/Brosmer families. Traveled to visit Sue and Bryan at different cities in which they lived. Loved how we walked into Cameron Indoor Stadium at Duke liked we owned the place. Will miss you Bryan.

Kathy Bachman - March 09, 2021 at 05:54 PM



“ All memories of my brother are cherished. I will never forget them. One of my fondest memories though was him marrying Sue. He was blessed to have such a wonderful wife.

Barry Bledsoe - March 09, 2021 at 04:45 PM