



Bradley Dean Washo

July 7, 1954 - January 7, 2022

Brad Washo's journey on this earth ended peacefully at home on January 7, 2022, but his spirit of adventure and love of life will live on in all of us. He always saw the world as his to explore, his to experience, but mostly his to share with those he knew and strangers not yet his friends. Brad loved to travel, to write about his travels, and to discover the history of the lands he passed through. His way of sharing that love of life inspired those around him to break out of their routines and make their own destiny, as he always tried to do.

When he was young, he once wrote that his dream in life was to marry happily, live at the edge of the water, travel the world on two wheels and feel at peace. That is exactly the destiny he created for himself. He is survived by his children, Jaimie and Robert, his grandson Evan, and his wife Angie. He was a man of deep friendships, like Becky from high school and Carlin, his first wife and lifelong friend. Brad was a man at peace in his life, as he would frequently tell anyone who would listen.

He was a law enforcement officer for his entire career. He began his professional life as a firefighter for Reedy Creek, on standby for the possibility of danger...in the Magic Kingdom. From there he traveled across the country alone to Colorado, where he was an officer with the Arvada police department. There he met and married Carlin, added two wonderful children to his life, and earned a master's degree in Public Administration. After a decade, Florida called him back, and he joined the Orange County Sheriff's Department where he moved up through the ranks, retiring as a Sargent. His squad there earned Squad of the Year, and his motivational leadership helped launch careers and is still remembered fondly.

Brad's love of adventure will be one of the strongest memories he leaves in our hearts. Nova Scotia, the Continental Divide, Alaska, Europe, the Florida Keys, Snowshoe Mountain, and the back roads of Lake County. Everywhere he went he drank in the history, loved to try local foods, and relished the feeling of the wind, the smells, and the feel of each unique mile. Although his life was cut short at only 67, he lived a century of travels and shared that love with everyone. Dementia is a terrible disease, and it stole his

present, but it never took his past. He lived on in his own memories and traveled in his mind when his body could no longer ride. In lieu of flowers, please take that adventure that has been put off, hug those you love, and go feel the wind, smell the smells, make the memories that you will carry forever.

Cemetery

Events

Taylor Memorial Cemetery

1301 S. Palm Avenue

Howey in the Hills, FL,

34737

JAN

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Gathering of Family and

Friends

01:00PM -

02:00PM

Steverson - Hamlin & Hilbish Funeral Home

226 E. Burleigh Boulevard, Tavares, FL, US, 32778

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Celebration of Life

02:00PM

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Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Steverson, Hamlin & Hilbish Funerals and Cremations - January 21 at 12:16 PM



“ Very nice. RIP Brad.

Ellen Faye Mays - January 21 at 02:13 PM



“ Brad was my corporal in CID.

You always knew where he stood with you. If it wasn't in front of you it was by your side and he definitely had your back.

Not only was he a good law-enforcement officer he was a good supervisor and even better friend and human being.

R.I.P. my friend.

Roy Gardner - January 21 at 03:47 PM



“ A VERY BEAUTIFUL VIDEO ABOUT BRAD'S LIFE.

stephen mcwhirt - January 21 at 05:10 PM



“ Very nice video! Lots of memories to remember and share Angie. Thoughts and prayers to you..... HUGS!

Pam Nielsen - January 22 at 11:18 AM



“ I worked with Brad, at the Orange County Sheriff Office for many years. He was a great supervisor and leader and adviser. He had knowledge on everything you need to know. He and Angie taught my wife to ride a motorcycle. He will truly be missed
Capt Ken Wilson-OCSO (Retired)

Kenneth Wilson - January 23 at 08:02 PM



“ I knew Brad from OCSO, we used to ride on occasion all over lake county and in Clermont before it became over populated. Brad was a good guy and a good friend. We lost touch after his retirement and when I saw this I was saddened. We had long talks and long rides. I really enjoyed his company. I think we clicked because we rarely talked about work. But we discussed life and everything else! My heart goes out to the family and I will be keeping a thought for you all.

John Leone - January 23 at 06:09 PM



“ I first started working with Brad in Sector 1. He was the corporal on the squad. I can't remember a time when we didn't laugh and enjoy our time together. Later he was my corporal in the Person's Unit. Again we laughed and he was great to work for. Ride on brother and God bless you. Kelly Boaz

Kelly Boaz - January 21 at 04:33 PM



“ Just like Kelly and Jim, I was assigned to the squad in Sector 1 and Brad was the Cpl. This was during the mid and late 1990s. Our roll calls were more like a 3-ring circus than anything you could imagine. All it took was one word, a look or a comment; like a wildfire out of control. Of course, Brad was always in on it. He had a wild sense of humor and his own actions made him the target of a lot of laughter. This was the norm for our squad. It helped everyone to work together seamlessly. Brad was a hands-off kind of supervisor, but if you needed him, he was there. The memories of Brad and the shenanigans we used to pull on one another will forever be remembered. He was a great friend, supervisor and lawman. We got it from here Brad. RIP

Shawn Callaghan - January 23 at 05:42 PM



“ Brad and I were sworn in at the Orange County Sheriff's Office with another guy Tommy Lowe, on 09/23/1985. I would run into Brad several times throughout our careers and I saw him a time or two after we retired. Brad was always an even keeled man and always had a great attitude. He loved life and my condolences and prayers go out to his family.

Jim Hare



Jim Hare - January 21 at 03:55 PM



“ Frank Thomas Delguercio lit a candle in memory of Bradley Dean Washo



Frank Thomas Delguercio - January 21 at 02:17 PM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Bradley Dean Washo.



January 21 at 10:22 AM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Bradley Dean Washo.



January 20 at 05:39 PM



“ My condolences to Angie, Carlin and the kids. I too, like John, worked with Brad and Carlin at Arvada PD. Brad was one of my FTO's when I first started and he did a great job of showing me how to be a good street cop. Always enjoyed working with him and watching on day shift to see how close he could cut it for briefing in the mornings so he wouldn't be there too early. Every now and then he'd get caught by a train and would come in late and everyone would give him a hard time about it. All in fun though. Rest in peace my friend and thanks for all you did for everyone both here in Colorado and in Florida. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Frank Oschmann, Arvada PD 1979-2015.

Frank Oschmann - January 18 at 12:00 PM



“ That is funny. Thank you for sharing :-)

Jaimie - January 20 at 09:40 AM



“ Condolences to Angie, Carlin and the family. I worked with Carlin and Brad at Arvada PD while they were there. I was one of Carlin's FTOs and worked patrol with Brad. He was good people. Orange County was lucky to have him. My wife and I offer our prayers and thoughts for you all. May you Rest In Peace Brad!! John Garavaglia, Arvada PD 1973-2000.

John Garavaglia - January 17 at 10:50 PM



“ Thank you :-)

Jaimie - January 20 at 09:41 AM



“ CARLIN,JAIMIE,ROBERT,
DIANA AND I ARE SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.
WE BOTH SEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY
TO ALL OF YOU,WE LOVE U VERY MUCH.

stephen mcwhirt - January 17 at 05:11 PM



“ Thank you Uncle Steven :-)

Jaimie - January 20 at 09:40 AM