



Bradford Jackson Gilmore

November 20, 1954 - January 27, 2025

Dr. Bradford Jackson Gilmore, of St. Paul, MN, went to be with his Lord and Savior on January 27, 2025, at the age of 70. Born in Columbus, Ohio, on November 20, 1954, Brad was the third of four children. His family lived a short time in Columbus, then moved to Florissant, Missouri, and finally moved to Goshen, Indiana in 1968.

Brad met the love of his life, Carlyn, in 1972 when they were in high school. Their connection was immediate, and within a year, they were engaged. While Carlyn pursued a nursing degree at Hesston College in Kansas, Brad pursued his pre-med education at Goshen College, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology in 1977. They were married after they graduated that year and began a partnership rooted in love and respect. Over the next few years, they had four sons: Jeremy Benjamin Gilmore (b. 1978), Jonathan Levi Gilmore (b. 1980), Josiah Daniel Gilmore (birth/death in 1983), and Jesse Paul Gilmore (b. 1985). Brad cherished his role as a father, instilling in his sons the values of faith, resilience, and unconditional love.

Brad earned his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1981 from Indiana University. They then moved to Minneapolis Minnesota where he finished his education at the University of Minnesota, graduating in 1987 as a Pediatric Infectious Disease Specialist.

His medical career began in the height of the HIV/AIDS pandemic. The majority of his work was with children with congenital and acquired immune deficiencies. He published his research in the Journal of Infectious Diseases, and made meaningful contributions to the lives of his patients.

Faith was the cornerstone of Brad's life. With the teachings of Jesus Christ as his foundation, he was an advocate of peace and justice. He particularly enjoyed the Sermon on the Mount, the Book of James, and Romans 12. As a member of Christ Church in Apple Valley, MN, he generously shared his medical expertise on mission trips, providing care to the sick in Costa Rica. He taught Sunday School at Firehouse Chapel in Minneapolis. In recent years, he continued his faith journey as a devoted member of Third Way Church in St. Paul, MN.

He found joy in spending time with his grandchildren, writing poetry and continuing his education at George Washington University in Public Health. In his final years, he wrote three books: "Wisdom For the Weeping Widow", "Love and Lust-Filled Lullabies", and "Victims, The Virus, and The Ventilator".

Brad was preceded in death by his mother, Jean Gilmore Main; his father, William Hastings Gilmore; his stepfather, Robert V. Main; his son, Josiah Daniel Gilmore; and his father-in-law, Howard Irving Baldwin. Brad is survived by Carlyn Gilmore; their three sons, Jeremy Benjamin Gilmore (Jasmin), Jonathan Levi Heartwood (Leah), and Jesse Paul Gilmore (Kristina); his grandchildren, Kingston, Maverick, Lumen, Adeline, River, and Kaiya; his siblings, Judith Gilmore, Jennifer Albert, and Brent Gilmore (Mary). Brad also leaves behind extended family members, dear friends, and colleagues whose lives he touched deeply.

A celebration of Brad's life will be held at Washburn-McReavy Dawn Valley Funeral Chapel on Friday, February 7th with visitation at 10am and service at

11am. The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the incredible care team at University of Minnesota Hospital & Episcopal Homes for their compassionate support.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Dawn Valley Chapel
9940 Bush Lake Road
Bloomington, MN 55438

Funeral Service

FEB 7. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Dawn Valley Chapel
9940 Bush Lake Road
Bloomington, MN 55438

Graveside Service

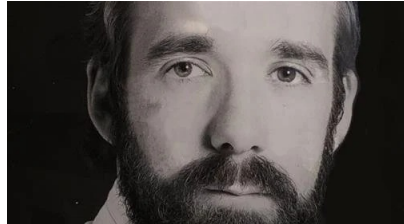
FEB 7. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Dawn Valley Memorial Park (Bloomington)
9940 Bush Lake Road
Bloomington, MN 55438

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Funeral Service for Bradford Jackson Gilmore in memory of Bradford Jackson Gilmore



Washburn-McReavy - February 05, 2025 at 11:05 AM

DC

I was online to hear many of the positive tributes to Brad. Even though I didn't know him personally, he left a touching legacy through how he impacted his family, friends, patients, and the church he loved and supported. I'm sorry for your loss and pray for your peace.

Dawn Chastler - February 07, 2025 at 01:41 PM

JG

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Jeremy Gilmore - February 14, 2025 at 01:37 AM

MH

God bless you and your family Dr Gilmore

MICHAEL HARVEY - October 24, 2025 at 11:17 AM

JG

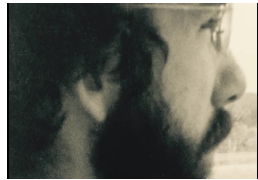
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Jeremy Gilmore - February 09, 2025 at 02:28 AM

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Jeremy Gilmore - February 08, 2025 at 05:29 PM

NF

Amazing man! Love this family 💕💕

Nancy Ford - April 13, 2025 at 03:13 PM

EB

“ I knew Brad from Third Way and was always inspired by his kindness and faith in Christ. I had some heart problems and know how hard they can be-I was always so impressed by his faith. I know he is singing with the saints.

Emily Bowen - February 08, 2025 at 11:27 AM

AL

“ Brad and I used to meet weekly for lunch when I was at the University of Minnesota and see each other Sunday at Christ Church. He was always a blessing to be around, full of wisdom and comedy. Even during difficult times he would think of others. He will be missed. May his memory be eternal.



Andrew LeRoy - February 07, 2025 at 10:50 AM

AS

“ We got to know Brad through Christ Church back in 1985! I always admired the whole Gilmore family and the lifegiving spirit of each of them! When some of our boys graduated from high school and lived in Minneapolis near Riverside they reconnected with Brad. They always called him Bradford:) He showed up to their big Saturday morning (actually all day) brunches and to bible studies. He loved them and listened, taught, cared, gave, prayed, laughed, and was a genuine, intentional, true friend for life. Our family will miss Bradford and his BIG lifegiving spirit! What a great man! Thank you forever Brad! Rest in Peace

Anita Sullivan - February 06, 2025 at 01:30 PM

NF

“ Knowing Brad & Carlyn, birthing & nurturing our newborns at the same time, left special memories. What an intelligent premed student he was, juggling family & work with long days & nights! Our world has lost a super bright star. Many heartfelt hugs for Brad's family & close friends.

Nancy Ford - February 05, 2025 at 07:24 PM

PK

“ I got to know Brad after I married into the Christ Church family. I always enjoyed the warmth of his company. Generous with quick smiles, and a perpetual twinkle in his eye, time spent with him was always a joy. I always appreciated his wit and wisdom, wrapped up in his faith. He is already deeply missed.

Peter Kingsriter - February 05, 2025 at 04:11 PM

JG

“ My brother Brad was born on Nov 20, 1954 which coincidentally was the same day as the Ohio State - Michigan game which was somewhat inconvenient for my mother who was an avid Buckeyes fan. Brad had won the day but by a narrow margin. He was a gentle soul who did not appreciate his older sister making him play catch in the backyard when he was afraid of balls that were thrown at him. He preferred the solitude of swinging on the swing. It was much safer. Brad excelled in academic pursuits and he couldn't absorb enough knowledge. I didn't dare go into his room at home which looked like thousands of papers had been strewn all over the place...but he knew where everything was in that room..amazing. His life was partially spent being an Infectious Disease Pediatrician during the time when AIDS was an unknown disease and he had to try and prevent children from dying. He spent some of this battle serving in missions in other countries..helping others. During this time he married his beloved Carlyn and had four sons: Jeremy, Jonathan, Josiah and Jesse. He loved his family very much but was overcome by many medical issues for the rest of his life. Throughout it all he was devoted to various churches and was a devout believer in Jesus and studied Christianity and other religions when he was able. He was a kind and thoughtful man who had a keen sense of wit and loved laughing at the oddities of life when he was not overcome by his decades of struggle. I loved him and will miss him. He is at peace now and home where he wanted to be- with our Lord. Judy

Judy Gilmore - February 04, 2025 at 10:54 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Bradford Jackson Gilmore.*



February 04, 2025 at 12:57 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bradford Jackson Gilmore.

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Jeremy Gilmore - February 02, 2025 at 09:28 PM