



## Mr. Ray Bradford (Brad) Senkbeil

February 18, 1953 - June 6, 2024

Ray Bradford (Brad) Senkbeil, 71, passed away on June 06, 2024, surrounded by his family. Visitation will be at Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester, GA on Sunday, June 9, 2024 from 5:00-7:00. Funeral services will be at First Baptist Church of Sylvester on June 10, 2024 at 10:00 am with interment to follow in the Hillcrest Cemetery. Pastor Donnie Duncan will officiate.

Brad was born in Sylvester on February 18, 1953, to Newton Spencer and Sarah McCarty Senkbeil. He was the second of four children. He had an active childhood and could often be found playing and swimming across the street of his home at the Sylvester (Jefford's) Park. His mother kept a daycare at their home. His father, a local businessman, built the small shopping plaza next to their home and park. His family instilled in Brad an incredible work ethic and the value of having a positive impact on your community. His older brother Paul, taught him toughness through example! He was a graduate of the Worth County Class of 1971. After High School he worked locally and married Jeannine (Stewart of Sumner), his highschool sweetheart, in 1972 at the Chapel of First Baptist Sylvester. In 1973 he completed and received his Emergency Medical Technician Certificate from the Albany Area Technical School. Brad joined one of the earliest groups of EMTs to work in this area of the state. Later, Brad attended ABAC before he applied and was accepted to the University of Georgia School of Pharmacy, where he graduated with honors in 1978. He began his pharmacy career at a national retail chain drug

store in Albany, GA where he worked for over 15 years before leaving in 1994 to open a pharmacy of his own back in his hometown of Sylvester. By 1995, a "Grand Opening" sign welcomed the community to its newest local pharmacist. In 2006, like his father before him, Brad oversaw the construction of his own retail shopping center, Sundance Plaza, where he moved his pharmacy until his retirement in 2015. By the time he had retired, Brad had accumulated over 35 years of working experience as a pharmacist. Over 20 of those years were spent serving the community of Sylvester. Brad was an active member of First Baptist Church Sylvester. His wife, Jeannine and their four children could be found every Sunday in the wings of the church. He received his Certificate of Ordination as Deacon of First Baptist Church of Sylvester in 1991 and faithfully served many years after. Brad also served as head of the First Baptist Sylvester Brotherhood for many years. Brad spent his final years working the family farm, spending his retirement outdoors much like his childhood. He was an avid learner his entire life. He often would unintentionally be funny to those around him. Although Parkinson's may have kept him from the work and the community he so dearly wanted to serve, he always found purpose in helping his own family in any way he could. His toughness, work ethic, empathy and passion for helping others are all guiding principles he instilled among his children and grandchildren. Brad passed four days before his 52nd wedding anniversary. He was preceded in death by both parents and one son, Benjamin Senkbeil.

He is survived by his wife Jeannine Senkbeil, siblings Paul (Sharon) Senkbeil, Dale Senkbeil and Jeffrey Senkbeil, children Matthew (Holly) Senkbeil, Seth (Amy) Senkbeil, and Kelly (Justin) Cooper and grandchildren Colby Cooper, Bryton Puckett, Castin Cooper, Addison Senkbeil, Bradford Senkbeil, Stratton Senkbeil and Benjamin "Benji" Senkbeil

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Cemetery

701 S. Isabella Street  
Sylvester, GA 31791

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Banks Funeral Home  
PO Box 550  
210 N. Main Street  
Sylvester, GA 31791  
(229) 776-2055  
banksfh@yahoo.com  
<http://banks.funeralplan2.com/>

## Funeral Service

JUN **10**. 10:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
207 N. Isabella St.  
Sylvester, GA 31791

## Burial

JUN 10 (ET)

Hillcrest Cemetery  
701 S. Isabella Street  
Sylvester, GA 31791

# Tribute Wall



“ Brad was a good friend! I remember our days at WCHS! Sad he is gone

Charles Poole - May 07, 2025 at 01:26 PM

MW

“ Brad and I worked for Eckerd Drug Stores in Albany before Firestone’s plant closure occurred & our family moved to Macon. I have fond memories of many conversations with him. He was an excellent pharmacist and a fine, Christian man. So sorry to hear the sad news of his death. Prayers for his precious family....Marcia Warren(retired pharmacist).🙏📖

Marcia Warren - June 14, 2024 at 11:29 PM

EC

“ Seth, Amy, and Addison, my heart felt sympathy and condolences to you at your time of great sorrow. May God grant you peace, comfort and strength in the days ahead.



Evonne Connell - June 13, 2024 at 10:19 AM

CJ

“ Carole Burkhart Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Bradford (Brad) Senkbeil



Carole Burkhart Jones - June 10, 2024 at 05:52 PM

JC

“ *Janie Crowe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Bradford (Brad) Senkbeil*



Janie Crowe - June 10, 2024 at 03:51 PM

FM

“ *Matt we are praying for you and your family. Mr. Brad was our pharmacist for several years always helping with anything we needed. May the Holy Spirit wrap you comfort and peace.*

Freddie & Marsha McCrary - June 10, 2024 at 01:12 PM

JA

“ *Janice lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Bradford (Brad) Senkbeil*



Janice - June 09, 2024 at 09:59 PM

JO

“ *Jeannine and family, Lee and I were so sorry to hear about your devastating loss. Brad was an absolutely amazing man and Christian. He had such a gentle voice and I so enjoyed caring for his mother at the hospital many years ago. Praying you and family may find peace in knowing he is within Heavenly Father. 🙏🙏🙏*

June Odom - June 09, 2024 at 05:53 PM

LB

“ *Laurel Bridges Bradshaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Bradford (Brad) Senkbeil*



Laurel Bridges Bradshaw - June 09, 2024 at 02:46 PM

TS

“ *Tony Strenth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Bradford (Brad) Senkbeil*



Tony Strenth - June 08, 2024 at 11:10 PM

DM

“ *Our condolences to you all, Jeannine, and praying that in the days ahead you will feel God's loving arms around you. Brad was always such a pleasant, thoughtful & caring person; he will certainly be missed here. Hold fast to the special memories - they can help. Dan and Pat*



Dan and Pat Miller - June 08, 2024 at 09:52 PM

GP

“ *Gary Posey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Bradford (Brad) Senkbeil*



Gary Posey - June 08, 2024 at 08:41 PM

CT

“ *Culmer Tanner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Bradford (Brad) Senkbeil*



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**Culmer Tanner** - June 08, 2024 at 11:54 AM

LH

*Jeannine, to you & your family I send my deepest condolences. Brad was always such a gentleman to all. He will be missed greatly. Lisa & Ricky Hardin*

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**Lisa Hardin** - June 08, 2024 at 03:46 PM

VN

“ *Vonnie Newell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Bradford (Brad) Senkbeil*



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**Vonnie Newell** - June 08, 2024 at 11:51 AM

JS

“ *We send our love and prayers to Jeanine and family during this loss. You were blessed with a wonderful husband and Dad. Brad always was such a kind person ready to help you. May God comfort all of you.*

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**judy sutton** - June 08, 2024 at 10:11 AM

DM

“ *Diane McLeod lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Bradford (Brad) Senkbeil*



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**Diane McLeod** - June 08, 2024 at 08:56 AM

CB

“ *Chris Burrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Bradford (Brad) Senkbeil*



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**Chris Burrell** - June 07, 2024 at 09:24 PM

JB

“ *I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Brad. Prayers for you, Jeanine, and your family.*

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**June Culpepper Bledsoe** - June 07, 2024 at 09:11 PM

JB

*(June Culpepper)*

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**June Culpepper Bledsoe** - June 07, 2024 at 09:14 PM

CB

“ *Jeannine, I am so sorry to hear the passing of Brad. He was such a fine man. My condolences go out to you, your children and grandchildren.*



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**Charlie Diane Cone Brown** - June 07, 2024 at 08:11 PM

RD

“ Randy And Nancy Dawson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Bradford (Brad) Senkbeil



Randy and Nancy Dawson - June 07, 2024 at 06:50 PM

DB

“ Praying for peace and comfort at this most difficult time 🙏❤️

Debbie and Greg Bridges



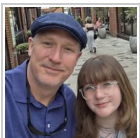
Debbie Bridges - June 07, 2024 at 04:50 PM

SW

“ Sandra Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Bradford (Brad) Senkbeil



Sandra Watson - June 07, 2024 at 04:00 PM



“ Jim McMickin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Bradford (Brad) Senkbeil



Jim McMickin - June 07, 2024 at 03:58 PM

SM

“ Shirley Miller and I send our deepest sympathies to all of Mr. Brad’s family, friends and loved ones. The world is better because of all the years we were graced with this kind soul.



Sharon Miller - June 07, 2024 at 03:32 PM

JM

“ Joyce Medders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Bradford (Brad) Senkbeil



Joyce Medders - June 07, 2024 at 02:23 PM

GS

So sorry to hear this. Prayers for the family

Glenda Shiver - June 07, 2024 at 03:14 PM

JC

“ June Coker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Bradford (Brad) Senkbeil



June Coker - June 07, 2024 at 01:49 PM

LP

“ Remember Brad as a good man. God bless & comfort



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**Lamar Potts** - June 07, 2024 at 01:45 PM

DM

“ Prayers of comfort for family and friends 🙏🙏



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**Deborah Smith Mainor** - June 07, 2024 at 12:57 PM

EC

“ Charlie and I are so very sorry for the loss of Brad. We are praying for Jeanine and the entire family, for strength and comfort during this time.



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**Elizabeth Cowles** - June 07, 2024 at 12:16 PM

AM

“ Bob joins me in sending our heartfelt prayers for Jeanine and their children and grandchildren. Bob graduated from HS with both, so they have been lifelong friends. Also members of our SS class for many years. We'd joke at reunions that we'd sit together at the reunion and again the next morning at SS. I had the pleasure of teaching Ben and Kelly. Love and care to them all.



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**a Ann N. Monk** - June 07, 2024 at 11:47 AM

BG

“ I am so sorry to hear this. Prayers for Jeannine and family.

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**Bobbie Gay** - June 07, 2024 at 11:16 AM

JK

“ So very sad to hear of Brad's passing. He was a true gentleman, soft-spoken, with a smile and kind word for everyone. His professionalism and ethics, as well as his vast knowledge as a pharmacist were such a testament to his chosen career. I know for him, it was his calling. Prayers and love for Jeannine and all the family. Brad was a good man.

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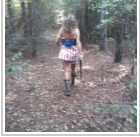
**Jan & Alan Kimbro** - June 07, 2024 at 11:08 AM

CY

“ We are praying for you all during this painful loss.  
With love,  
Clay, Angel, Gavin, & Ansley Young

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**Clay and Angel Young** - June 07, 2024 at 10:23 AM



“ *Kristi Hartsfield - Whittington lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Bradford (Brad) Senkbeil*



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**Kristi Hartsfield - Whittington** - June 07, 2024 at 10:06 AM



“ *CINDY SPENCE lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Bradford (Brad) Senkbeil*



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**CINDY SPENCE** - June 07, 2024 at 09:58 AM



“ *My family and I are saddened by the lost of Brad. Our prayers go out to his family and friends. Doug and Paula Wishum*

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**Paula Wishum** - June 07, 2024 at 09:20 AM



“ *George Carter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Bradford (Brad) Senkbeil*



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**George Carter** - June 07, 2024 at 09:11 AM

DD

“ Dianne Douthit lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Bradford (Brad) Senkbeil



Dianne Douthit - June 07, 2024 at 07:54 AM

EC

“ I am so sad to hear this. Jeannine, Matt, Seth, and Kelly, my prayers are with you. Brad was the sweetest man and such a good person. Now he is at the feet of Jesus and holding hands with Ben. God bless you all! RIP Brad!



Evelyn Fletcher Castleberry - June 07, 2024 at 07:33 AM

DK

“ Prayers for Brad's family 🙏

Donna McCourry King - June 07, 2024 at 07:12 AM

DB

“ Debbie Banks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Bradford (Brad) Senkbeil



Debbie Banks - June 07, 2024 at 07:12 AM

RL

“ *Rita Leggett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Bradford (Brad) Senkbeil*



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**Rita Leggett** - June 07, 2024 at 07:01 AM

VM

“ *VaLenia Milling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Bradford (Brad) Senkbeil*



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**VaLenia Milling** - June 07, 2024 at 06:29 AM

MH

“ *Mack And Mary Houston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Bradford (Brad) Senkbeil*



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**Mack and Mary Houston** - June 07, 2024 at 06:10 AM

GS

“ *Gail Snipes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Bradford (Brad) Senkbeil*



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**Gail Snipes** - June 07, 2024 at 12:15 AM