



## Emory O. Bush

October 20, 1947 - February 27, 2026

Emory O. Bush, age 78, of Bradley passed away Friday, February 27, 2026 at his home. He was born October 20, 1947 in Earl, Arkansas, the son of Opie Cox & Clotee (Bush) Robinson. Emory married Kathie A. Bales on July 28, 1979 at Zion Gates Baptist Church in Kankakee. She preceded him in death on February 2, 2022.

Emory worked for American Spring Wire in Kankakee for nearly 20 years. He was a crossing guard for the Kankakee School District. Emory enjoyed shooting pool, loved doing yard work, and had a gift for detailing cars. Most of all, he loved spending time with his great-grandchildren.

Emory was a member of New Friendship Baptist Church in Kankakee.

Surviving are six children; nine siblings; grandchildren, Steven Rawlings Jr., Haley (Anthony) Brown, Katie (Michael) Rawlings-Stalnecker, Nijah, Shakira, Jermaine, Christopher, and Carlos; and great-grandchildren, Gavin, Noah, Trenton, Aubrey, Laylani, Zoe, Seri, Amir, and Autumn. In addition to his wife, Kathie Bush, Emory is preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Anthony Jordan; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Norma & Ed Rogers; and one son-in-law, Steve Rawlings.

Interment will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at Kankakee Memorial Gardens in Aroma Township.

Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

Arrangements by Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee.



# Cemetery Details

## Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 South 3000 E. Rd.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAR 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MP

“ I worked with Emory at ASW for 17 years and he was one of the hardest working men I have ever worked around. I would see him every so often around and he was always very positive. RIP my friend.

*Mel Pace*

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**Milburn Pace** - March 10 at 05:26 PM

GH

“ Gary & Kathy Hunger lit a candle in memory of Emory O. Bush



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**Gary & Kathy Hunger** - March 03 at 07:40 PM

MM

“ Minster Mary Morgan lit a candle in memory of Emory O. Bush



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**Minster Mary Morgan** - March 02 at 01:21 PM

MS

“ What a wonderful friend and neighbor for many years.



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**Mr and Mrs Marvin Schrum** - March 01 at 08:00 PM

MM

“ MR MRS sent a virtual gift in memory of Emory O. Bush



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**MR MRS** - February 28 at 12:24 PM

RT

“ Big E was the first person I worked with at ASW,he taught me a lot.He was one of my best friends who always looked out for me.He will be missed,he was a great guy.Till we meet again my friend.😭

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**Ron Talamantes** - February 28 at 06:36 AM

RH

“ Work many years with Emery. He was a great guy . May he rest in peace

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**russell haenig** - February 27 at 07:54 PM