



## Dr. Bradford J. Bomba Sr.

December 15, 1935 - May 8, 2025

Dr. Bradford J. Bomba, age 89 of Bloomington, Indiana passed away peacefully and surrounded by love on May 8, 2025 at Hospice House.

Brad was born on December 15, 1935 in Chicago, Illinois to Joseph and Christine Bomba. He was their pride and joy as their only child. Brad was a standout athlete and graduate of Mt. Carmel High School, an all-boys Catholic high school on Chicago's eastside. He met the love of his life, Rita Bomba, during their parochial school days while he was playing football, and she was a cheerleader at Loretto Academy several blocks away. They maintained a long-distance relationship throughout college while Rita attended Michigan State University and Brad came to Bloomington to play football at Indiana University. They were married on July 2, 1960 and were happily married for 56 years until Rita passed away in June 2016. [1]  
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At Indiana University, Brad was one of the first great tight ends in the history of Indiana football. Bomba was the first IU Football player to earn Academic All-America honors and holds the unique distinction as being the only football player in IU history to earn both All-America and Academic All-America honors during his senior season. He received the Balfour Award for bringing honor to IU in the sport of football. He was invited to compete in several post-season games after finishing his time as a Hoosier – Bomba played in the Senior Bowl, the East-West Shrine Game and the College All-Star Game. Football

was not his only focus as an undergraduate at Indiana – he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, Board of Aeons, Student Athletic Board Director and a rider for his residence hall in the Little 500.

Bomba was drafted by the Washington Redskins as the 177th pick in the 15th round of the 1957 NFL draft. After playing in four pre-season games, he left the team to attend the Indiana University School of Medicine.

Following graduation and his residency, he returned to Bloomington to begin his life's work of providing skilled and compassionate medical care for others. He established his private practice in Bloomington as a general practitioner caring for patients of all ages. Always one to serve where needed, Brad also delivered babies early in his career due to a shortage of obstetricians in the area.

Brad proudly served his alma mater in countless ways. He was the Indiana University athletic physician for all varsity sports from 1963 to 1969 including the 1967 Rose Bowl team. He then served as the men's basketball team physician for two decades including three national championship teams in 1976, 1981 and 1987 for his close friend, Coach Bob Knight. Brad also served as the team physician for the 1984 U.S. Olympic Men's Basketball team. Upon retiring from his practice, he continued to serve the Bloomington community as a volunteer physician at a community clinic.

Brad was inducted into the IU Athletics Hall of Fame, Indiana Football Hall of Fame, Monroe County Sports Hall of Fame and Mt. Carmel High School Hall of Fame. He gratefully received honors and awards for his service and dedication to others but nothing made him prouder than his children and grandchildren. [SEPISEP] Brad will be deeply missed by his children - Brad Jr. (Angee), Elizabeth, Joseph (Jennifer), Chris (Wendy), Matt (Kelly), Eric (Angie). His twelve grandchildren - Trey, Tori, Tyce, Madeline, Joey, Lindsey,

Cydney, Christopher, James, Mason, Harrison and Aidan will dearly miss all of the love showered upon them by their Grandpa. [L L L L] [SEP:SEP] He was preceded in death by his best friend and lovely wife Rita; their infant daughter, Angela; his parents, Joseph and Christine Bomba; his parents-in-law, Peter and Angela Walther and his sister-in-law, Patricia Mason and brother-in-law, James Mason. [L L] [SEP]

His family would like to sincerely thank the amazing caregivers who supported, loved and cared for him over the past few years.

[L L L L] [SEP:SEP] A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 2222 East Third Street, Bloomington, Indiana. Visitation will be on Tuesday May 13, 2025 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington, Indiana.

[L L L L] [SEP:SEP] In lieu of flowers, if you would like to honor Brad's loving kindness, please do so by making a charitable donation to either the Monroe County Youth Football Association, P.O. Box 2222, Bloomington, IN 47402, <https://register.ryzer.com/camp.cfm?id=297357> or the Boys and Girls Club of Bloomington, P.O. Box 1716, Bloomington, IN 47402. <https://bgcbloomington.org/donate/>

Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 13. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 14. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St Charles Borromeo Church  
2222 E 3rd St  
Bloomington, IN 47401-5385  
(812) 336-6846

# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Bradford J. Bomba Sr..

May 20, 2025 at 09:09 AM



“ Most sincere condolences to your family. He was a joy in my life as well. He will be missed.

**Kellie Dunkin-Lane** - May 15, 2025 at 11:07 PM



“ The Bomba Family has been our 2nd family since we came to town (over 50yrs). Brad & Rita...we will love & remember The Bomba's forever! Love,prayers & blessings for all. Rest in peace dear Brad! Nancy, Tim & Patrick Knight

**Nancy Knight** - May 14, 2025 at 11:23 AM



“ Nancy L. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Bradford J. Bomba Sr..

**Nancy L.** - May 14, 2025 at 10:57 AM

JD

“ Our deepest condolences to his family. Brad was our family doctor for many years and always had a big smile and a great sense of humor. What a life he had!! But for all his accomplishments, I'm sure he would say that his greatest legacy was his family. He will be missed.

*Jeff and Kathy Delaplane*

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**Jeff Delaplane** - May 14, 2025 at 09:29 AM

PW

“ We are holding all of you in the Bomba Family tight in our hearts and prayers. Brad was such a dynamic and caring person! We were blessed to know Brad and so many of your family members. With deep respect and love, Gary & Pat Wilson

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**Patricia Wilson** - May 14, 2025 at 08:50 AM

FM

“ From Michelle and Brooklyn McHenry purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Bradford J. Bomba Sr..



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**From Michelle and Brooklyn McHenry** - May 14, 2025 at 07:54 AM

NM

“ Dr Brad was our family doctor for many years. He was a great physician and friend and had a very wonderful life. Now he can rest in peace and rejoice with those loved ones that have gone before him. Thoughts and prayers to all his family.

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**Nick McCammon** - May 13, 2025 at 09:28 PM

TF

“ The John McClary Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Bradford J. Bomba Sr..



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**The John McClary Family** - May 13, 2025 at 05:32 PM

RT

“ Randy Tobias planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Bradford J. Bomba Sr..

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**Randy Tobias** - May 13, 2025 at 03:06 PM

RT

“ Randy Tobias purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Bradford J. Bomba Sr..



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**Randy Tobias** - May 13, 2025 at 03:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Bradford J. Bomba Sr..

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May 13, 2025 at 02:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Bradford J. Bomba Sr..*



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May 13, 2025 at 02:13 PM



“ *Just one hell of a football player, doctor and friend. I will miss his big grin and smile. Larry Isom.*

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**larry isom** - May 13, 2025 at 01:46 PM



“ *Dr.B was our family physician. I was 9 years old when I met him the first time. There will always be a place in my heart for him. He was so kind and compassionate. He and Rita welcomed my mom and I to their home...my mom had Alzheimer's and wanted to visit him. What a wonderful man he was.*

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**Holtsclaw Leslie** - May 13, 2025 at 09:19 AM

WT

“ Our hearts are heavy after hearing of Brad's passing. We are praying for his children and grandchildren to find comfort from the outpouring of everyone's wonderful comments and support. Brad loved his Auntie Birdie and Uncle Ray and showed it. He was never afraid to kiss them and his two cousins when we followed his career as he played football in High School and College--going from game to game. When he married his beautiful wife Rita, my sister and I had the honor of being bridesmaids at their wedding. Years later when I married, Joey was in our wedding party. Brad was always like a big brother to me. I loved him dearly. Brad was always a gentle man and a person who loved the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I'm sure that they, along with Rita and Angela, had a beautiful welcoming committee for when Brad reached Heaven. With very much Love, Warren, Melinda (Smith) Taylor, our five children and their families, wish Brad Bomba's family peace.

Warren and Melinda Taylor - May 13, 2025 at 12:53 AM

BC

“ Bobby, Billy, Brian and Barbara Carlson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Bradford J. Bomba Sr..

Bobby, Billy, Brian and Barbara Carlson - May 12, 2025 at 08:56 PM

BC

“ Bobby, Billy, Brian and Barbara Carlson purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Dr. Bradford J. Bomba Sr..



Bobby, Billy, Brian and Barbara Carlson - May 12, 2025 at 08:56 PM

JE

“ *Dr.Bomba - both my football team doctor/ family doctor while at IU - delivering both our children — with great respect - Jon Eickstead*

Jon Eickstead - May 12, 2025 at 07:06 PM

JM

“ *John & Joann Miller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Bradford J. Bomba Sr..*

John & Joann Miller - May 12, 2025 at 03:39 PM

JM

“ *John & Joann Miller purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Bradford J. Bomba Sr..*



John & Joann Miller - May 12, 2025 at 03:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Bradford J. Bomba Sr..*



May 12, 2025 at 02:57 PM

SS

“ Steve and Amy Skoronski purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Dr. Bradford J. Bomba Sr..



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**Steve and Amy Skoronski** - May 12, 2025 at 12:19 PM

LM

“ Love, Dave/Christy and Jim/Jess Mason purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Dr. Bradford J. Bomba Sr..



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**Love, Dave/Christy and Jim/Jess Mason** - May 12, 2025 at 10:48 AM

GC

“ Dr Bomba delivered one of my babies and was our family Dr until his retirement. I had great respect for him and trusted him to give my family the care we needed. I will always remember him.

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**Glenda Chestnut** - May 12, 2025 at 10:43 AM

TO

“ The Olavarrietas purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dr. Bradford J. Bomba Sr..



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**The Olavarrietas** - May 11, 2025 at 06:54 PM

TO

“ *The Olavarrietas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Bradford J. Bomba Sr..*

**The Olavarrietas** - May 11, 2025 at 06:54 PM

DJ

“ *Dr. Gary Druckemiller & Mary Jane purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Dr. Bradford J. Bomba Sr..*



**Dr. Gary Druckemiller & Mary Jane** - May 11, 2025 at 04:27 PM

TF

“ *The Scott Schurz Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Bradford J. Bomba Sr..*

**The Scott Schurz Family** - May 11, 2025 at 01:43 PM

TF

“ *The Scott Schurz Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Dr. Bradford J. Bomba Sr..*



**The Scott Schurz Family** - May 11, 2025 at 01:43 PM

AM

“ I send my condolences at this time. When I came to Bloomington in 1968 I was lucky to find that Dr. Bomba was taking patients and he was our family doctor for many years. I am really grateful to the fine and kindly care that he gave a new family to town.

Antonia Matthew - May 11, 2025 at 11:14 AM

BS

“ Dr. Bomba and his family were a part of the fabric of my life. I am grateful to have known him. He was a great person. Peace to all of the Bomba family.

Barry Smith - May 10, 2025 at 09:21 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Bradford J. Bomba Sr..



May 10, 2025 at 06:53 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Dr. Bradford J. Bomba Sr..



May 10, 2025 at 05:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Bradford J. Bomba Sr..

May 10, 2025 at 05:58 PM



“ Love, Pam, Jordan & Drew purchased the Comfort & Care Gourmet Crate for the family of Dr. Bradford J. Bomba Sr..



Love, Pam, Jordan & Drew - May 10, 2025 at 05:03 PM



“ From The Mallory Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Bradford J. Bomba Sr..

From The Mallory Family - May 10, 2025 at 03:18 PM



“ From The Mallory Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Dr. Bradford J. Bomba Sr..



From The Mallory Family - May 10, 2025 at 03:18 PM

BC

“ *Dr Brad was my other dad. He is one of the men who with my dad and others raised me(I'm a pale reflection of those guys). He most definitely had a hand in the good things in my life, not the least is my other brothers and sister. God bless you see you again some day.*

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**Billy Carlson** - May 10, 2025 at 02:58 PM

JD

“ *Best physician ever and a great friend to many. Dr. Bomba was a loyal servant and an honorable man. He was well loved by all and will be genuinely missed. Julie Davis*

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**Julie Davis** - May 10, 2025 at 02:46 PM