



## **Brady John McGuire**

**May 29, 1945 - September 12, 2024**

Brady McGuire passed away on September 12, 2024 in Denison, TX at the age of 79. He was born May 29, 1945, in Sankertown, PA. Brady was the son of the late Earl Edward and Marie Antoinette (Lynch) McGuire. He was preceded in death by his wife, Beverly Jane (Tucker) McGuire, by brothers, John Terry of York, PA and Lynn James of Dover, PA and sister, Brenda Marie M. Wallace, Beaver Falls, PA.

Brady is survived by brothers Eric Charles and wife, Marcia, York, PA; Curtis William and wife, Maxine, Ormond Beach, FL; Kelsey Paul and wife, Debbie, Red Lion, PA; as well as Sisters Mary Joe Vukmanic and husband, Frank, Red Lion, PA; Gaile Ann Eckenrode and husband, Brady, Portage, PA; and Janice Louise McGuire of Timonium, MD. Brady is also survived by brothers-in-law Jonathan Wallace, Beaver Falls, PA; Hugh Tucker, Monroe, LA; and 21 nieces and nephews and numerous great and great, great nieces and nephews.

Brady was an avid rail fan and model railroader. His love of railroads (and the Pennsylvania Railroad in particular) started in his childhood while his family lived in Cresson, PA, a town on the western slope of the Alleghany mountains. Cresson was a busy railroad and mining town on the PRR mainline, with multiple railroad branch lines serving many local coal mines. Upon graduating from high school, Brady achieved his degree in mechanical engineering from Penn State. He then worked as a Process Engineer at Procter & Gamble for 27 years, helping develop the novel production process for Pringles potato chips. Towards the end of his P&G career, Brady transferred from Cincinnati, OH to Sherman, TX to work at the Folgers coffee plant there. He next worked for Kwikset, retiring in 2000 to spend time with Jane and his hobby of model

railroading, including traveling to various train meets and conventions, where he became very well known for his modeling skills and generous spirit.

Brady was the dispatcher of the "Laurel Valley Secondary", a large O-scale model railroad layout. This layout, which represented an actual region of the PRR Railroad, was located in an outbuilding in his backyard, he called the "Depot". For many years, Brady hosted regular operating sessions there with fellow model railroaders. Brady was active in several railroad-related organizations including the Pennsylvania Railroad Technical & Historical Society (PRRTHS), the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA), the Dallas Fort Worth O-Scalers and the Southwest O Scale Group. He authored numerous articles about the hobby for several publications, including "O Scale News" and "O Scale Resource" magazines.

During their years in Cincinnati, Brady and Jane were very active in the Cincinnati Chapter of the NMRA. After moving to TX, they continued to be fixtures at the Cincinnati Chapter annual train shows. Brady would also return to Cresson, PA each year following the PRRTHS Convention, where he along with other fellow enthusiasts would stay at the popular Station Inn and enjoy watching over 80 trains a day roll by while sitting on the covered porch.

Brady was cheerful and friendly to all, quick to encourage, slow to anger (mostly) and first with a kind word. He enjoyed good company, a good story, and a hearty laugh. His positive attitude in the face of his health issues provided comfort and optimism to those who knew and cared for him. Those that knew Brady would often tell him that the smartest thing he ever did was to marry Jane, and he was the first to agree. We are all comforted knowing they are together again, and that the track is clear and all signals are green.

Funeral arrangements provided by Waldo Funeral Home, 619 N. Travis St., Sherman, TX 75090.

### **Testimonies**

**Larry DeYoung** from Devon, PA, wrote on Sep. 18, 2024 – I will miss my model railroading buddy who I have known since about 1975 when we both lived in Cincinnati. A great guy and a special friend, and Jane sold our house in Cincinnati for us, too!

**Curt LaRue** from West Chester, OH, wrote on Sep. 16, 2024 – All of us in Cincinnati will miss Brady as will all his longtime friends across the country. Besides being a great friend, Brady started me off on the right foot in a great hobby. Brady gave me the gift of starting off with prototype modeling and passed it on to others. Brady was a pioneer in building prototypical models of freight cars when there were no accurate models available in kit form. He cut inaccurate models apart to get the right length, roof, doors, ends, and other details correct. Today the model railroad industry has followed his lead by producing accurate scale models. I am glad to have known Brady for 40 years.

**John Shields** from Cincinnati, OH, wrote on Sep. 15, 2024 – So sorry to hear this. I enjoyed my visit with Brady and his layout last summer as part of the NMRA National Convention in Grapevine, TX. I knew Brady for a long time, both from trains and P&G.

**John Burchnall** from West Chester, OH wrote on Sep. 13, 2024 – I'm very sorry to hear this. Ruth Anne and I visited Brady and his operations-oriented O-scale layout last summer on our drive to the NMRA national convention in Grapevine, TX. John Shields did the same on his way home from that convention. Brady, and his late wife Jane, were awesome. It was always great fun seeing them at our Spring Flea Markets over recent years.