

DR. CRAIG BRADFORD LIDEN, MD

November 4, 1946 - December 24, 2023



Dr. Craig Bradford Liden passed away on Sunday, December 24th beside his family at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh. Craig was born on November 4, 1946, in Elgin, IL to Robert and Anna Liden. A survivor of Polio as a child, he attended Larkin High School, earned his Bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan (He was a "Michigan Man" through and through!), his Medical degree from The Ohio State University, and

completed his medical residency at Children's Hospital of Harvard University in Boston. He was awarded a postdoctoral research fellowship at Harvard Medical School, where he focused on developing a system to evaluate and treat the whole child. Craig and his family moved to Pittsburgh in 1977 where he started the Child Development Unit at the University of Pittsburgh and served as its Medical Director. During this time, he continued to dedicate himself to looking at the whole child and refined his approach to evaluating and treating Attention Deficit Disorder. Subsequently, Craig founded TRANSACT/The Being Well Center where for the past 39 years, he dedicated his life to evaluating, treating, and bringing out the best in more than 11,000 patients with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. As an internationally recognized expert on ADD/ADHD, Craig authored widely read books and was a featured speaker at state, national, and international conferences on ADD/ADHD, including the 1st International Conference on Research and Practice in Attention Deficit Disorders at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Israel. What mattered the very most to Craig professionally, however, was that he made a difference. His success at making a difference in so many lives was fed by his mindful attention to his own personal and spiritual growth and development throughout his life and professional career. He was a realist, a scholar, a researcher, and a dreamer who delighted in blending imagination, creativity, and disciplined inquiry and problem-solving.

Craig was a nature boy who couldn't resist a great-looking pair of shoes, Swedish coffee bread, and laughter. He loved to celebrate the big and the little from birthdays to a freshly cut lawn to his rich Swedish heritage. Above all else, he treasured his family. He embraced every opportunity to love them. A most special time for him was being with those he loved, every summer at his favorite vacation spot at Glen Lake, MI where he could be found carving a woodblock, sailing his Hobie across the crystal clear water, or marveling at the nighttime sky of northern Michigan.

He is survived by his wife, Jane Reck; and son, Isak of Franklin Park, PA; son, Gunnar Liden (Kate) of West St. Paul, MN; daughter, Astrid Liden Church (Dan) of St. Paul, MN; sisters, Roberta Newman (Chuck Little) of Cape Charles, VA and Kathy Liden of Tijeras, NM; and three grandchildren, Maisie, Sage and Kahlil.

Family will welcome friends at a Celebration of Life later in 2024. Arrangements by **BALL FUNERAL CHAPEL, INC.**

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