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James Bradley “Brad” Christensen, a resident of Mobile, Alabama, passed away quietly on Thursday, January 22, 2026. Brad was a man of deep character, steady kindness, and remarkable perseverance. Those who knew him best will remember his calm presence, his dry humor, his loyalty, and his enduring strength in the face of life’s challenges. Brad was a man who loved God and lived a life of deep, steady faith. He was a longtime member of Christ United Methodist Church, where his faith was nurtured and quietly lived out in the way he treated others—with humility, kindness, and grace.

Brad’s life began with loss—his father died in military service before Brad was born—but he built a life defined by commitment, purpose, and quiet resilience. In later years, he faced cancer with courage and dignity, never allowing it to define his spirit or diminish his kindness. Professionally, Brad was a respected Architect, public servant, educator, and preservationist. He earned his undergraduate degree in Construction Science from Auburn University and his Master of Architecture from the University of Oklahoma. Over a long and accomplished career, he worked in private and public architectural practice. He retired from the City of Mobile as the Director of Real Estate and Asset Management in 2021. Earlier in his career he designed and built hotels, office buildings, and arenas, including the Mitchell Center during his time as Facilities Director at the University of South Alabama. He served as an

Assistant Professor of Architectural Engineering at the University of Wyoming, sharing his knowledge and love of the craft with future generations. He was a registered Architect in both Alabama and Florida, a member of the American Institute of Architects, and contributed to numerous projects, publications, preservation efforts, and was a generous mentor. Outside of work, Brad had a deep love for the outdoors and for movement. He enjoyed travel, skiing, sailing, hiking, and camping. Two places held a special place in his heart: Wyoming, for its wide-open spaces and natural beauty, and Disney World, especially during the Food and Wine Festival. Running, however, became a lifelong passion. He completed many marathons, half marathons, 10Ks, and 5Ks, and more than twenty years ago he started a small running group that still meets every Tuesday to this day. Among its cherished traditions were the annual New Orleans Rock 'n' Roll Marathon trip and participation in the Mobile Azalea Trail Run—events that blended friendship, fitness, and joy in the way Brad did so naturally. Brad was also a generous supporter of Mobile Ballet, serving on their board, and even performing in multiple ballets including the Nutcracker alongside his daughter Brenna. Above all, Brad was simply a good man—thoughtful, steady, and kind. He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by his family, his friends, his running companions, and all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Brad is survived by his daughter and son in law Brenna and Jordan Reznik, his grandchildren Owen Johnston, Bryce Johnston, Addison Johnston, and Lily Reznik. Brad was preceded in death by his beloved daughter, Jamie Christensen Johnston, grandson Lander James Johnson, and parents Rachel and Chris Christensen.

A gathering to celebrate Brad's life will be held at a later date; arrangements will be announced when finalized. In lieu of flowers please consider donating to Mobile Ballet by going to [Mobileballet.org/support](https://mobileballet.org/support)

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“ Brad had such an impact on me and many others when daughter Jamie was a student at Westlawn in the '80s. Together with some other outstanding Westlawn parents, plans were developed and presented to the school board for air conditioning the buildings. Brad researched and provided specific plans and drawings for the air conditioners needed. Westlawn was the first school in the system to be “allowed” to air condition itself. Much later, I was pleased to reacquaint myself with Brad at Christ United Church. My condolences to Jamie and all of Brad's family.

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