



Bobby Kyle Bright

March 11, 1935 - March 11, 2011

Bobby Kyle Bright, 76, of Sweetwater, Tennessee, died Friday morning, March 11, 2011, at his home. A loving husband, father, and grandfather, Bobby was also a self-taught shade-tree mechanic and engineer who had numerous inventions and held two patents. His quick wit, sense of humor, and reputation as a prankster will be missed by many. As a life-long member of his beloved Sweetwater First United Methodist Church, Bobby was also a lover of music and was a member of the Chancel Choir for sixty-five years. He and his mother-in-law, Sue M. Watson, Madisonville, Tennessee, rebuilt and refurbished numerous antique pump organs. Bobby was also an avid University of Tennessee sports fan and also officiated in the World Football League, the Southeastern Conference, the Ohio Valley Conference, and numerous TSSAA games. Bobby was a graduate of Sweetwater High School and attended Hiwassee College and Tennessee Wesleyan College and also served in the Tennessee National Guard. He was part-owner of Powers Industries, Sweetwater, and was an employee of Bowater, Inc., Charleston, Tennessee, Vestal Manufacturing, Sweetwater, and Plexco, Inc., a division of Chevron, and also served as a Sweetwater City Councilman. Bobby loved aviation and was a pilot who built and flew three single engine airplanes. Bobby is preceded in death by father, William Alexander Bright; mother, Nancy Jane Bright; brothers, William A. "Bill" Bright, James C. "Jim" Bright, Lynn "Runt" Bright, and sister, Alice Ann Bright. Bobby is survived by his wife of 47 years, Carrie Ann Watson Bright; children, Barbara and husband, Matt

Ward of Knoxville; Andy and wife, Ann Bright of Farragut; Holly Bright of Sweetwater; grandchildren Adam and Alex Bright of Farragut; and brother, Frank and wife, Mickey Bright of Torrance, California. The family will receive friends on Sunday, March 13, 2011 from 5:00P.M. until 7:00P.M. at First United Methodist Church of Sweetwater with the funeral service to follow at 7:00P.M. with Rev. Carl Oaks officiating. Interment 2:30P.M., Monday in the West View Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Sweetwater First United Methodist Church Choir Fund or Building Fund. Kyker Funeral Home, Sweetwater, in charge of arrangements. www.kykerfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

NF

“ *Those we love, left us memories that no one can take away, wisdom that we still recall. These are the things that we shall forever cherish in our hearts. May you continue to look for the Almighty God for comfort and strength doing this difficult time. Psalms 46:1*

Nicholson Family - May 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *Barbara and Andy, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. i was out of town when I returned to the office. I will keep your family in my prayers.*

Rose Weaver - March 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *Dear Andy and Ann,
Reading about your father reminded me of Andy, with the reference to "quick wit, sense of humor, and prankster". I remember meeting him at your wedding. Being such a talented and gifted person, you will have many memories to cherish and reflect on.
Praying for comfort for you and your family,
Ann*

Ann Walden - March 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ *Barbara, I am so sorry for your loss. Sorry I could not be with you but please know you and your family are in my prayers.*

Tammy Guyer Tanzi - March 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Dear Andy: I am sorry to hear that your dad passed away. According to the obituary, he lead a very interesting and rewarding life. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. (Call me sometime.)

Barry Self - March 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Dear Andy and Family,
We were so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. What a wonderful person he was, we will truly miss him. He spent many hours at the hardware store working on his latest invention. Always so happy to talk about his grandbabies. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Our prayers are with you.
Debbie & Riley

Debbie & Riley Exum - March 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ We were shocked and sadden to hear of Bobby's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. I have many treasured memories of choir trips, concerts and just "regular" singing.
Nanc

Nancy Casson - March 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Andy and Barb,
I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. He sounds like a wonderful man who led a very rich life. This was one of the most interesting obituararies that I have ever read!
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this most difficult time.

Melissa Rose - March 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Carrie and family,
I am so very saddened to hear of Bobby's passing. Please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers.
I am sure that Bobby is already singing in that heavenly choir with that great voice of his.
He will be greatly missed.
May God be with you all during this difficult time and give you strength and comfort.

Sandy Moore - March 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Bright family, I am so sorry to hear about Bobby I have known him since I was big enough to walk. My dad worked with him for years at Vestals My Father was a truck driver when Bobby was dispatcher that was along time ago. He will be greatly missed. Tammy Hanley Chapman

Daniel Tammy and Bryan Chapman Chapman - March 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dear family,

We said all day, "No, way!, Not Bobby!" Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you always. We will always remember his dynamic, sharp, inquisitive personality.

Our first stop when we came home on leave while Joe was in the military was to "run by Bob and Carrie's house". We spent many afternoons downstairs in their den "chewing the fat" and watching football~a sport both Bob and Carrie loved so much. We always tell friends and family that Bob and Carrie never missed a Vols game... Every few months Joe would get a call from Bobby just to see how we were doing. We appreciate that so much.

We are so glad that we all got together for a reunion with all of the Brights a couple of years ago.

Our hearts go out to you. We love you and understand your grief. He was a great man who will always have a special place in our hearts.

We love you all, love Bill, Karen, Caitlin Bright

Bill (Joe) and Karen and Caitlin Bright - March 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM