



Simuel C. O'Briant, Jr.

June 10, 1932 - March 29, 2013

Simuel C. O'Briant, Jr. age 80 of Kingston went home to be with the Lord Friday March 29, 2013. He was a member of the Kingston United Methodist Church, where he served on the Board of Trustees and Usher for many years, a veteran of the U.S. Army and served in Europe in Communications. Owner of O'Briant TV Sales and Service for 40 years retiring in 2000, member of the Chamber of Commerce and received the Roane County Chamber Outstanding Businessman Award in 1974. A graduate of Coyne Electronics of Chicago. In retirement he was Honored by the City of Kingston for his many years of service and dedication to the community, also honored by Roane County in recognition of his service to the County. Mr. O'Briant also worked with Habitat for Humanity. Preceded in death by son Michael O'Briant, parents Simuel and Mary Muecke O'Briant.

Survivors include:

Wife of 58years Ann Crowder O'Briant of Kingston;

Daughter Julie O'Briant Taylor and husband Richard of Franklin;

Daughter in law Vanessa Hamby O'Briant of Knoxville;

Grandchildren Scott and Mitchell Taylor;

Mary Katherine, Peyton and Collin O'Briant;

Sisters Charlotte Lees of Knoxville;

Mickey Seaman of Kingston;

and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral 1pm Wednesday April 3, 2013 at the Kingston United Methodist Church with Rev. Todd Chancey and Rev. Sue Lynn Johnson officiating. Burial in Kingston Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 6 until 8pm Tuesday at the Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston.

Tribute Wall

JT

“ *Sim O'Briant was one of the nicest men in Roane County. I remember when he retired and closed his TV shop; it was a sad day. Now, another sad day for Roane County with his passing but I know Heaven gained an angel. May God Bless each of you during this time.*

Jill Adams Turnbull - Harriman, TN - April 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *I was blessed to be raised across the street from the O'Briants. I spent many hours throughout the years in their yard and home. I always felt welcomed and learned many good lessons in life from all of them. They were kind and giving unfailingly. Although I am greatly saddened by Sim's passing, I am certain he is with the Lord and reaping his rewards of service- to our small town and it's people, especially me. GOD blessed this earth with Sim O'Briant. Thank you.*

Joye Wallace Moorefield - Kingston, TN - neighbor - April 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *My sincere condolences to the O'Briant family. I cannot express to you what an honour it was to have met you all and Mr. O'Briant. I will remember you always and be eternally grateful for your insight and kindness. Love and prayers!*

Stacey Abbott RN, BSN - Lake City, TN - friend - April 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ *Ann and family,
Thinking of you and sharing your sorrow.
May the many good memories comfort you at this time of loss.
Sim was a true friend who I enjoyed doing business with for many
years.
Our business lunches were more fun than work, and I always
looked forward
to them. Robin and I enjoyed visiting with him and reliving good
times on
a recent trip home to Tennessee.*

Dennis & Robin Mitchell - Arlington, TX - April 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ *Dear Family,
Please accept my deepest sympathies. Sim and I have some good
memories from our high school years. He was very popular with
everyone, especially the girls. We drove his(or someones) T-model
as well as his dads new studebaker!
I can share that Sim was a person of integrity and high character.
We also attended church together at times.
Its always sad to lose one who has impacted so many lives, but
knowing Sim, I am confident He is in a better place and we will all
look forward to seeing him again in heaven!*

May our Lord comfort you in this difficult time.

Fred Murray

Fred Murray - Dandridge, TN - Classmate at Elizabethton High - April 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ I am so sorry to learn of Sim's death. We did quite a bit of business with him over the years and he was always so friendly and gracious. I can't remember ever seeing him when he wasn't smiling. He was a friend to all and will certainly be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mark Barker - kingston, TN - April 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Ms. Ann, Julie, and family,
Keeping you close in thought now and in the days ahead. Mr. Sim was such a kind, caring and encouraging gentleman. His smile, so warm and welcoming. love and hugs to you all, Julie Fly

Julie Fly - Franklin, TN - friend to Julie and the famiy - April 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Sorry for your loss ,We all have been there . It hurts for awhile but we all know that they are home with God. Margaret, Cynthia and Wallace9

Margaret Bailey and Cynthia Bailey Billings also Wallace Billing - Kingston, TN
- Friends of the fa - April 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Ann and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through

this loss.

We have so many great memories of times shared with you two on the

Graybar trips. Sim always kept us laughing. Treasured memories !!!!

Jack and Sue Lay - Oneida, TN - Friend - April 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ My family bought a number of tvs from Sim. He had such a knowledge of his merchandise and was such a pleasant man to buy from. We considered him a good friend. We will see him again when our time comes to join him in Heaven. It is always sad to lose a loved one but we still have him in our hearts.

Aileen McDaniel - Kingston, TN - Friend - March 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Sim will surely be missed by all who knew him. He was, without a doubt, one of the nicest guys a person could know. He was such a good friend to my in-laws, Tince and Carzell Payne. My husband, Austin, and his sister, Ann, thought that Sim and his wife "hung the moon" so to speak. May God bless each and every member of Sim's family during such a difficult time.

*Austin and Martha Payne
Ann (Payne) and Gene Officer*

Martha Payne - Lenoir City, TN - Friend - March 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I met Mr. O'Briant in 1979. I was his son's (Mike) college roommate at UT. While in college I got to know the whole O'Briant family...Mike's parents and sister Julie. Their family always made me feel at home. I remember numerous times that Mr. O'Briant would come up from Kingston to Knoxville to take Mike and me to dinner, giving us a break from the cafeteria food. Or the many times I was invited over for the weekend for skiing or cookouts. During my trips to Kingston, I'd stop by Mr. O'Briant's TV shop. There i met so many friendly people in Kingston. It was obvious how well respected and loved Mr. O'Briant was among his employees and the people in Kingston. Mr. O'Briant probably didn't realize it at the time, but he was teaching both me and Mike about entrepreneurship. However, I think the most important thing I learned from Mr. O'Briant was to always value family and friends. I will always have nothing but wonderful memories of Mr. O'Briant...God bless him.

Dave Nelson - Collierville , TN - Friend of the family - March 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ My Prayers and Thoughts are with you all at this time of sorrow, But just knowing another Angel in Heaven watching over you all is a Blessing in the Sky. I will always remember going into his shop on Kentucky Street and seeing all the electronics that he worked on, and picking a TV that he would have worked on and tell me if it ever tore up bring it back - by his work I never had to bring it back - he had a very good heart. God Bless you all knowing he has touched a lot of people by his goodness.

Kitty Copeland - Roane, TN - Friend of Family - March 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ May God comfort and bless the family during this time of sorrow.

Jan Jennings Stone - Lenoir City, TN - March 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM