



William Irby Bright, III

January 7, 1932 - July 24, 2010

Born January 7, 1932, died peacefully on Saturday, July 24, 2010.

Predeceased by parents, William Irby Bright, II and Grace Carr Bright, and brother, William. Survived by wife, Pat Hamby Bright; 3 sons, Irby Bright, IV (Kim) of Valdosta, GA, Matthew A. Bright (Scarlett) of Nashville, and Scott Underwood (Leigh Ann) of Brentwood; 6 grandchildren, Kelly, Mary, Bill, Sarah, Annie Bright, and Ford Underwood. With the loving care of his wife and 3 sons he was allowed to live his final days at home with a constant view of the woods and hills of Brentwood. After graduation from Duncan Preparatory School he attended and graduated from Vanderbilt University and then served his country for 2 years in Army Intelligence. He spent 20 years at First American National Bank, Vice President head of Trust Investments and then as Vice President of Harpeth National Bank in new construction lending. Upon retirement he fulfilled a life long dream of building an incredible model train layout of Tracy City, Coalmont, & Palmer, TN. A five time great grandson of Davy Crockett and a great grandson of Isham Harris, governor of Tennessee during the Civil War. These two lines converged in him and created his love of history and politics. He loved horses, dogs, hunting, and building 18th century furniture. He also enjoyed many hours talking to the TV news pundits, often times loudly. He was a kind and loving husband, father, and friend, and a passionate Patriot with a keen political mind. He dealt with his final days with the grace and charm of a true southern gentleman. His passing leaves a void in the lives of those who knew him but he will long be remembered for his wit

and intelligence. Honorary Pallbearers are Chance Allen, Bill Bradford, Doug Hale, Bill Jones, Jimmy Miller, Robert Reeves, Steve Pate, Bruce P'Pool, John Sparks, Bill Turner, and Louis Todd. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Colonial Williamsburg, Odyssey Hospice or the charity of your choice. Visitation will be held at Church of the Advent, Franklin Rd, Brentwood, Tuesday from 12:30pm until the time of the Memorial service at 2:00pm. Private interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *William Irby Bright, III*

October 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ *Pat I enjoyed speaking with you last evening and glad that you are doing so well. We will miss Irby when we come to Nashville. We always had fun at the dinners with you Irby, and Pat & Lou . Our prays and thoughts are with you and your family*

Love

Joyce and David

Joyce Fox - July 27, 2010 at 10:52 PM



“ *Irby will be missed. I regret your loss.*

Leonard Wood - July 27, 2010 at 06:56 PM



“ *Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you are very close in every thought and prayer*

May your memories give you strength

Barbara Reyer - July 27, 2010 at 04:17 PM



“ *Irby was a dear friend of mine and I shall miss him greatly.*

Wendell Tipton - July 27, 2010 at 03:03 PM

JS

“ *With prayers and sympathy.*

Jane & Tom Schlater - July 27, 2010 at 03:20 AM

CF

“ *scott
I am sorry to hear of the passing of your dad, may god be with you
and your family*

Charles Felts - July 27, 2010 at 02:01 AM

DW

“ *I'm so sorry that I will not be able to be there tomorrow. Know that
you all are in my thoughts and heart.*

Denise Wilson - July 27, 2010 at 01:56 AM

CS

“ *Dear Pat,
Pattiya and I are both thinking of you. Our families have had a tough
year.
Our sincere condolences
Carl and Pattiya Sontowski*

Carl & Pattiya Sontowski - July 27, 2010 at 12:56 AM

JT

“ *I'm Jim Tate Pres. MCCTCA, and I wanted you to know how well
Irby was thought of by our train club members. I wanted to leave
this note in case I was unable to be there Tues. Our prayers are
with you. Jim*

Jim Tate - July 26, 2010 at 10:42 PM

WB

“ Scott my sincerest sympathy to you and your family. I am praying for your comfort and care during this difficult time. May God Bless You.

William T. Booker - July 26, 2010 at 05:47 PM

LL

“ To Pat and the Boys, Irby was a true prince among men. You all were so wonderful to be a constant in his final weeks and be comforted in knowing all the efforts you put forth during this time were surely great blessings and love to him.

Linda & Jerry Lee - July 26, 2010 at 04:04 PM

PS

“ Dear Hamby,
My thoughts have been with you from the very beginning. I admire your strength. Sincere condolences to you and family.

Pam Sidbury - July 26, 2010 at 03:56 PM

MA

“ Many prayers and sincere condolences to all.

Mac Allen - July 26, 2010 at 03:10 PM

TM

“ Fond Duncan Prep memories.

Tolman Morford - July 26, 2010 at 01:19 PM

EG

“ I bet that Mr. Bill and Irby are once again together telling jokes and laughing at all the politicians.

Eddie Gray - July 26, 2010 at 12:55 PM

SZ

“ Pat, Scott, Irby & Matt,
I was saddened at the news of the Irbys passing. I always think of ya'll when I pass the old house on Old Hickory Blvd. All my memories of him are wonderful. My thoughts and prayers are with you guys.

Scott & Karen

Scott Zaft - July 26, 2010 at 12:40 PM

DP

“ Pat,
My thoughts and prayers continue to be with you and your family

Donna Power - July 26, 2010 at 12:21 PM

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JF

“ Will miss Irby. We grew up together. I'm sorry for your loss.
Cousin Jim

Jim T. Havron and Family - July 26, 2010 at 02:03 AM

JH

“ Jimmy T., grandson of Jane Bright Havron (Irby's 1st cousin, once removed) and wife send sympathy to all our cousins.

Jim (Jr.) & Roseanne Havron - July 26, 2010 at 01:57 AM

PT

“ *Hamby,
How very curious that I was thinking of Irby Saturday, and then to receive the call from Carson. How very giving of you and all the family to let him be in the place he loved. You were so good for each other. Harry*

Pat and Harry Turner - July 26, 2010 at 01:56 AM

SM

“ *Scott, my prayers are with you and your family at this sad time.*

Susan Maywood - July 26, 2010 at 01:09 AM

LC

“ *Irby was a great story teller, a solid hugger and one good lookin', long tall drink of a step uncle. I not only loved him...I liked him.*

Leigh Laser Collins - July 26, 2010 at 01:08 AM

CF

“ *Mary Carl and I offer our love and sorrow at your loss and our admiration for the love your family showed for him. May he rest in peace and the sure knowledge of God's love for him.*

Carson Fraser - July 25, 2010 at 10:01 PM

BS

“ *Sorry to hear of the passing of Irby . I knew him as a banker and as a fellow toy train enthusiast . He was a fine person and I enjoyed talking to him on several occasions .I pray for his family .*

Bob Stalcup - July 25, 2010 at 09:29 PM

MW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sadness. He was a good man.

Merl Wheeley - July 25, 2010 at 07:45 PM

LH

“ Had the pleasure of working with Irby on a Real Estate deal once and found him to be quite a gentleman I know he will be missed.

Loy Hardcastle - July 25, 2010 at 07:17 PM

MN

“ So sorry to learn of Irby's death. I pray your sweet memories will be a comfort during this time.

Martha Nicholls - July 25, 2010 at 06:30 PM

MJ

“ Jo Ann and I are deeply saddened by Irby's passing. The family will certainly be in our prayers.

Jo Ann & Max Horkins

Maxwell G. Horkins, Jr. - July 25, 2010 at 06:25 PM

NB

“ We are deeply sorry about Irby's passing. Our prayers continue for the family and your loss and that you find comfort in each other as each and every family member gracefully made the most of his last months.

Nancy & David Bailey - July 25, 2010 at 05:02 PM