



## William Kelley Wright, Jr.

June 19, 1941 - June 19, 2018

Born on Earth June 19, 1941. Born in Heaven June 19, 2018 (Kelley would want you to do your own math). Kelley was one of the good guys: an Old Hickory boy who grew into a true gentle man. He is preceded in death by his parents, Kelley and Clara Wright, and his sister, Joanne (Bob) Brock. He is survived by his wife, Sheryl Wright; two sons and their families: William Kelley (Trey) Wright, III, wife Michele and their daughter, Megan, of Hendersonville, Hunter Harris Wright, wife Jessica and their children, Hanna Jean and John Harris of Stockholm, Sweden; nieces, Amy Brock (Jim) Peterson, Jenny Brock (Flint) O'Brien; nephews, Kelley Brock and Ben (Beth) Brock; favorite cousin, Linda Duke (Paul) DeJongh. Kelley was a graduate of DuPont High School who loved living in Old Hickory and never considered moving away. He was both proud of and entrenched in the community, bragging about being a patient at Wilson Family Dentistry and a client of Corley State Farm Insurance for over 60 years. He kept in touch with classmates and alumni throughout his life. Kelley was able to celebrate the Old Hickory Centennial the first of June and was talking about it until the day he died. After graduation and several fall quarters at Tennessee Tech, Kelley was employed for a short time at National Life and Accident Insurance Company while he waited to "hire on" at the DuPont Plant where he worked for nearly 35 years. After retiring from DuPont, he worked at Reemay/Typar for 4 years and then partnered with Ronny Pearce to open a locksmith business. Kelley and Ronny secured license #1 and 2 in the state of Tennessee. Kelley was a compassionate moral compass

for his sons, and his wife's most ardent supporter and encourager. They met when Sheryl was a teenager and loved each other deeply for all of their years together. He was a friendly and helpful neighbor and a sincerely kind person but with a wicked sense of humor. Kelley loved to laugh but never at the expense of others. His was a life well lived. Visitation at Phillips-Robinson Hadley Chapel Tuesday from 5-8pm. Funeral Mass at St. Stephen Catholic Community, 14544 Lebanon Rd. Old Hickory, TN, Wednesday at 10am with visitation 1 hour prior.

# Tribute Wall



“ *William Kelley Wright, Jr.*

October 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ *Sheryl, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Kelley was a good friend to Bill and I know Bill loved and respected Kelley a lot.*

**Reba Hicks** - June 26, 2018 at 03:51 PM



“ *Sheryl and family, You have lost a good one, but not forever. Kelley had a droll sort of humor. You had to be on your toes to catch his wit. I enjoyed knowing him the little that I did, but he had to be a wonderful man to be married to Sheryl. We will see you later, Kelley. Love in Christ, Linda Johnson*

**Linda Johnson** - June 26, 2018 at 12:02 AM



“ *I always enjoyed my conversations and company with Kelley. He was a great man. He will be missed by all of us. Prayers and condolences to the family.*

**Larry Hagar and family** - June 25, 2018 at 04:07 PM

DE

“ My deepest condolences to the entire Wright family. Sheryl, I'm so glad I was able to have that wonderful visit with you in May. I will cherish those memories. Kelley always made me feel welcome and treated me like family. I know he will be greatly missed by so many. My thoughts and prayers are with you! Sending you lots of love!

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**Donna Edwards** - June 22, 2018 at 04:07 PM

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“ We only knew Kelley a short time. We feel enriched in the experience. I guess that's his legacy ... gentle persuasion wrapped in wicked humor.

*We'll miss you neighbor.*

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**The Otto Family, Walt, Nancy, Alec, Bree, and Horace** - June 22, 2018 at 03:06 PM

JN

“ We'll greatly miss the presence and humor of this gentle man from Old Hickory. Our prayers for comfort and strength, and our love are with Sheryl and the family.

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**John and Linda Norfleet** - June 22, 2018 at 02:44 PM

DM

“ Kelley was one of a kind; he will be missed.

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**donnie morell** - June 21, 2018 at 08:31 PM

DB

“ Aunt Sheryl, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I can't be there in person but I am there in heart. May God bless you and comfort you!

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**Donna Beaty** - June 21, 2018 at 04:41 PM

LD

“ My entire life was woven together with “Bud.” We were born three months apart and our moms made sure we were close cousins. Kelley and Sheryl watched over my parents dutifully and lovingly when we had to move to North Carolina. Kelley always made me laugh and in our teen years even tried to offer dating advice which I ignored. I am going to miss him terribly but a love as strong as he and Sheryl had never dies. Kelley will live on in our stories and Sheryl's love.

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**Linda DeJongh** - June 21, 2018 at 04:35 PM