



Luster William (Bill) Brewer

January 17, 1956 - March 18, 2015

Brewer, Luster William (Bill)- age 59 of Knoxville passed away on Wednesday March 18, 2015 at Parkwest Medical Center. Bill began his career as a Music Minister serving churches in South Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee for many years. But he found his true calling and passion in the academic world as Head of the Music Department at Pellissippi State Community College for the last 15 years. Bill was a member of the Knoxville Choral Society for 29 years serving two terms as President and eight years as Assistant Conductor. He also directed the Knoxville Chamber Chorale. Bill was a member of First Baptist Church, Knoxville where he sang in the choir and conducted the Handbell Choir for many years. He loved his family, his church, the faculty, staff & students at Pellissippi State Community College, music, traveling with his wife, and being outdoors. He was loved by many and leaves a lasting legacy of a life well-lived. Bill was preceded in death by his father Luck Brewer, and his father-in-law Charles Baxter. He is survived by his wife of 37 years Sharon Baxter Brewer, mother Dolores Brewer both of Knoxville, mother-in-law Edith Baxter of Oak Ridge, sister-in-law and brother-in-law Scharla and David Kennedy, and niece Cassie Kennedy both of Lebanon, TN., niece April Parks and husband Rick of Knoxville, several aunts, uncles, and cousins. A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Sunday March 22, 2015 at 6:00 pm at First Baptist Church of Knoxville (510 West Main Street Knoxville, TN. 37902) with Dr. Tom Ogburn officiating. In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to Pellissippi State Music Scholarship Fund, 10915 Hardin Valley Road, P.O. Box 22990, Knoxville, TN 37933-0990. The family will receive friends following the service Sunday evening at the church. Online obituary may be viewed and condolences made at www.rosemortuary.com

Events

MAR **Celebration of Life** 06:00PM

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First Baptist Church
510 W. Main Street, Knoxville, TN, US

MAR **Receiving of Friends Following The Service**

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Comments



“ Greg Coleman purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Luster William (Bill) Brewer.



Greg Coleman - April 08, 2015 at 02:41 PM



“ To Sharon Brewer and extended family:

Bill was an inspiration even in high school. He knew his calling was music. I attended Holston High and enjoyed the great Christian influence he had. The Lord will give you strength as you go through this time of grief. I am truly saddened.

Martha Headrick

Martha Headrick - March 22, 2015 at 01:20 PM



“ To Sharon Brewer and extended family:

Bill had an everlasting impact on those he came into contact with. I share my deepest of condolences to you and the extended family during this time of grief. The music, laughter, and words of wisdom he shared with so many over the years will never be forgotten. I pray that today's services bring you comfort and joy. I pray that God will continue to keep his sheltering and nurturing hand on you as we seek this journey to be closer to God. Again thank you for allowing us to sing for a beloved man who's passion was to share music with his students, the community and the world.

Michael Hurst - March 22, 2015 at 10:21 AM



“ to the family of mr bill brewer we know he will be greatly missed but he is in no more pain in heaven making music with the lord and others god bless u all janice williams and kenneth ward mother and brother of adam williams student of mr brewers

kenneth ward - March 22, 2015 at 06:50 AM



“ Condolences to the Brewer and Baxter families

Pete and Phyllis Vargas

pete vargas - March 21, 2015 at 11:42 AM



“ I first became acquainted with Bill when he was serving at Valley Grove. We shared especially a desire to teach music fundamentals through handbells. We would compare notes and ideas. When my youngest daughter decided to study music at Pellissippi, Bill went out of his way to point her continuously in the right direction. During one of our advising times, he looked at Rachel and said "Rachel, just think of me as your second daddy." It was obvious how Bill loved and cheered for his students. Rachel learned much from him and especially enjoyed her times in Spain and China. I sat beside Delores at a concert not long and we talked about the challenges facing Bill. I share in your sadness and will keep you in my prayers.

Sam Wagner
Madison Avenue Baptist, Maryville

Sam Wagner - March 20, 2015 at 04:45 PM



“ Sharon,

I was so sorry to read of Bill's death. There's nothing I can say that will lessen your pain. I just want God to surround you with love and the support of others.

Sharon Resseguie Cowen



Sharon Cowen - March 20, 2015 at 02:40 PM



“ Sharon,
Scott and I were saddened to hear of the passing of Bill. You and your family are in our prayers.

Scott and Janice Tipton - March 20, 2015 at 01:05 PM



“ I was lucky enough to take Concert Chorale at PSCC(for 2 semesters - just because I liked to sing) and get to enjoy the passion that Bill brought to the class. I was not a music major, and to Bill that didn't matter - if anyone could have made me one, it would have been Bill. While in class I was already looking forward to our next class. He shared many fun stories - I especially liked the ones about the travels he and Mrs. Brewer had taken. To Bill's family - you are in my thoughts and prayers; to Bill - you are in the best of my memories. Thank you.

God's choir of angels just got sweeter!

Stefanie Wolf Trephon

Stefanie Wolf Trephon - March 20, 2015 at 09:52 AM



“ My son was a special needs student at Pellissippi, he went through for 6 years then get his degree, he told me many stories about Bill, he had his music 1 class one summer a couple years back, he truly touched him and started his interest in classical music, today he goes to UT and listens to his classical in his IPad, Bill was a truly blessed man to care so deeply for his students, I am sorry for your loss.

RHonda Alan - March 20, 2015 at 09:32 AM



“ I have so many great memories of Bill. Any student who had him for choir knows the magic that he brought to the class. He was hilarious. He made every student feel like they were special, and he brought out each student's best abilities. The first day in choir he told us that we were not going to use our music folders for our upcoming performance. I didn't know how I would ever be able to memorize so much music; but we would work and work every section and every note until we knew the music by heart. He loved music, but he also loved people, and students were his passion.

Derrick Harmon - March 20, 2015 at 08:05 AM



“ Dee, My sincerest sympathy goes out to you during this sorrowful time. It is always hard to loose a loved one, especially a child. Know that Bill is now resting peacefully in the arms of the Lord. May you find strength in knowing many people have you and the family in their thoughts and prayers.

Margie Dudeff (Barbara Morgan's sister)



M Duff - March 19, 2015 at 09:36 PM