



Mr. Robert "Bob" William Bryson

February 7, 1954 - November 13, 2014

Bryson, Robert William "Bob", was born February 7, 1954, and passed away November 13, 2014. A native and lifelong resident of Knoxville, Bob graduated from Farragut High School and technical school to follow his interest in all things electronic. His ability in mathematics gave him an early understanding of computers which he developed in his career at Oak Ridge, repairing computers. He worked 33 years at Y-12 in computer electronics and repairs, retiring in April 2012. His life is not, however, defined by that work. Bob's life is better expressed by service and love which for him encompassed everyone he met. For many years he worked through churches with youth ministries. He also loved music and sang with a gentle bass voice in choirs and ensembles throughout his life. At church he was the "sound man". Whether running sound for a regular morning worship, setting up for a youth concert, or orchestrating complex sound arrangements for a Christmas program, Bob's emphasis was on excellence. He wanted people to hear the beauty and he especially wanted people to hear the message. His love for East Tennessee firmly rooted Bob here, but he also loved to travel with his wife discovering historic sites, museums, and beautiful vistas around the country. Photography was another early interest that he developed over the years documenting vacations, youth trips, family gatherings, and UT events. Kind and gentle, Bob was a keen observer of other's needs responding with a word or token that would just fit. A building does not consist only of visible structure; a building is held up by supports never seen. In everything Bob did, Bob was one of those supports. Preceded in death by mother Kathleen Oswald Bryson, and grandparents Robert and Cornelia Oswald, Huey and Alice Bryson, he is survived by his loving wife of 32 years Dorothy Barkley Bryson; father and stepmother Larry and Vandella Bryson; brother and sister-in-law Steve and Lisa Bryson; sister Sylvia Bryson; family friend Susan Turner; brother-in-law and wife John and Kim Barkley; nephews Brad Watt and Garrett Barkley; nieces Rebekah Watt, Chelsea Bryson, and Kendall Barkley. Funeral Service will be held Sunday, November 16, 2014, 7:00 p.m., First Baptist Church of Knoxville with Dr. Tom Ogburn officiating. Receiving of friends will follow immediately. Interment will take place Monday, November 17, 10:00 a.m., Highland Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Music Ministry Fund of First Baptist Church, 510 W. Main St. Knoxville, TN,

37002 or to the UT Pride of the Southland Scholarship Fund, c/o U.T. Bands, 1741 Vol. Blvd., 227 Natalie L. Haslam Music Center, Knoxville TN, 37996-2605. On-line condolences may be extended at www.rosemortuary.com Arrangements by Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage Chapel.

Events

NOV **Celebration of Life** 07:00PM

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

NOV **Receiving of Friends Following The Service**

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510 W. Main Street, Knoxville, TN, US

NOV **Interment** 10:00AM

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Highland Memorial Cemetery
5315 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN, US

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Rose Mortuary - November 15, 2014 at 04:04 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert "Bob" William Bryson.



November 19, 2014 at 07:54 AM



“ Sorry to hear of this our prayers are with your family. God is in control he is in great hands.



Greg & Edye Watt - November 16, 2014 at 08:17 PM



“ I am terribly sorry I am not be able to Bob's funeral. He was such a wonderful man. Please know that the Bryson's family are in my prayers. Wayne Carlton

Wayne Carlton - November 16, 2014 at 05:54 PM



“ Sending thoughts and prayers and much love. Philip,Robin, Zach, Alex Bingham

robin - November 16, 2014 at 04:34 PM



“ Dorothy, I am terribly sorry to not be able to be there tonight to support you. Bob was such a wonderful man and supportive husband, truly an inspiration and model to all. Please know that you are in my prayers. Suzy Booker

Suzy Booker - November 16, 2014 at 02:38 PM



“ Bob was such a kind and gentle spirit. I feel honored to have known him. I am deeply sorry for your loss Dorothy.

Stacy Palado - November 15, 2014 at 09:27 PM



“ Know that our prayers are with you in your time of grief.
Bob & Annie Bright

Bob Bright - November 15, 2014 at 09:08 PM



“ Chad Holliday lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bob" William Bryson



Chad Holliday - November 15, 2014 at 02:08 PM



“ Dear Dorothy:

As we are certain you know, Wayne Davis sent a notification to many friends and colleagues of the sudden passing of your loving husband, Bob. That was followed by an eloquent obituary delivered by Christina Parsons. The obituary was a beautiful description of and tribute to Bob.

When we lose a dear loved one, we Christians always have the familiar realization: We experience seemingly unbearable grief — the natural consequence of our humanity. But in glorious contrast, through our Christian faith, it is also a time of celebration. We know Bob is now in communion with the All Mighty. So, you have our deep condolences which we hope provide some comfort in your time of human grief. But importantly, know that we are in prayerful celebration of Bob's salvation.

We regret we will not be able attend the funeral tomorrow.

In Bob's memory we are glad to make contributions to both the First Baptist Church Music Ministry Fund and the UT Pride of the Southland Scholarship Fund.

We looking forward to seeing you on our next trip to Knoxville.

Peace in Christ,
Wayne & Barbara Coleman
Solana Beach, California

Wayne & Barbara Coleman - November 15, 2014 at 12:45 PM



“ Dorothy, I am simply without words for Bob's loss. What a legacy of love, devotion, and stewardship he leaves behind. He was a phenomenal man of grace and compassion. Much love and prayers to you and your family.



Beverly Kay - November 15, 2014 at 11:16 AM



“ I lost a wonderful friend ...an incredible man and husband of my dear friend Dorothy. Words are not adequate.

Beverly - November 15, 2014 at 11:18 AM



“ Dear Dorothy,
Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. May the closeness of family and friends give you peace and comfort. It was a special blessing to me to see you and Bob at Fifth Ave.Baptist several months ago. Thank you both for your Christian ministry to our sons years ago. May God wrap His arms around you with His love and grace.

Betty Gill and family

betty gill - November 15, 2014 at 10:28 AM



“ Sylvia, I so sorry to hear about your brother passing. I will be praying for you & your family through out the next days & weeks to come. If you need anything please call me my girlfriend, I know he was a good person because he was your brother!

Candy Brown - November 15, 2014 at 07:23 AM



“ Dorothy, I was terribly saddened to hear of Bob's passing. While words alone do not offer the solice and peace that I am sure you desire, please know of our family's prayers and support for you. Bob was always such a joy to speak to and "talk shop" about photography. What a great man.

With prayers for peace,
Andrew & Jessica Shafer

Andrew Shafer - November 14, 2014 at 10:26 PM



“ Dorothy, Bill and I were so sad to hear of Bob's passing. He had such a sweet spirit. You will be in our thoughts and prayers as you walk the days ahead. May you feel God's presence. Love, Jenny (Eversole)

Jenny Eversole - November 14, 2014 at 10:07 PM



“ Dorothy, Ron and I are so very sorry for your loss of such a wonderful man. Know that you are in our prayers and thoughts. May God give you the peace that passes all understanding through this extreme loss. We have confidence in Christ that we will see him again. Please let us know that we are here if you ever need us for anything. With love,
Mary Jane and Ron Kirkham

Mary Jane Kirkham - November 14, 2014 at 09:39 PM



“ Dorothy, I am so very sad to hear of Bob's passing and I wanted you to know you were in my thoughts and prayers. God bless, Jim Porter

Jim Porter - November 14, 2014 at 05:17 PM



“ Dorothy, we are so very sad to learn of Bob so untimely death. I have fond and grateful memories of him and his terrific support of you and your work for UT. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts are with you at this sad time. Peace and grace,
Dave Roberts

Dave Roberts - November 14, 2014 at 04:46 PM



“ Dorothy and Family, We were shocked to here of Bob's Passing. I attended the same technical school as Bob back in the early 1970's. I was in the class prior to his and worked with him at UT and then at Y-12. Bob was kind, gentle and helpful. He helped many of us with computer problems over the years. May God bless and comfort you all.

Charlie and Amy Whitson

Charlie Whitson - November 16, 2014 at 01:20 PM



“ Dorothy,
We have you on our hearts and in our prayers.
We are sad with you.
Our comfort is only in God who loves us always,
and who is with us at every step.

We can easily remember Bob's kindness with us and with our children at the Engineering banquet.

The two of you were simply gracious together, with many of us here in Knoxville.

This cold, rainy weather matches our sense of loss.

We will not soon forget.

Tony and Susan Buhl

Tony and Susan Buhl - November 16, 2014 at 02:44 PM



“ Dorothy and Family,
We were so very sorry to hear of Bob's passing. We feel that we have been truly blessed to have known someone of such fine character and are grateful we could call him a friend.

Jim and Alice Pate

James - November 16, 2014 at 03:38 PM