



William Charles Bright Jr.

May 5, 1945 - February 28, 2025

William “Charlie” Bright age 79, of Bald Knob passed away peacefully at home on February 28th 2025 surrounded by his beloved family. Born on May 5th, 1945, in Bald Knob, Arkansas, Charlie lived a full and rich life, one built on love, dedication, and hard work.

A proud Navy veteran, skilled welder and supervisor for over 50 years, Charlie was known for his strong work ethic and steady leadership. His career brought him fulfillment, but it was his family and God that meant the most to him. He was married to his high school sweetheart, Marilyn for 59 wonderful years.

Together, they built a life filled with joy, laughter, and unwavering love.

In his free time, Charlie enjoyed golfing and occasionally fishing, but what truly brought him peace was the simple pleasure of watching movies at home with his wife and their dog, Cali, always by his side.

Charlie leaves behind a legacy of kindness, warmth, and devotion to his family. His presence will be deeply missed, but his memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Rest in peace, Charlie You lived a simple but amazing life, and your love will continue to guide us.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Bright, his daughter, Nikki (Steven) Leonard, his son, Daris (Stacy) Bright, his grandchildren, Corey Bright, Nathan Bright, Tanner Leonard, and Taé Leonard, his great granddaughter, Addison Bright, and his sister, Margaret Parish. He is also survived by his best friend and companion, his dog, Calli.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his sister, Nina Jones. Funeral services will be conducted on Monday, March 3, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at the Valley Baptist Church in Searcy with visitation beginning at 1:00 P.M. Interment will follow in the Shady Grove Cemetery in Bald Knob. Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net.

Cemetery Details

Shady Grove Cemetery

Bald Knob Lake Road
Bald Knob, AR 72010

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Valley Baptist Church
3328 W. Beebe-Capps
3328 W. Hwy 36
Searcy, AR 72143

Funeral Service

MAR 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of William Charles Bright Jr.



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - March 03, 2025 at 09:44 AM

KB

SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS , THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE MAY GOD COMFORT YOUR FAMILY.AND KEEP THEM IN HIS HANDS.

KAY & DALE BROOKS - March 03, 2025 at 08:40 PM

RA

Oh, Marilyn, I'm so sorry! We loved Charlie and have always looked back at pictures of all the fun times we had. From the Bhat bus riding to him playing the Playstation with Bryce. I'm glad I snapped all those pictures and a few of the 2 of you that I was able to sneak and get. Sending you a big hug and lots of prayers.

Rhonda Alexander - March 04, 2025 at 03:46 AM

LH

Marilyn and family: I am Linda Hays, Charles Hay's wife. I was so sorry to hear of Charlie's passing. I know Charles thought a lot of him. Prayers for you as you go through this change in your lives.

Linda F Hargett - March 04, 2025 at 06:37 AM

JR

“ Marilyn,
My deepest condolences. I know Charlie had to have been a special man for God to send him to you many years ago.
Love and hugs.
Judy Roberts

Judy Roberts - March 03, 2025 at 05:27 PM

BD

“ Charlie meant the world to me. True Grit... the real deal...best of the best.
Friend and mentor like no other.Thank you Charlie & Marilyn for everything over the years.

bryan davis - March 03, 2025 at 01:30 PM

BC

“ To say I'm heartbroken is a gross understatement. I never had a better, truer, , or more loyal friend. I will cherish the many memories of time spent together. Till we meet on the other side old friend, HIT 'EM STRAIGHT AND LONG!-[

Bud Christianson - March 03, 2025 at 11:23 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Charles Bright Jr..

March 03, 2025 at 11:13 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of William Charles Bright Jr..*



March 03, 2025 at 11:13 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Charles Bright Jr..*



March 03, 2025 at 09:44 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William Charles Bright Jr..*



March 03, 2025 at 07:58 AM



“ *Nikki,
I am so sorry that you are having to go through this. I am praying for you, your mama, and your family. I lost my daddy suddenly in 2001 and, for a daddy's girl, it is a hole that you can't explain.
Mica Rose*

Mica Rose - March 02, 2025 at 09:03 PM

LP

“ L Kay Pearson lit a candle in memory of William Charles Bright Jr.



L Kay Pearson - March 02, 2025 at 08:37 PM

NL

“ Best Daddy a girl could ask for. Miss him so much already!

Nikki Leonard - March 02, 2025 at 08:22 PM

T1

“ Even though he was 5yr older than me ,I've known Charley for ever ,worked with him on a few jobs,he sure was a fine man,and a good building and trade welder,I really will miss him and my heart goes out to the family, Wildman Terry stiles

Terry stiles 1 501 283 1812 - March 02, 2025 at 07:43 PM

BF

“ Bill and Donna Feagin purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Charles Bright Jr..



Bill and Donna Feagin - March 02, 2025 at 07:01 PM

BF

“ Bill and Donna Feagin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Charles Bright Jr..

Bill and Donna Feagin - March 02, 2025 at 07:01 PM

CJ

“ *Best Brother nLaw Ever.*

Connie Johnston - March 02, 2025 at 05:17 PM

MH

“ *Our Thoughts and Prayers are with the family, Mary & Johnny Hodges*

Mary & Johnny Hodges - March 02, 2025 at 04:49 PM