



Don Nelson Bryant

May 2, 1936 - April 5, 2024

Don Nelson Bryant passed away peacefully at his home on April 5, 2024. He was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, son of the late Carl V. and Anna Sampson Bryant on May 2, 1936.

He was a member of Dallas United Methodist Church, Dallas Lions Club, and Masonic Lodge Wheeling No.5 AF and AM. After graduating from Warwood High School in 1954, he attended West Virginia University.

He met the love of his life Suzanne McCoy at a young men and women's conference at Jackson Mill. They went on to be married in 1962 and left for a 2 year Army commitment.

His love of adventure and travel began when he and Suzanne accepted a position with one of the first groups sent abroad through the United States Peace Corps where they spent two years working in Puno, Perú. Upon return to the States, the couple eventually settled in Dallas, West Virginia where they raised their two children Scott (Julie) Bryant of Marysville, Ohio and Heidi (Matt) McMahon of Wheeling.

Don taught building construction at Wheeling Park High School for 27 years and upon retirement, he and Suzanne continued their travels to many places in the United States and abroad. They spent winters in Arizona and St. Croix, USVI, took a train across Canada into Alaska, visited Russia and most of the National Parks in the United States. He was very involved in 4H and loved tending to his farm, especially his 3 donkeys "Jefferson", "Sassy", and "Buckeye".

He was known as “Pop” to his grandchildren Zac, Shane, and Carter McMahon and “Grandpa” to Cade and Anna Bryant whom he adored and shared vacations, trips, and milestones of life. He has instilled in his family, his love for life, adventure and the satisfaction of a completion of a hard day’s work.

He was a master carpenter and wood worker and anyone receiving a gift of his work, considered themselves lucky.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by nephew, Stephen Bryant of Wheeling, WV.

He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Suzanne McCoy Bryant; a son, Scott (Julie) Bryant of Marysville, OH, a daughter Heidi (Matt) McMahon of Wheeling, WV; 5 grandchildren Zac, Shane, and Carter McMahon of Triadelphia, WV and Cade and Anna Bryant of Marysville, OH; a brother Gary (Linda) Bryant; brothers-in-law, Stewart (Alice) McCoy, John McCoy and sister-in-law Karen (Llewellyn) McCoy. He was Uncle Don to 11 nieces and nephews all of whom enjoyed his sense of humor and love of every meal being the “best one ever”.

Family will receive friends on Friday from 2-4pm and 6-8 pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 1 Ridgecrest Road, Wheeling/Bethlehem, where funeral services will be held Saturday at 11am with Pastor Monica Salvo officiating. Interment in Mt. View cemetery Dallas, WV. Donations can be made to Dallas United Methodist Church in Don’s honor.

Cemetery Details

Mt. View Cemetery

Dallas, WV 26036

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 12. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory- Wheeling/Bethlehem
1 Ridgecrest Road
Bethlehem/Wheeling, WV 26003
(304) 232-0400
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Visitation

APR 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

APR 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Grisell Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Don Nelson Bryant*



Grisell Funeral Homes - April 11, 2024 at 11:23 AM

JJ

“ *What a GOOD MAN that will be missed. You are all in my prayers.*

Jim - April 14, 2024 at 05:22 PM

JL

“ *Mr. Bryant was my woodshop teacher at McKinley Vocational School in the early 70's and he made a very positive and lasting impression on me during my junior and senior years of high school. His support in my education has been with me ever since high school. He made a difference in my life and my successes in life!*

Rest in Peace Mr. Bryant. I'm sure you can now see that your hard work for my future was worth your time and effort. You helped me tremendously.

Thank you,

James Ledergerber, LCDR, US Navy, Retired

James Ledergerber - April 12, 2024 at 11:02 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Don Nelson Bryant.*



April 11, 2024 at 08:14 PM



“ *Ms. Sherry Sidders, and Mrs. Abbie Maes purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Don Nelson Bryant.*



Ms. Sherry Sidders, and Mrs. Abbie Maes - April 11, 2024 at 06:15 PM



“ *Ms. Sherry Sidders, and Mrs. Abbie Maes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Don Nelson Bryant.*

Ms. Sherry Sidders, and Mrs. Abbie Maes - April 11, 2024 at 06:15 PM



“ *Ruby V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Don Nelson Bryant.*

Ruby V. - April 11, 2024 at 11:00 AM



“ 238 files added to the album LifeTributes



Grisell Funeral Homes - April 11, 2024 at 10:51 AM

RN

“ Gary, I am sorry about the loss of your brother, my prayers will be with you.

Rob Nichols - April 11, 2024 at 10:23 AM

JH

“ I am very sorry to hear about Mr. Bryant's passing. He was a great teacher and an excellent role model in our WPHS Building Construction class in 84-85. I don't remember all of my teachers from way back then, but Mr. Bryant was the kind of teacher that inspired lasting memories. I can still hear him saying "Measure twice and cut once" and "Where is your shop apron" like it was yesterday. We were fortunate to have been able to spend an afternoon visiting his home workshop where he shared many of his own experiences about learning the craft and how wood working skills had lifelong benefits, whether done professionally or simply as a hobby. You have my sincerest sympathies and I wish your family all the best in this trying time.

Jim Hicks - April 11, 2024 at 09:47 AM

PL

“ *Mr. Bryant was such a sweet man. He always had a smile for everyone at WPHS. I once got to meet the goat that he let follow him around. I also remember he would tell us with such joy about the holiday dinners they would host for the entire family. He also made a table top for my mama's kitchen table (on top of an old singer sewing machine pedestal bottom). She absolutely treasured that table. Mr. Bryant was a gentleman through and through and will be greatly missed. Keeping your family in my thoughts and prayers.*

Paula Lucas

paula of lucas - April 11, 2024 at 06:48 AM

DB

“ *Dearest Heidi and Family, Brian and I are very sorry about your Father.*

Debbie and Brian Brookes - April 10, 2024 at 09:26 PM

JW

“ *Gary and Family - We are so sorry to hear of Don's passing. May you all find some small comfort in knowing that you are in our thoughts and prayers. - John Wheeler, Beth, and NancyBeth*

John Wheeler - April 10, 2024 at 05:58 PM

TF

“ *The Wright Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Don Nelson Bryant.*



The Wright Family - April 10, 2024 at 05:31 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Don Nelson Bryant.*



April 10, 2024 at 04:35 PM



“ *Retta Rose planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Don Nelson Bryant.*

Retta Rose - April 10, 2024 at 04:35 PM



“ *Don's Family,*

Don was a first class teacher and mentor to countless students for many years. He exuded confidence that was infectious. His students knew they could accomplish things because he believed they could and he encouraged them to believe in themselves as much as he believed in them.

We all share in your loss.

H. Lawrence (Larry) Jones, Ed.D.

Lawrence jones - April 10, 2024 at 03:51 PM

BR

“ *Mr. Bryant was the most memorable teacher I ever encountered. He taught me much more than building construction. It was my pleasure being around him for my years at Park (Class of 84). He will be missed and in my prayers.*

Brian Robb - April 10, 2024 at 02:44 PM

TJ

“ *Travis and Renee Johnston purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Don Nelson Bryant.*



Travis and Renee Johnston - April 10, 2024 at 01:52 PM

TJ

“ *Travis and Renee Johnston planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Don Nelson Bryant.*

Travis and Renee Johnston - April 10, 2024 at 01:52 PM

B8

“ *Bill Lipscomb family class of 85 purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Don Nelson Bryant.*



Bill Lipscomb family class of 85 - April 10, 2024 at 01:10 PM



“ *this man was very dear to me as a young man.he taught me alot about building construction. He was incremental in keeping me in school when little else could..even after many years i still called him mr. out of repect.*

ron gibbons - April 10, 2024 at 12:36 PM



one of the best men i have known.

ron gibbons - April 10, 2024 at 12:39 PM



“ *Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Don Nelson Bryant.*



April 10, 2024 at 12:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Don Nelson Bryant.*



April 10, 2024 at 07:42 AM



“ *Love, Tim, Jen, Payne and Lucas Miller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Don Nelson Bryant.*

Love, Tim, Jen, Payne and Lucas Miller - April 10, 2024 at 07:42 AM

CM

“ We loved the times we got to spend with Don. He was fun, smart, talented and always a real gentle man. Never made a “ football helmet cookie” without thinking of Don! He will be so missed. Loved his voice.
Sorry for the family’s loss.
Gary and Carol Miller

Carol Miller - April 09, 2024 at 10:48 PM

RF

“ Russell Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Don Nelson Bryant.



Russell Family - April 09, 2024 at 08:40 PM



“ I had the best summers visiting with uncle don and going horseback riding. And he was an amazing great uncle to my kids also ❤️ this is a picture of him visiting me and my firstborn in Puerto Rico. He had a smile I’ll never forget 💕



Fara Westerman - April 09, 2024 at 06:18 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Don Nelson Bryant.*



April 09, 2024 at 06:14 PM



“ *Don was a great man. I always looked forward to seeing him and visiting with him. He loved my father's car trunk tailgates and always mentioned my father Arlo. I know he will be missed. But I also know you have great memories. Love the family!*

jim and marsha Swinehart - April 09, 2024 at 05:16 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Don Nelson Bryant.*



April 09, 2024 at 04:39 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about the loss of your Father. We was a kind, patient and wonderful man. He will be missed by so many. Sending you love and prayers.*
Paul and Karen Townley

KAREN L TOWNLEY - April 09, 2024 at 04:04 PM