



Mr. Bruce Henderson Guthrie II

May 19, 1960 - November 20, 2015

Bruce Henderson Guthrie II, of Chattanooga, died at home November 20, 2015 after a brief illness. He was 55.

Mr. Guthrie was born and reared in the Brainerd neighborhood of Chattanooga, Tennessee. He attended Sunnyside Elementary School and was graduated from The McCallie School in 1978, serving as Student Body President in his senior year. He earned a Political Science degree from Memphis State University and was admitted to The State Bar of Tennessee in 1989 after completing his Juris Doctor degree at Cumberland School of Law at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. He practiced law until his death, initially with his father, Billy Bruce Guthrie, in affiliation with the late Paul Sorrick, and later as the principal of the family law firm. He was a member of the Alhambra Shrine Temple, Shelter Church and an enthusiastic recreational golfer.

Mr. Guthrie is preceded in death by his mother, Betty Janelle Guthrie, and his maternal and paternal grandparents. He is survived by father and partner Billy Bruce Guthrie and stepmother Dorothea "Dee" Guthrie, his ex-wife Leslie Allison Hope-Guthrie, son William Bruce "Will" Guthrie and daughter Michelle Hope "Shelby" Guthrie. Additional survivors include elder sister Deborah "Debbie" Guthrie-Tripp and husband Joe Tripp, younger sister Kimberly J. "GiGi" Nash and husband Robert T. Nash, and beloved stepbrother William Ray "Ray-Ray" McConnell, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins,

associates, clients, colleagues, family and friends.

The family will receive visitors Friday from Noon 'til 2:00 PM at Ryan Funeral Home in Trenton, Georgia. A brief funeral service will immediately follow.

Previous Events

Service

NOV **27**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Bruce Henderson Guthrie II*

October 09, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *"Dudley" as I knew Bruce, was a fine young man during our McCallie school days. He was one of the few day students that got along with all of the boarding students, which is one of the reasons he was elected Class President in 1978. We did not see each other much over the years, but every time we communicated, he was the same guy--warm, enthusiastic, always smiling, and always saying a kind word. Bruce was the epitome of what all decent human beings try to be---but he took it a step further with his caring nature, kind temperament, and outgoing personality. He will be missed and I extend prayers to his family and extended family for comfort and understanding.*

Mark Oldham - November 29, 2015 at 02:32 PM



“ *Bruce was everyone's little brother on Oriole Drive. He was quick with a smile, had a heart of gold, the courage of a lion when playing baseball or football, a great imagination of us cowboys defending the 12 foot high "Fort Apache" like fence in the Guthrie back yard against heathens of all descriptions. My sincerest condolences to Mr. Guthrie "Billy Bruce", Debbie, little GiGi, Bruce's children, Will and Shelby. Across the street neighbor, 31 Oriole Drive, John Hale.*

John Hale - November 28, 2015 at 12:58 AM

KG

“ *Mr. Guthrie & Dee,*

My heartfelt condolences..

Katrina Grayson

Katrina Grayson - November 27, 2015 at 01:43 PM

AC

“ *Bruce bettered my life as an attorney and as a person. I clerked for him in the summer of 2000 while I was in law school. I enjoyed that summer with him, his sister, his dad and the rest of the firm. Bruce taught me how to be respectful to the judicial system, especially the hard working people who carry out the day to day administration of the court's (the clerks). He was a very positive, carrying gentleman. I will always appreciate him and his family.*

Andrew Cunnyngnam

andew cunnyngnam - November 27, 2015 at 11:06 AM

JH

“ *A true friend, you will be missed old buddy.*

Jack Head

Jack Head - November 27, 2015 at 11:03 AM



“ 53 files added to the album Life Tributes



Ryan Funeral Home - November 27, 2015 at 10:22 AM

JD

“ Mr Guthrie, Bruce was a dear friend and I had planned on attending the service but will be in AL having my second Thanksgiving with my son's family. Life gets complicated when your children grow up. I hope Bruce finds the peace that alluded him during the eight years that I knew him. Will be praying for you and the Guthrie family, especially Dee since she will be bearing the burden of supporting the family during this time of sadness. God Bless, Joe Dana

joe Dana - November 26, 2015 at 02:24 PM

JH

“ I will always remember Bruce as the neighborhood little brother. He was a good kid, quick to smile, adventurous, and always willing to participate in our activities whether playing football or baseball, playing cowboys and trying to climb that 12 foot tall "Fort Lincoln" fence in the Guthrie back yard, or a jolly round of catching lightning bugs at night in a mason jar with the Roanne Watkins patented holes poked in the top with grass down inside for the bugs to climb on and eat. Rest In Peace little brother and my sincerest condolences to Billy Bruce, Debbie, Gigi, Will, Shelby, and Ray. Across the street neighbor on Oriole Drive, John Hale.

John Hale - November 26, 2015 at 01:56 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Bruce Henderson Guthrie II.



November 26, 2015 at 10:35 AM

BP

“ So sorry to hear this kind of news. I had not seen Bruce in some time, but he was a delightful man to be around, and helped us out a couple times over the years. We did his floors on Lookout Mtn, as well as the ones in the house in Tiftonia. That was some time back, and I had not heard from Bruce lately. Did not know he was having health issues.
Bruce touched a lot of lives, and will be sadly missed.
Cox Hardwood Floors, Charles Cox, and Billy Joe Plaster

Billy Joe Plaster - November 26, 2015 at 09:17 AM

JS

“ *Jerry and Anna Stallings purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mr. Bruce Henderson Guthrie II.*



Jerry and Anna Stallings - November 25, 2015 at 07:00 PM

GB

“ *Bruce and I became friends while members of the Alhambra Directors Staff. In addition we delivered Christmas boxed for the Shrine. I have many fond memories of Bruce and the things we did together. Bruce was a good man. May God bless the family of Bruce Guthrie and rest his soul.*
Glenn Butler

Glenn Butler - November 25, 2015 at 05:42 PM

LG

“ *Bruce was such a major part of my life. 25 years together, two beautiful children and many, many memories. Rest in peace. I am passing your very well read and marked up Bible to your children.*

leslie gu - November 25, 2015 at 04:51 PM

DN

“ *RIP, Bruce*

David Nelson - November 25, 2015 at 05:48 AM

MS

“ I attended McCallie with Bruce and I was the class of 1977. I remember Bruce as a kind hearted person who always was nice and kind hearted. He was always a positive person. I hope this brings comfort to his family and I will pray for all of you. Highest Regards, Mark Schmissrauter. God Bless.

Mark Schmissrsuter - November 24, 2015 at 09:54 PM

LH

“ So sorry to learn of Mr. Guthrie's passing. The family served me and my family for many years. May you be comforted by your cherished memories.

Laretta C. Harrison - November 24, 2015 at 08:22 PM

FJ

“ From Donna DeWeese, Lisa Hill, Susan O'Mary, and Melodie Jones purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Bruce Henderson Guthrie II.



From Donna DeWeese, Lisa Hill, Susan O'Mary, and Melodie Jones - November 24, 2015 at 08:21 PM

CH

“ Dear Bruce, Debbie and Gigi. I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Brucie. There are no words, but know I feel this loss with you. Love to you. Charlotte (Wright) Hardin

Charlotte Hardin - November 24, 2015 at 05:26 PM

MD

“ *I taught Bruce in the First Grade at Sunnyside. He was such a sweet little boy, and such a wonderful young man. My heart breaks for his family. Martha Jo Darby*

Martha Darby - November 24, 2015 at 04:52 PM

GA

“ *Bruce was a good friend and fellow golfer. I knew him since 1987 and will miss him greatly. Greg Alford*

Greg Alford - November 24, 2015 at 04:19 PM