



William Henry Nunnelly II

March 21, 1948 - April 29, 2022

William (Bill) Henry Nunnelly II, age 73, passed away peacefully on February 11, 2022. He was the son of Betty Jane Cox Nunnelly and Walter Sandles Nunnelly II, both deceased of the Vernon/Nunnelly Community in Tennessee. Bill is survived by his wife Rosann Bond Nunnelly of Nashville, Tn and Naples, Fl and brother Walter S. Nunnelly III, Jr. (Wad) and wife Sarah Chaffin Nunnelly of Little Rock, Arkansas.

Bill grew up on his ancestral family's farm (1844) in the Vernon/Nunnelly Community on the Piney River in Tennessee. The town of Nunnelly was named for his Great, Great Grandfather, Lawson Nunnelly, in 1879. Bill loved the Vernon/Nunnelly Community where he grew up as well as the Nunnelly United Methodist Church, and wherever he went in the world or whatever he did or whomever he met, he carried them in his heart. Bill was a life-long member of Nunnelly United Methodist Church.

Bill graduated from HCHS in 1966 and graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin in 1970 where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education. He was commissioned into the United States Army and was a graduate of the United States Army Ranger School. After his three year obligation, Bill attended Boston University where he received his Master's Degree in Counseling and Human Services.

In 1975, Bill founded Music City Marketing, Inc., a tobacco, cigar and accessory wholesaler. Then in 1985, he founded Uptown's Smoke Shop, named by Forbes Magazine as one of the top ten smoke shops in the world. Both businesses have since been sold. In the early 1980's, Bill and his partners founded the Santa Fe Natural Tobacco Company in Santa Fe, New Mexico where they manufactured organic cigarettes called American Spirit. Bill bought an existing wine and spirits store in 1989 on West End Avenue in Nashville and the store was sold in 2019.

Bill's hobbies included sailing, traveling, reading, wine collecting and enjoying fine food and wine. Bill was also a true champion of the underserved by the many charities that he and Rosann supported, including Nunnely United Methodist Church and Nunnely Community Center.

In 2019, Bill and Rosann established a scholarship fund at the University of Tennessee at Martin, bequeathing \$22 million to the university, at that time, the largest grant ever given. As many as one hundred students a year from Hickman and surrounding counties will receive four-year scholarships to Bill's alma mater. The university designated the Nunnely Family Welcome Center in their honor, which is where all campus tours begin.

Bill is also survived by his brother-in-law Tom Bond and his wife Peggy of Nashville; niece Emily Leaman and husband Cary of Nashville; cousin Leonora Green Clifford (Tony) and John M. Green II of Franklin, Tn; cousin Douglas T. Bates III (Molly) of Centerville, Tn. and cousin Walter Nunnely Wallace II (Pam) of Franklin, Tn.

Bill's Memorial service will be held Saturday, May 7th at 11 am at Nunnely United Methodist Church, 1323 Highway 230 West. The service will be posted on Facebook Live on the Nunnely United Methodist Church Facebook page beginning at 11 am. Interment of ashes will follow at the Nunnely Family

Cemetery in Vernon.

Memorial gifts given in Bill's name may be made to the Nunnelly United Methodist Church and mailed to Carolyn Moss, Treasurer, Nunnelly United Methodist Church 5741 Fox Haven Drive, Nunnelly TN 37137.

Cemetery Details

Nunnely Family Cemetery

Vernon, TN

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Nunnely United Methodist Church
1323 Hwy 230 W
Nunnely, TN 37137

Tribute Wall

LA

“ We installed a whole house Generator replacement at his nashville Home . Such a nice person. He had to make sure his wine collection stayed at the right temp REST IN PEACE Bill Nunnley
Thanks for your support
Lyle Amundson
Nashville Generators



Lyle Amundson - July 15, 2022 at 12:51 PM

MR

“ Margaret Pinkeeton Roberts lit a candle in memory of William Henry Nunnely II



Margaret Pinkeeton Roberts - May 04, 2022 at 01:55 PM

ST

“ As long as I have known Bill, he has been kind, thoughtful and generous.
I will miss my good friend's big smile and welcome hug at our many social events over the years. We always joked that we were distant cousins, as our parents, grandparents and great grandparents were all raised across the holler from each other in Hickman Co. Rest peacefully Bill

Sherry Thompson - May 03, 2022 at 12:54 PM

CB

“ Carolyn Burchard Bennett lit a candle in memory of William Henry Nunnelly II



Carolyn Burchard Bennett - May 02, 2022 at 08:23 AM

JN

“ J. Paul (Skip) & Glenda Nickell lit a candle in memory of William Henry Nunnelly II



J. Paul (Skip) & Glenda Nickell - May 01, 2022 at 11:32 AM

CM

“ Cheeva McClearen lit a candle in memory of William Henry Nunnelly II



Cheeva McClearen - May 01, 2022 at 11:31 AM

CB

“ Carolyn Burchard Bennett lit a candle in memory of William Henry Nunnelly II



Carolyn Burchard Bennett - May 01, 2022 at 07:01 AM

SC

“ *Sheila Chance lit a candle in memory of William Henry Nunnelly II*



Sheila Chance - April 30, 2022 at 06:25 PM

RG

“ *Ronald Gammons lit a candle in memory of William Henry Nunnelly II*



Ronald Gammons - April 30, 2022 at 03:29 PM

RM

“ *Roy & Sharon McCoy lit a candle in memory of William Henry Nunnelly II*



Roy & Sharon McCoy - April 30, 2022 at 01:47 PM

SH

“ *Went to school Bill*



Sara Harrington - April 30, 2022 at 10:13 AM

WP

“ Wayne & Jewell Prince lit a candle in memory of William Henry Nunnelly II



Wayne & Jewell Prince - April 30, 2022 at 09:01 AM

BM

“ Bobby/Sandy McFarlin lit a candle in memory of William Henry Nunnelly II



Bobby/Sandy McFarlin - April 29, 2022 at 07:00 PM

FR

“ I am so sorry for your loss of a husband and Wad for your loss of a brother. I very well remember Wad and Bill and their parents as my daddy worked for their grandfather Mr. Will Nunnelly and their great grandfather Mr. Pitts Nunnelly as a very young man. May God give you peace and comfort as only he can.



Frances(McClearen)McMeen - April 29, 2022 at 06:39 PM

CM

“ Rosann, Wad, and all the family,

I will fondly remember Bill's friendship during our youthful years and appreciate the donations to his many philanthropies throughout his life. Nunnelly United Methodist Church (his home church) and the Nunnelly Community Center were recipients of his goodness. May he rest in peace, and may his memories always be a blessing to you all.

Carolyn Moss - April 29, 2022 at 01:29 PM

BC

“ Bill And Teresa Hailey Clarke lit a candle in memory of William Henry Nunnelly II



Bill and Teresa Hailey Clarke - April 29, 2022 at 12:24 PM

TW

I am just now finding out about Bill passing. I remeber doing service for Bill & his Wife over 20 yr ago in Naples. He was always the most pleaseant person to deal with. We will miss you Bill! All the Staff at Commercial Refrigeration. Tim

Tim Wallen - January 16, 2024 at 09:29 AM