



## Michael Bright

December 21, 1938 - January 7, 2021

Michael George Bright, Jr. 82, Meriden, Kansas, passed away January 7, 2021.

Mike was born December 21, 1938, in the family home on Seward Avenue in Topeka to Michael and Matilda Marks Bright. He was a 1957 graduate of Hayden High School. Mike served our country in the US Coast Guard from 1956 to 1960 then transitioning into the reserves for two more years. On April 20, 1968, Mike and Shirley Montgomery were united in marriage at Assumption Catholic Church, Topeka, enjoying more than 52 years together.

In the mid-60s, Mike was a member of the Shawnee County Mounted Posse Drill Team under Sheriff Chaffee. He was a horse show announcer during that same time as well and helped start the North Topeka Saddle Club and served on their board.

Mike retired in 2000 from BNSF Railroad Purchasing and Materials Department. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Council No. 7426. He also was a member of the Swinging Square Dance Club at Croco Square. Known for his "Baby Huey" act for different organizations, Mike had his audience laughing so hard they couldn't breathe. Mike was a member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Meriden, Kansas.

Thank you to the marvelous medical team who took care of Mike on the COVID unit at St. Francis Hospital.

Mike is survived by his wife, Shirley; son, Casey Joe Bright; grandchildren, Lindsay Ross (Marvin), Jade Bright, and Winston Bright; great-grandchildren, Nakita "Kita" Ross, Jivonni Ross, Winston Bright, Alexi Bright, and Freya Bright; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and siblings, Edward Bright, Lucille Nethery, Helen Lewis, Dorothy Briggs, Sylvester Bright, Matilda Keener, and Kathryn Fitzpatrick.

Due to the pandemic, there will be no service at this time.

Memorial donations may be made to Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth or St. Benedict Abbey, Atchison and sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Breight*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM

MC

“ *Melissa C. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Michael Breight.*



**Melissa C.** - January 15, 2021 at 11:27 AM

BT

“ *Our condolences to you Shirley - from the Tenpenny boys.*

**Bill Tenpenny** - January 14, 2021 at 07:56 PM

CW

“ *Shirley, I am so sorry that you have lost your Mike to this awful virus that has taken so many lives. May the Lord keep you safe for the rest of your days here on Earth.*

**Charles Widner** - January 14, 2021 at 12:30 AM

SB

“ *Shirley and family, I worked with Mike at the RR in the P&M Dept. He was fun to work with! He was a "tell it like it is" kind of guy! I respected that! He will be missed by many. I'm so sorry for your loss. Your family is in my prayers. Sally Brooke*

**Sally Brooke** - January 13, 2021 at 01:46 PM

JT

“ *Shirley and Family: I am saddened to read that Mike passed away. May he rest in eternal peace. I enjoyed working with both of you at ATSF/BNSF. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

**Jerry Tapee** - January 13, 2021 at 12:48 PM

RN

“ Shirley: Our deepest sympathy on your loss. May he rest in peace. Rosie Negrete (Super Chief Credit Union)

Rosie Negrete - January 13, 2021 at 12:47 PM

MS

“ Thank you for your military service to our Nation. Serving in the Armed Forces is truly an awesome gift to be given to your family, your community and your Nation. May God bless you, your family, and your friends.

Mike Simmons - January 13, 2021 at 12:02 PM

AB

“ When Uncle Mike was in his 20's, I was a little kid, maybe 5 or 6 for this memory. Uncle Mike had an ample belly and he would let us kids punch him in the stomach. He didn't feel a thing and would laugh. I thought it was the greatest thing. I still remember his laughter.

*I will miss you - Alan Breight*

alan breight - January 13, 2021 at 10:13 AM

MH

*I first met Mike in the first grade at Assumption Grade School. He and I had amazing similar careers. After high school we both were in the military and ended up at Santa Fe. Couldn't have asked for a better friend. Will miss Mike, so sorry Shirley for your loss. Mike Hurla*

Michael Hurla - January 14, 2021 at 11:02 AM

CA

“ Shirley, so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Mike was a loving man and friends with so many and a great neighbor, he will be missed! God's strength, grace, peace and love during this time of mourning and healing- Cindy Akagi

Cynthia G Akagi - January 13, 2021 at 09:44 AM

MF

“ Mike was a very nice person he will be missed his wife spoiled him as he liked donuts really well and his ice cream. he liked his farming and feeding the cats. Planting tomatoes in the half barrel in back of the house. he enjoyed going to the rodeo and watching the bull riders.

*we will miss you.*

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**Mary Frye** - January 12, 2021 at 09:20 PM