



Joseph Harrison Bright

June 8, 1955 - September 19, 2021

Joseph Harrison Bright, 66, of Bradley passed away on Sunday, September 19, 2021, peacefully at his home.

Joseph was born on June 8, 1955, the son of Joseph and Theresa (Menard) Bright. He married Leona Adcock on May 20, 1995, at the Open Bible Center in Kankakee. Earlier in life, Joseph was a cabinet maker, a videographer for the county, and a firefighter for Herscher Township. Years later, he was a musician, a recording artist and guitar teacher at King Music in Bradley. He also enjoyed camping, fishing, boating, and spending time with his loving dog, Carson. As a Christian, Joseph was devoted to his faith.

He is survived by his wife, Leona Bright, siblings; John (Kathy) Bright of Herscher, Jack (Judi) Bright of Bourbonnais, Becky and Robin Bright, both of Kankakee, many nieces, nephews, and cousins, whom he loved very deeply; 2 brothers-in-law, Ed (Rosemarie) Adcock of Peoria, Truman (Sarah) Adcock of Arlington Heights; 2 sisters-in-law, Yvonne (Jim) Porter of Bicknell, IN., Rhonda (Thom) Showers of Bradley.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a sister; Mary Yeates.

On Saturday, October 9, 2021, at 9:00 am a visitation will be held at Open Bible Center in Kankakee followed by a memorial service at 10:00 am with Pastor Andy Hansen officiating.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorials may be made to the Open Bible Center located in Kankakee.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **9**. 9:00 AM (CT)

Open Bible Church
410 South Small Ave.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Memorial Service

OCT **9**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Open Bible Center
410 S. Small Ave.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

AC

“ I was a guitar student of Joe’s. He made a great difference in my life and feel so blessed to had known him. He was a man of god and always very kind. He was very talented, humble, and an excellent role model. I was hoping to see him again but heard the news. Our prayers to Him and his family.

Anthony Caddell - October 28, 2025 at 01:16 PM



“ Joseph Harrison Bright

October 08, 2023 at 04:39 PM

SB

“ So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for the family. I was in school with Robin and knew of Becky and Joe. Find comfort with family and friends during this difficult time.



Sheryl Haggard Barbosa - October 10, 2021 at 05:19 PM

SB

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Sheryl Haggard Barbosa - October 10, 2021 at 05:22 PM

LB

“ In the 70's, Joe was at our Bonfield house alot and all our family loved him. We played in a band, jazz band, marching band. He brought a radical kind and free spirit into my life and everyone's. So gifted and talented. We talked about spiritual life alot. I wish the Bright family comfort, knowing his soul has traveled into God's presence, living in joy with those that came before, and his life continues in paradise.
All our love, Larry Banister and Family.”

Larry Banister - October 09, 2021 at 11:47 AM

MB

“ I knew Joe in our high school years and have fun memories of him hanging out at our house with other friends and my brothers. He was kind and funny and such a talented musician. I wasn't able to keep touch through the years but know that his faith remained strong and that he was a good man. Thank you, Joe, for good memories in our teenage years. Sending much love to Joe's family.

Mary (Banister) Beaudry

Mary Beaudry - October 06, 2021 at 01:52 PM

LO

“ Prayers to the family and friends of Joe Bright. Joe I will remember Forever as an important person in my life. It was Joe and Pastor Randy who led my brother Rick to the Lord at Joe's house. I remember coming to church the following Sunday and thanking Joe and he said he was in the birthing room that evening. The closing song of the night my brother Rick told me was "I have decided to follow Jesus." I will always be thankful for Joe and Randy leading my brother Rick to the Lord. Today my brother Rick and Joe are both in Heaven singing songs of Praise to the Lord! Prayers to the family and friends of Joe Bright.



Sincerely,

Leila Owen

Leila Owen - October 01, 2021 at 11:54 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Harrison Bright.



September 29, 2021 at 01:40 AM

KS

“ I met Joe when I was 16 years old and he played in his band Wheat Stone Bridge.
Later, he gave my 16 year old son guitar lessons and helped me record a song for charity. Great person. RIP Joe.

Karen Schmidt - September 28, 2021 at 11:05 PM

SP

“ I played with Joe in several bands. We were friends in grade school, high school and beyond. Funny, I always thought I'd see him one more time...goodbye friend..

Steven pombert - September 28, 2021 at 08:28 PM

DS

“ Joe was a dear friend in high school, and someone I always admired for his faith in God and his amazing skill as a musician. I am saddened by his passing, and the world is certainly a darker place without Joe Bright in it. My heart goes out to his family. Joe is one of the kindest men I ever knew.

Save me a place at the table, my brother. I'll see you in a little while.

Deborah Cullins Smith - September 28, 2021 at 06:41 PM

DN

“ Always loved Joe. Such a wonderful man!

Deborah Neckopulos - September 28, 2021 at 01:52 PM

RM

“ We've been listening to a cassette you made for us many years ago. I am so blessed by "I am " and Jim loves "Modern Man". Such a shock to know that you are gone from this earth. We had so many great times together. Lots of laughs! Till we meet again, Rest In Peace in the arms of our Lord. Jim and Rita

rita and jim mcclure - September 28, 2021 at 01:42 PM

JL

“ Joe was a friend of my late husband and I became a friend through that connection. His great talent and Christian beliefs were valuable to everyone. He helped me learn how to properly clean a guitar, including what items to use. He also tuned the guitar when we were done cleaning it. Those are things you need to know from someone who had the proper technique for doing it. Just being a friend of my late husband shows the strength that he had. It also shows his acceptance of everyone. To Lee and his family, I know that the Lord will comfort and strengthen you as you get through this time. His song 'God Can Heal The Broken Heart ' helped me through my husband's passing.

Joann Lambert - September 28, 2021 at 12:10 PM

KB

“ Joe was a dear friend met him through my brother Roy they hung out a lot in high school you and your music will be sadly missed till we meet again keep playing that guitar

Kristi Bowman - September 28, 2021 at 08:39 AM

JP

“ We are so sorry for the families loss
In our thoughts and prayers to all the families

john p papineau - September 28, 2021 at 07:54 AM

AT

Joe helped me to record a puppet play so everyone could remember their lines. Since I didn't have much\$\$, I had a few kids help me paint his garage.
I'll always appreciate his kind help.

Andrea Taylor - September 29, 2021 at 01:05 PM

AP

“ Sorry to hear, I grew up with the Bright family in Bonfield. Especially remember Joe when he played in the Band Wheatstone Bridge at sockhops at the YMCA. Fun times. Play on in Heaven Joe they will love it.

Anita Poteete - September 25, 2021 at 09:24 AM