



## Gary Bright

September 7, 1953 - August 17, 2008

Gary Bright, age 54 of Newnan, Georgia died on Sunday August 17, 2008 at Wesley Woods in Atlanta, Georgia. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Ruth Gear Bright and the late Arthur John Bright, Sr. He was a proud employee for 18 years with the Coca-Cola Company where he served as an account install coordinator.

A memorial reception will be held in his honor on Thursday, August 21, 2008 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, Newnan, Ga. 30263. The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to either The Erin Bright Memorial Fund through any Bank of America location or to The American Cancer Society, 301 Kelly Dr. Suite 3, Peachtree City, Ga. 30269. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

Mr. Bright is survived by his wife, Michelle Bright of Newnan, Ga, and his daughter Erin Bright, mother Ruth Bright of Alpharetta, sister, Linda Henderson of Alpharetta, brother Arthur John Bright, Jr. of Marietta, Ga., and one grandson, Austin Riley Bright of Fayetteville, Ga.

McKoon Funeral Home (770) 253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
care@mckoon.com  
<http://www.mckoon.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 21. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

RM

“ To the Family of Gary Bright - I would like to pass on our deepest sympathy from the Cooler Services Dept. in Salisbury, MD. I had the pleasure of speaking periodically with Gary for business; but I always joked with him about our being related in some way. He was a soft-spoken, patient, and conscientious person. If just the few times that I had contact with him reflects the gentleness he portrayed at home; then I know there is true sorrow in the Bright Family today. Your family will remain in our thoughts as you go through this difficult time.

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**Rowena Bright/Cooler Svcs-Salisbury, MD** - August 22, 2008 at 10:04 AM

TP

“ Michelle, I was very saddened to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this very difficult time. Many of your other GRTA family members have you in their thoughts and prayers too! Tammie Pittman

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**Tammie Pittman** - August 21, 2008 at 06:39 PM

TH

“ Michelle and Erin, I am praying that you are in God's arms and knowing the comfort that Gary's suffering is over. I pray also that you two continue thru life remembering all the happy moments Gary brought your way. If you have any needs, we are here. Love, Tony and Robin

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**Tony & Robin Harlan** - August 21, 2008 at 03:52 PM

MF

“ There will come a day when the tears of sorrow will softly flow into tears of remembrance...and your heart will begin healing itself...and grieving will be interrupted by episodes of joy...and you will hear the whisper of hope. There will come a day when you will welcome the tears of remembrance...as a sun shower of the soul...a turning of the tide...a promise of peace. There will come a day when you will...risk loving...go on believing...and treasure the tears of remembrance. All those sleeping in their graves will wake up and sing for joy. As the sparkling dew refreshes the earth, so the Lord will revive those who have long been dead.”-Isa. 26:19.

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**Magallon Family** - August 21, 2008 at 01:14 PM

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“ Michelle, Erin, and Family - We are very sorry to hear about Gary's passing. We did not get a chance to meet Gary, but it's very apparent what a wonderful husband, father, and friend he was. Our sincere sympathy is with you and the family. If there is anything at all that we can do to help, please let us know. Our prayers are with you during this time.

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**Tammy Davis** - August 21, 2008 at 11:04 AM

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**Tammy Davis** - August 21, 2008 at 11:03 AM

TN

“I'm so sad to hear that Gary passed away. He was one of the first people I met when I came to the Customer Communication Center at Coca-Cola. I was there for my interview and Gary made me feel welcome, and soon we were comparing photos of our cars. Over the years the conversations turned to our daughters. My daughter was born just before Erin. I know that Gary cherished every minute he spent with his pride and joy. I've never met a prouder or more dedicated father. Gary also had a passion for taking care of customers. His work with customers like Olive Garden and the cruise industry was often recognized and rewarded. The entire Coca-Cola family will miss his friendly personality and dedication.

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**Tom Newton** - August 21, 2008 at 08:27 AM

KS

“Michelle and Erin, My heart aches for you both. Gary was an all around great person and was always a joy to be around. He will be greatly missed by all of us here at Coca Cola. I personally looked up to Gary and his great strength along with his positive attitude in trying times. He should be an inspiration to everyone. Just remember, when your heart is empty, filling it with happy memories can help and I am sure you have plenty of them.

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**Kim Swallow** - August 20, 2008 at 10:54 PM

NW

“ Our prayers are with the family in this difficult time. May God give you the strength to sustain you.

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**Noel & Judy Whitwood** - August 20, 2008 at 10:43 PM

SR

“ Michelle, Erin and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. He was a great friend and I know he loved you so very much. I will miss Gary very much and am blessed to have known him. A Native American Prayer, Do not stand at my grave and weep, I am not there, I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow, I am the diamond glint on snow, I am the gentle autumn's rain. When you awaken in the morning's hush, I am the swift uplifting rush. Of quiet birds in circled light, I am the soft stars that shine at night. Do not stand at my grave and cry. I am not there, I did not die. Gary will be with us always. At the race track, washing our cars in the morning or looking at the stars. You will all be in my prayers during this difficult time. Love you Suzanne

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**Suzanne Rosenbeck** - August 20, 2008 at 10:06 PM

PW

“ I am so sorry to hear of Gary's passing.....

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**Pamela Winston** - August 20, 2008 at 04:07 PM

KM

“ Michelle and Erin, Tony and I were so sorry to hear the news about Gary. Please know you and Erin are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Karen and Tony

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**Karen and Tony Marsal** - August 20, 2008 at 02:48 PM

KJ

“ Erin and Michelle, My thoughts and prayers are with you both during this time. Gary is a true friend and I will miss his friendship every day. Kim Jones

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**Kim Jones** - August 20, 2008 at 01:00 PM

JB

“ Michelle and Erin, Gary was a dear friend and selfishly I will miss him greatly. I am thankful to have had the opportunity to know him since early on in our Coca-Cola careers. Gary connected well with a network of friends throughout the Coca-Cola system and nurtured those relationships even when careers took people away from each other. He was a kind and thoughtful man. I was fortunate to get to know Gary and you both outside of Coca-Cola and I will always cherish those times spent in Daytona enjoying our common passion for fast cars. God Bless you and know that he loved and valued you both. My family continues to keep you all in our prayers. With sympathy, Jim

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**Jim Baldwin** - August 20, 2008 at 12:53 PM

CV

“ Michele and Erin, I am truly saddened by your loss. Gary is a good friend and co-worker that had such a positive attitude making everyday more enjoyable for his friends. It is this dedication that defines his legacy and imprint in all our hearts. I will miss him. May God bless your family.

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**Christopher Vance** - August 20, 2008 at 09:44 AM

TT

“ Michelle / Erin, I and my Family wanted to offer our condolences to both of you..very sad to hear the news. Gob be with you both and your entire family Tony Taibi & Family

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**Tony Taibi** - August 19, 2008 at 06:08 PM

JH

“Michelle & Erin I am deeply saddened to hear about Gary. He was a wonderful person. I am going to miss him horribly. I remember he was always talking about his family. Erin, you are his pride and joy. If you need anything, please let me know.

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**Jamie Haren** - August 19, 2008 at 01:20 PM

MT

“Michelle and Erin, my family is praying for you during your loss. Gary was a good friend and I enjoyed working with him each day we had together. He loved his family and his NASCAR. I loved hearing so many stories about your family and I am going to miss my dear friend. Please let us know if we can help your family in any way. I will see you on Thursday. I am thankful Gary is not suffering any longer and I know he is swapping stories with Dale right now. God Bless your entire family.

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**Mike Taylor** - August 19, 2008 at 01:18 PM

MT

“Michelle and Erin, I never had the blessing of meeting you two, but working with Gary everyday on the Atlanta team, I felt as if I knew you both so well. Gary loved you very much. I am sad to lose my dear friend, but we can rejoice in the fact he is with God, and no longer suffering. The Bible tells us to be absent from the body, is to be present with God, so we know Gary is asking him about a million questions right now. My family grieves for you and you know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Let us know if there is anything we can do for you. I will see you on Thursday, God Bless your entire family.

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**Mike Taylor** - August 19, 2008 at 10:38 AM

TS

“ michelle, I just want you to know that you and Erin are in my thoughts and prayers! I know the hard times that you all have been through. I pray that god gives you and Erin the strength to heal your hearts! I know the pain you both feel! You know I'm here if you need anything! Tabatha

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**Tabatha Squires** - August 19, 2008 at 09:01 AM

SA

“ Michelle, Erin and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Gary and I talked Nascar a lot and he had to show off that watch he got a few years back and I loved it. He always talked about "precious" (Erin) and everyone knew how much he loved his family. He was a wonderful person and a special friend and I am going to miss him. He passed away on my birthday, so I will never forget and always celebrate his memory as well. As you know my brother and my dad passed away this year and I know it's hard to go through the grieving process. I am here if you need me. You have my cell so call me anytime. <<<<< HUGS>>>>> Setina

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**Setina Ahlstrom** - August 19, 2008 at 08:06 AM

CZ

“ Michelle and Erin, My heart is heavy for both of you, but know that you are in my prayers and thoughts. Erin, your love for your daddy was evident to everyone in Homeroom 6B last year, because you had us pray for him all the time. We're praying for you two, now, that God comfort you and give you peace in the midst of this difficult time. Love and prayers, Mrs. Zaubi

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**celeste zaubi** - August 18, 2008 at 11:49 PM

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**celeste zaubi** - August 18, 2008 at 11:48 PM

JM

“Michelle and Erin, I know that Gary loved you both very much, and was proud of both of you! Gary will live on in your hearts and his spirit will remain with you always. He and I used to share NASCAR stories, and e-mails both when I was at Coca-Cola, and even after I left. He was the proudest father I have ever known when it came to Erin. I know that these times seem extra difficult for both of you, but know in the back of your heart that he is not suffering. He is in a place that you and I know that he will be watching down on you as you get thru these rough times, and gradually move toward happy times again. God Bless you Gary! (I hope you are hanging out with Dale #3) Joanne McGoldrick

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**Joanne McGoldrick** - August 18, 2008 at 09:26 PM

PF

“I am very saddened to hear of Gary's passing. Gary was such a wonderful spirit and all around nice guy. He will be a sorely missed member of our Coca-Cola family. My deepest and heart felt condolences go out to his wife, daughter and his entire family.

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**Pamela Fann** - August 18, 2008 at 04:04 PM

JB

“ Michelle / Erin, We have never had the chance to meet, although Michelle, I have received messages from you regarding Gary's condition in the past. Gary and I first met when I was in need of some "best in class" help from Dunwoody and after meeting with Greg Sample, he put Gary in charge of providing me assistance (not sure if he was too wild about the idea at the time). The work I do managing the cruise industry is very unique and it requires an extraordinary amount of "hands on" attention and Gary took on this extra work without any complaints. I know that Greg handed Gary the project, because he was "best in class". Over the years, he provided Jim Baldwin and I quite a bit of help as well as significant insight on how we might improve our processes...an extraordinary job, done extraordinarily well Gary brought alot to the table... his great work ethic was the best as well his very one of a kind personality. I will miss him. My thoughts and prayers are with you all  
John Byrne

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**John Byrne** - August 18, 2008 at 04:02 PM

PD

“ I am deeply sad to learn about Gary's passing. He was a great person, a friend and valuable member of our team at Coca-Cola North America Foodservice. He was such a nice, sincere person. He will be missed by us all. My condolences to the family, we will all miss Gary greatly. Our customer, Outback, truly admired Gary's professionalism and contributions to their business and friendship. May God bless Gary and family. Regards, Pat DelBrocco and Family

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**Pat DelBrocco** - August 18, 2008 at 03:58 PM

VF

“ THE COCA-COAL FAMILY HAS LOST A FRIEND AND A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY. I WILL FOREVER REMEMBER THE PICS YOU WOULD BRING IN OF ERIN AND HOW PROUD YOU WERE OF HER. THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR KNOWLEDGE, COMPASSION, AND FRIENDSHIP. PEACE, VELDA

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**VELDA E. FULLER** - August 18, 2008 at 03:47 PM