



## Phelan Albert Bright

January 14, 1944 - July 2, 2022

Born in Jackson, Tennessee to Louise Brigance Bright & Howard P. Bright, deceased

Brother, Bob B Bright, deceased

Member of Bethany Christian Church/Disciples of Christ, Jackson, TN

Member of First Christian Church/Disciples of Christ, Hammond, LA

Jackson High School - cherished his class mates & reunions

Memphis State University, Memphis, TN - Degree in Graphic Design

Career in interior design took him to Atlanta, Miami & Dallas

Met his future wife, Fay Schneider Bright in Dallas

Married October 7, 1977 at Zemurray Gardens

Moved to Ponchatoula, LA in 1979

PB as many people called him, had many interests such as

Art

Design

Architecture

Loved books & magazines - interior design, art especially about contemporary glass, sculpture, garden design, horticulture, nursery catalogues, botanical art, auction catalogues, trade journals

Loved tactile feel of textiles, contemporary furniture, antiques

Was having his 1973 Chevelle restored

Loved Bowties & has a large collection

Loved gardening & getting his hands in the dirt

Was an amazing designer with cut flowers having worked for a florist in high school and college

Travel - trip to New Orleans with an Interior Design professor at Memphis State

to experience the city

Summer university trip to learn Spanish in Guadalajara with college friend, Larry Langford, lived with a family

Extensive travels with Fay & her parents, Marietta & Hans Schneider

Honored with a magnolia named for him-Magnolia "Phelan Bright".

Always "Phelan", not Mr. Phelan or Mr. Bright

Phelan belonged to many plant societies but the one he loved the most was the Magnolia Society International. His first meeting was in 1983 in Opelousas, LA with Fay and Larry Langford. That meeting was the beginning of his involvement with the Society.

He served as Secretary/Treasurer for many years. Was awarded the D Todd Gresham Award in 1995 in "Recognition of extraordinary contributions to the improved culture, increased knowledge, wider availability & greater appreciation of plants in the Magnolia family". Fay & Phelan have traveled with the Society to annual meetings all over the United States, Canada, England, Ireland, Belgium, France, Poland, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Italy & South Korea.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to the Magnolia Society International

Beth Edward, Secretary

3000 Henneberry Road

Jamesville, NY 13078

Yes, magnolias do grow in upper NY, Canada & Sweden

Phelan was his own man, ran on "Phelan Time", loved people, could talk with anyone, cared & smiled, engaged everyone. He was truly a very special man. Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation from the

chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home at 12012 Hwy 190 W  
Hammond, LA 70401, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. A graveside service will  
follow at Greenlawn Cemetery at 12:00 p.m.

Auf Wiedersehen meiner Liebe

# Cemetery Details

## Greenlawn Cemetery

Pecan St.  
Hammond, LA 70401

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 16. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Hammond, LA  
12012 Highway 190 W  
Hammond, LA 70401  
(225) 567-1884

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Phelan Albert Bright*



Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - July 15, 2022 at 01:30 PM

AB

*I loved Phelan from the first time I met him, always treated me with love and respect, I am the housekeeper, saw him every Tuesday for over 25 years. We had many laughs, in my humble opinion he was my friend.  
Love Annie*

ann Bolton - July 16, 2022 at 08:41 AM

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“ *Floyd Talley purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Phelan Albert Bright.*



Floyd Talley - July 18, 2022 at 09:28 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phelan Albert Bright.*



July 15, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Phelan Albert Bright.*



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July 14, 2022 at 09:09 PM



“ *The Graves and The Powell Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Phelan Albert Bright.*



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**The Graves and The Powell Families** - July 13, 2022 at 04:37 PM



“ *That first magnolia meeting was hosted by my parents, Ken and Belle Durio. From that first encounter, Phelan was welcomed like a member of our family as was Fay. He was a welcome sight at any event but was especially wonderful to be around during Magnolia Society meetings and those of the Louisiana Society for Horticultural Research. He will truly be missed!!!*

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**Dalton E Durio** - July 11, 2022 at 10:58 PM



“ *Mrs. Fay, I am so truly sorry for your loss. Sending hugs and prayers, with my deepest sympathy.*

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**Kerry Kyzar** - July 11, 2022 at 09:20 PM

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“ Am so sorry to hear of Phelan's passing. Always enjoyed my visits with him. He loved gardening and plants. Prayers and sympathy are with Fay and his loved ones.



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**Allen Owings** - July 11, 2022 at 07:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Phelan Albert Bright.



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July 11, 2022 at 12:00 PM

SC

“ Very much a father figure to me for 45 years, a man with the most beautiful loving caring soul, will be sorely missed by many. My heart goes out to Fay, another beautiful and gracious soul. Words cannot describe how he was such a positive impact on me and my life. Always there for me, and so very supportive and interested in the other person, rarely about himself. Phelan, I love you. God bless you forever.

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**Stanton Cadow** - July 11, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Phelan Albert Bright.



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July 11, 2022 at 09:07 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phelan Albert Bright.*



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July 11, 2022 at 08:06 AM



“ *My favorite memories of Phelan were when Farley, Phelan, Fay and I would meet for dinner before Fay and Farley had choir practice. After dinner Fay and Farley would leave for practice and Phelan and I would sit and chat. I really enjoyed those conversations.*

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**Lou Anne** - July 08, 2022 at 04:16 PM



*I didn't see Phelan and Fay often, but the memory I will carry is that he was always happy, smiling, and very kind. My prayers and love to Fay in such a great loss.*

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**Anne** - July 09, 2022 at 02:24 PM



*My heartfelt sympathy to you Fay and the family. Phelan was always very pleasant. Prayers for you during this time. Karen G.*

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**Karen Granier** - July 11, 2022 at 09:11 AM