

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF

Bill Bryant

February 4, 1942 – June 23, 2025



11:00 a.m.

July 10, 2025

Cecil B. Day Chapel of Perimeter Church

Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be
away from the body and at home with the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:8 (ESV)



William “Bill” Dixon Bryant, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away peacefully from natural causes on June 23, 2025, at the age of 83. Born on February 4, 1942, in Los Angeles, California, William lived a life rich with passion, purpose, and a deeply rooted commitment to his family and faith.

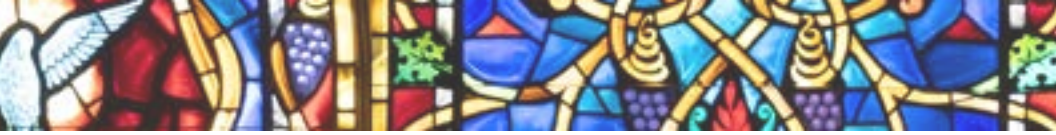
A graduate of University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill with a bachelor’s degree in industrial relations, Bill dedicated his career to the packaging industry, ultimately enjoying a fulfilling retirement. He was married to his devoted wife, Julia Gretchen Bryant, for 55 wonderful years. Bill is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Leigh and Steve Cook, and son and daughter-in-law, Andrew and Lisa Bryant.

Bill embraced life with vigor, enjoying fitness, nutrition, and the great game of golf. He had a particular fondness for classic cars and was often seen at car shows, sharing his enthusiasm with fellow enthusiasts. His deep connection with his faith led him to be a dedicated member of Perimeter Church for 16 years, where he was known for his warm spirit and unwavering support of the community.

As a faithful husband and father, Bill cherished his time with his grandchildren: Matthew Bryant, William Cook, Alison Cook, Chris Holden, and Sydney Holden, showering them with love and wisdom that will resonate with them forever.

Bill was preceded in death by his father, Rev. John Augustus Bryant; mother, Deborah Dixon Bryant; sister, Eleanor Lee Coffey; and brother, John Bryant. Bill spent his early childhood in Los Angeles, California where his father was the founding Vicar and Rector of St. Alban’s Episcopal Church in Westwood until his death when Bill was 11.

As we remember William Dixon Bryant, let us celebrate his incredible life, the love he shared, and the lasting impact he has had on all of our lives.



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Prelude

Ali Cook

Family Processional
“God is So Good”

Callie Smith
Cameron Bible

Welcome and Prayer

Rev. Dr. Randy Schlichting

Scripture Reading
Matthew 11:25-26 ESV

Steve Cook

Presentational Song
“His Name is Wonderful”

Cameron Bible

Tributes

Leigh Cook
Andrew Bryant
Larry Hanlon

Congregational Hymn
“Amazing Grace”

Callie Smith
Cameron Bible

Pastoral Message

Rev. Dr. Randy Schlichting

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Randy Schlichting

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Randy Schlichting

Family Recessional
“Onward Christian Soldiers”

Cameron Bible

Please join the family in the Ministry Center for a reception.

Note of Thanks

Thank you all for joining us to celebrate the life of our beloved Bill. It is with sadness that we gather here today. But at the same time, we are rejoicing, knowing that he is now at home with the Lord, praising His Name forever in Heaven. Indeed, Bill loved to praise and worship the Lord here on Earth, ever since he began kneeling and praying with his dad (an Episcopal priest) every night when he was a kid growing up in Los Angeles. So please, rejoice with us today over the gift of God and His mercy. For what is mortal has been swallowed up by life!

Gretchen and the family would like to give a special thanks to: Bill's Perimeter D-Group, Perimeter Church, Crowell Funeral Home, and Bill's devoted Harvester friends for all of your love, support, and prayers during this time.

Share a Memory

Note cards are available during the reception for guests to share a story or a favorite memory about Bill or an encouragement for the family to cherish. Thank you.