



Claud Christopher "Chris" Bence, Jr.

April 15, 1947 - August 17, 2019

Claud Christopher "Chris" Bence, Jr. went to be with his Lord on August 17, 2019 after a brief battle with cancer. Born to Claud C. Bence and Julia Blalock on April 15, 1947, he spent his growing up years in Abbeville, AL. A 1965 graduate of Abbeville High, Chris had a love of radio and even as a teen, became a DJ at the Abbeville radio station. Chris's career was varied and notable as the voice of several radio stations but he found his true passion building the powerful FM 95 WTVY in the 70's and 80's as a DJ, programmer and General Manager. Some will also remember Chris as a weatherman on WTVY-TV and a cohost on the Morning Show. Politics came calling and he had the privilege of serving Governor Fob James in two terms. First term, as Press Secretary and in the second term as Executive Liaison. Chris also served as Chief of Staff to Attorney General Troy King during this term. After retirement, Chris and his wife, Charlene, traveled extensively; having completed their goal of hitting the road and not just visiting, but exploring all 48 contiguous states and Canada. A move to Lookout Mountain in Mentone, AL in 2017 allowed the beauty of nature to refresh them in between trips. To continue to love and cherish Chris is his wife, Charlene; son, Jason Bence, Naples, FL; daughter, Lori Bryson, Smyrna, TN; grandchildren, Skyler and Savannah Cagle, Smyrna TN; one sister, Priscilla (Max) Johnson, Woodstock, GA; brother, Bill (Paige) Bence, Smith Station, AL; brother-in-law, Charles Work, Centre, AL; sister in law, Vickie (Mick) Murphy, Dothan, A; and many nieces, nephews, cousin and old and new friends. To fulfill his wishes, Chris will be honored and buried in a private ceremony at a future date.

Comments



“ Our world has lost such a kind and generous gentleman. I so much enjoyed hearing Chris talk of his life and love with Charlene. Such a beautiful couple. Memories of our "broken kayak" trip will always bring a smile to my face when I think of Chris...sadly missed.

Judith Hollowell - September 12, 2019 at 08:24 AM



“ Roy (Fox)Brewer lit a candle in memory of Claud Christopher "Chris" Bence, Jr.



Roy (Fox)Brewer - August 21, 2019 at 04:52 PM



“ Charlene, I'm so sad to hear of Chris's passing. I am thinking about you and the entire family. He was a great person whom I had alot of respect for. I enjoyed working with him in radio. Praying for you all during this sad time.

Angela DeLoney - August 20, 2019 at 08:25 PM



“ I loved and respected the best radio programmer and manager that I have ever known. I will miss Chris so much, he brought me to Dothan in 1983 and I always looked forward to coming to work because of Chris. Prayers for Charlene and their family. So sad. Rest in peace my friend.

Roy (Fox)Brewer - August 20, 2019 at 06:02 PM



“ Gail Bence Carroll lit a candle in memory of Claud Christopher "Chris" Bence, Jr.



Gail Bence Carroll - August 20, 2019 at 11:11 AM



“ The first time I met Chris and Charlene was at a Bence reunion. I felt an immediate connection and fell in love with both of them. Enjoyed so much visiting and camping with them. He was an amazing, kind, and caring man.

Gail Bence Carroll

Gail Bence Carroll - August 20, 2019 at 11:08 AM



“ Charlene.....

Our prayers are with you and will continue.

Dr. Martin Bryant
Debbie, Wendy & Cathie

Martin Bryant - August 19, 2019 at 05:46 PM



“ Charlene, you and your family are in my prayers. If there's anything we can do to help in any way, don't hesitate to call. Big hugs, Rita & Johnny Wynn

Rita Wynn- - August 20, 2019 at 10:43 AM