



# Marcus D. Bright

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**M**arcus D. Bright, age 48 of LaPorte, Indiana, died Wednesday, February 9, 2011 in Battle Creek, Michigan. Born February 25, 1962 in Brentwood Essex, England, he is the son of Elaine (Nee: Foster) and Edwin Bright. He married Cami Scheele June 25, 2005 in Batesville, Indiana. He was a country club manager and chef. Marcus was a people person. A chef by trade, his real passion was cooking for family. He loved being with his family and would dazzle his children and nieces and nephews with magic tricks as well as teaching them silly songs he learned as a young child. Marcus enjoyed numerous interests during his free time. He was an avid golfer, coin collector, card player and a connoisseur of fine wines and clothing. According to his family he ironed everything! From shorts to sheets, they all got pressed. His family also indicated he was an amateur fisherman and hunter. Amateur meaning he wasn't very good at either. "What he usually came home with was a story....and quite a story at that!" He certainly knew how to tell an entertaining story. Marcus was very proud when he became a U.S. citizen. It took nearly two years to accomplish, but he saw it all the way through. As proud as he was of his American citizenship, he was equally as proud of his English heritage. Notes or cards you received from him were signed off with "God Save the Queen." He is survived by his wife Cami; daughters Sydney and Emma Bright of Granger, Indiana, Zeva Bright of LaPorte; son Jensen Bright also of LaPorte and brother Roderick "Nod" Smith of England. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by sister Jane Smith and brother Timothy Smith. There will be no visitation. A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Friday, February 18th at the funeral home with Rev. Charles Flory officiating. A college trust fund for the children is being set up and memorials may be made to Cami in care of the trust fund.



## Tribute Wall

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KI

**Kristine Walsh Of Tuba's Place, Batesville Indiana** posted:

Two Years...you would be proud of Sydney, Emma, Jensen and Zeva. They are all so smart and beautiful.

February 8 at 8:00 PM

KW

**Kristine Walsh** posted:

It is hard to believe that a year has gone by. Sydney and Emma miss you more than words can express.

February 8 at 8:00 PM

VE

**Val Williams Of Brentwood, England** posted:

The happy memories I have of the great times you and the other Hutton Jets enjoyed will be with me forever. God Bless you Marcus, it was good to know you.

March 5 at 8:00 PM

IE

**Ian Dunn Of Brentwood, Essex, Uk** posted:

To Marcus's family with sympathy from the UK. He was a great guy to grow up with at school and playing soccer with. I had only just got to know him again in recent years and was looking forward to visiting you all when I retired from the Metropolitan police in London next month. Best wishes from all at St. Martins's school and Hutton Jets FC (soccer team)

February 28 at 8:00 PM

MC

**Milt Dabagia Of Michigan City, In** posted:

You will be greatly missed. I wish I had the opportunity, to once again tell you how much I admired you and appreciated your many talents.

February 28 at 8:00 PM



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RC

**Ron Rimmer Of Orillia, On, Canada** posted:

Corinne and I have many memories of our friend. whether it be sharing a bottle of wine, a Bodington's or a card game, we were sure to have a laugh with Marcus. I was fortunate to be asked to participate in Marcus' and Cami's wedding which I will always remember. Our thoughts are with Cami and the children. We hope you are having a game with MAMA. Ron and Corinne Rimmer

February 27 at 8:00 PM

AE

**Andy Calver Of Essex England** posted:

will miss our fb chats, God bless you Marcus. I will never forget Marmaduke.

February 25 at 8:00 PM

GE

**Gail Woolley Nee Newark Of Northamptonshire, England** posted:

To Cami and family. So very sad to have just heard about Marcus. I was at junior/senior school with him and just recently, on Facebook, we have often chatted. A few weeks back we tried to recite the name of everyone in our junior school class and I have to say he beat me. A lovely, lovely man who I last saw about 5 years ago when he came to England for a reunion. It was a tribute to him that so many people turned up to see him. Please accept my sympathies and my thoughts for you and Marcus' children x Gail

February 24 at 8:00 PM

BG

**Barbara Gentner Stephenson Of Granger, In** posted:

My family is so thankful that Marcus was the manager at Pottawattomie in September of 2009 for my niece's wedding. He made the entire weekend the most spectacular event! We are very particular about food, presentation and service and he rose to the occasion and made everything perfect. He was there every moment for the rehearsal dinner, wedding dinner and reception and brunch on Sunday. He even cooked omelets himself. His quick wit and sense of humor made planning the wedding fun! Marcus, you will always be part of our wonderful memories of the wedding. May you rest in peace. Barbara Gentner Stephenson, Susan Rosenstein, Lenny Gentner and Marina Molenda

February 22 at 8:00 PM



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PC

**Polly Of Cincinnati Oh** posted:

Cherishing wonderful memories of our days together. Heart felt condolences to those left behind. I think of Sidney & Emma often.

February 19 at 8:00 PM

EB

**Elizabeth Hall Of Batesville, In** posted:

Scheele and Bright families- Praying for peacee for all of you. I remember Pam sharing stories of Marcus in her home's kitchen cooking at family gatherings. It sounded as if he could really bring laughter to all who were there.May those memories live in your familie's hearts forever.Sincerely, Elizabeth HallYMCA Water Fitness Instructor

February 19 at 8:00 PM

JG

**John Vance Of Granger, In** posted:

Marcus, you left behind GREAT children. If the measure of a man is the legacy left behind, you have left a great legacy. Sydney, Emma, Zeva and Jensen are your legacy. They will forever inherit your wit, people skills and zest for good thing. Your love will endure and your children will remember the important things that you have shared with them forever. God Bless you and your family,John, Alison and Adam Vance

February 18 at 8:00 PM

MB

**Mary Vance Of South Bend, In** posted:

T thank you for giving us these 2 beautiful girls. They will forever cherish their memories of you and your love for them. Marcus, may you be at peace.

February 17 at 8:00 PM

AC

**Andrew Fox Of Michigan City** posted:

As a new member at Pottawattomie, Marcus was the reason I joined. He was so welcoming, enthusiastic and cheerful; my wife and I thought this has to be the place for us. I only knew Marcus for six weeks, but feel like I lost an old friend. Our condolences to his family and all who loved him.

February 17 at 8:00 PM



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RO

**Regina Miller Of Worthington, Ohio** posted:

Marcus was certainly one-of-a-kind. He will never, ever be forgotten, and he'll always be remembered with a smile, and with love. Regina Miller

February 16 at 8:00 PM

DB

**Dawn Denny Of Batesville, In** posted:

Cami, you and the kids have been in my thoughts and prayers. Continue to raise those beautiful children. God Bless...

February 16 at 8:00 PM

PC

**Patti Simmermeyer Of Columbus, In** posted:

Dear Cami and family, I offer my sympathies and prayers.

February 16 at 8:00 PM

SI

**Sydney Bright Of Granger, Indiana** posted:

I miss you Daddy.... I knew I could trust you with my secrets and I knew you wouldn't judge whatever I thought. I love you more than you will ever know... You the best and I will miss and think of you everyday....

February 15 at 8:00 PM

AM

**Anne Harris Of Michiana, Michigan** posted:

Dear Cami: Your husband made Pottowattomie a special place with his graciousness, his warmth, and best of all his unfailing ability to entertain all of us with his wit and sense of humor. He will be irreplaceable. We always looked for Marcus when we were golfing or eating dinner, and without fail, we got a special welcome and a good story. We are so sad for your loss, but please know he was cherished by so many of us at Pottowattomie. Fondly, Anne and Richard Harris

February 14 at 8:00 PM



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LI

**Lynn And Joe O'hara Of Laporte, Indiana.** posted:

We live across the street from Marks home in LaPorte. I give you my sincere condolences for your loss. We got to know him pretty well and adored him. He always brought over cookies he made because there were just too many for him to eat. He always waved to us and lived seeing him with the kids playing soccer or just hanging out. He was so kind and you were all truly blessed to have had him in your lives. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything I can do to help you here in LaPorte. Again, so deeply sorry for your loss.

February 14 at 8:00 PM

S4

**Steve And Mary Stradley Of Greensburg, In 47240** posted:

We regret we have not seen Marcus in recent years. He was a BRIGHT spot with all whom he touched. I had the pleasure of golfing with him on Sundays. He was the most welcoming manager Hillcrest Country Club ever had. He attended our Christmas party and the two of us sung as though we were angels, at least we thought so. He will be greatly missed by my wife and me. Good-bye Mate, Steve and Mary Stradley

February 14 at 8:00 PM

SC

**Sharon Wright Of Michigan City, In** posted:

With my deepest sympathies during your time of loss. Sharon Wright Horizon Bank

February 13 at 8:00 PM

JB

**Joe Garves Of Bloomington, In** posted:

Marcus, we will miss you terribly. You were a bright light in my life and I am so much sadder for having lost you. It breaks my heart that we didn't have a chance to have one more conversation. Peace, brother.

February 13 at 8:00 PM

CB

**Cara Main Of Batesville, In** posted:

Dear Cami, Please know that my prayers are with you through this difficult time. Do not hesitate to let me know if you need anything. Sincerely, Cara

February 13 at 8:00 PM



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**Lea Ann King Of Batesville, Indiana** posted:

You are in my thoughts and prayers.

February 13 at 8:00 PM

MO

**Mary Ellen Gillman Of Oldenburg, In** posted:

Cami, know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers on the loss of your husband.

February 13 at 8:00 PM

LI

**Lynn Schene Of Batesville Indiana** posted:

Cami, Pam, Louie and families, We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Marcus. He was so well liked here in the area while he was working here. We hated to see him leave Hillcrest. A group of golfers followed him to the club he was with in Robinson Illinois, where he treated us royally. Such a great and fun guy, and quite a gentleman. He will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Deepest sympathy to all, Ben and Lynn Schene

February 13 at 8:00 PM

KI

**Kristine Walsh Of Granger, Indiana** posted:

Sydney and Emma are going to miss Marcus so much. They find comfort in knowing they have Jensen and Zeva to share his stories and silly songs with. No words can express how sorry I am for our loss.

February 12 at 8:00 PM

JR

**Jim Hill Of Robinson, Il** posted:

Dear Cami,I am not thrilled with this website. I tried to send you a meaningful message about Marcus, but I am not doing well. Anyway,Marcus was one of my favorite people in this world. He was brilliant and worked tirelessly.My condolences to you and your family.Judge Jim Hill

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JR

**Jim Hill Of Robinsin, Il** posted:

Dear Cami and family, Maureen and I want to express our condolences. Marcus and I worked very closely and very hard for the preservation of Quail Creek. Your husband was one of my favorite people in this world. God Bless you and your family. Judge Jim Hill

February 12 at 8:00 PM

KI

**Ken Mattsey Of Robinson, Illinois** posted:

U have r deepest sympathy Ken and Nancy Mattsey.

February 12 at 8:00 PM

RL

**Rick Thurston, Ccm Of Louisville, Ky** posted:

Marcus will be truly missed and someone we all try to be like in our profession and our personal lives. I loved being around someone who spoke the Queen's English God Bless You and Your Family, Rick

February 12 at 8:00 PM

GK

**Gerald H. Marvel Of Lexington, Kentucky** posted:

You will be so very missed, Marcus. Your jovial nature and quick wit always brightened the room. The OVC, and the world, have lost a great fellow. My deepest sympathy to you, Cami, the children, and the entire huge circle of family and friends.

February 12 at 8:00 PM

TK

**Tom Curtin Of Louisville, Kentucky** posted:

In my humble estimation Marcus. with his wonderful sense of humor, wonderful outlook on life, his willingness to ALWAYS lend assistance to his fellow club managers, and his marvelous personality, although I have not seen him recently, I for one already miss him and wish his family the very best in these very trying times. Bless you Marcus, for now you are in better place

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SC

**Scott & Katrina Ripley Of Kernersville, North Carolina** posted:

Cami and family, Kat and I were terribly saddened to hear the news. I hope that you and the kids are able to hold on to the great memories that made Marcus the life of the party and a great pleasure to know. Please let the kids know they are loved by more people than they know. Their father is a great man and was always proud of his children. Marcus was a person who would always try to make sure that you were included or felt welcome. He was a great friend to many in the CMAA and brother to some. Most of Katrina and my fondest memories include Marcus and his Bright personality. Make no mistake about it we have lost a fantastic individual. Marcus, you sir will always remain: "BRILLIANT!"

February 12 at 8:00 PM

Jl

**Jeannie Herbert Member Pottawattomie Country Club Of Chicago,Il.** posted:

Dear Sydney and Emma,I am Mrs.Herbert from Pottawattomie. I sat with you many times on the deck and had so much fun with you. You both have such beautiful smiles and hair. Pottawattomie was so much more fun when you were there. I want you to know how sorry I am about your father. He loved you very much and was so proud of you.He is in heaven now with God. I know you miss him. I am thinking and praying for you and your family. I hope I see you again sometime. I know your father would like it. With Love, Mrs. Herbert

February 11 at 8:00 PM

Tl

**Tammy Chamblin Of Robinson, Illinois** posted:

Cami, There are no words that can express the sorrow I feel for you and your family. Marcus was such a wonderful man. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. If you need anything don't hesitate to call. All my love. Tammy

February 11 at 8:00 PM

Rl

**Rocky Chamblin Of Robinson,Il** posted:

To Cami and family: Words can not express my sorrow with Marcus passing. Please let us know if there is anything we can do.We love you all and praying for Marcus and family.Rocky

February 11 at 8:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Marcus by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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