



## W.O. Byrd

July 31, 2007

W.O. "Dub" Byrd, age 76, of Morrilton, Arkansas, passed away Tuesday, July 31, 2007. He was born December 8, 1930, in Oppelo, Arkansas, a son of the late Wilmer Byrd and Marring Gentry Byrd.

Mr. Byrd was the owner, manager, and salesman for Tri State Enterprises in Ft. Smith, Arkansas, as well as River City Distributors in North Little Rock. He served on many boards during his life including South Conway County School Board, Conway County Regional Water Distribution District, Petit Jean State Bank, and Morrilton Housing Authority. "Dub" was also a member of the Jaycees, as well as First United Methodist Church where he also was an usher, and Staff Parish Relations Committee Chairman.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Bobbye Nisler Byrd of Morrilton; son, Andy Byrd of Morrilton; daughter, Martha Frits and husband Drew of Conway; dear friend Ruby Lafayette of Morrilton; sister, Johnnie Epperson of Little Rock; sister-in-law, Jackie Simms of Morrilton; grandchildren, Lucinda Dorminy and husband Sean of Dallas, Texas, Rob Frits and wife Laney of Dallas, Texas, Christy Norwood and husband Brad of Springdale, Arkansas, and Andrew Frits of Tucson, Arizona; three great-grandchildren, Bailey Anne and Laurel Dorminy, and Landon Frits.

The family would like to express a special thanks to all the doctors and nurses at St. Anthony's Healthcare, as well as the caregivers, Ruby Lafayette, Susan Salard, Bonita Williams, Amber Trezvant, Polly Klamm, and Linda Womack who helped them throughout his recent illness.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Friday, August 3, 2007, at the Morrilton First United Methodist Church. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Thursday, August 2, 2007, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Conway County Center for Exceptional Children at 109 Strait St., Morrilton, Arkansas 72110 and First United Methodist Church of Morrilton.

# Tribute Wall



“ *W.O. Byrd*

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January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *Dear Bobbye,  
My mother, Betty Jane Drilling Bridges, would like to offer her sympathy. She said you two had lost touch, but that you were best friends in grade school. I have a group picture which includes you and your sister and my mom. I'll be glad to send you a copy. My mom and her husband, Ronald Bridges, and her two children: Allen and me (Jan Porterfield) and our spouses live in Heber Springs. We're so sorry to reconnect under such sad circumstances. My mother remembers you fondly and asked that I convey her condolences.  
Sincerely,  
Jan Porterfield*

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June 30, 2018 at 01:08 AM



“ *SO SORRY TO HEAR OF DUB'S ILLNESS AND PASSING. MET DUB WHILE I WAS EMPLOYED AT JOHN WALTERS CHEVROLET. HE WAS SUCH A PLEASANT GENTLEMAN AND ALWAYS HAD GOOD THINGS TO TELL OF ROBBIE, WHOM I HAD ALSO WORKED WITH SEVERAL YEARS EARLIER. TO ALL THE FAMILY, OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU*

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June 30, 2018 at 01:08 AM



“ Dear Bobbye and family. Please accept our sincerest condolences on the passing of Dub.

*Julie and I would reminisce about the many trips we enjoyed with you and Dub over the years. Dub was one of the finest gentleman I ever had the privilege to know. May God bless you and your family.*

*Joe and Julie Pluck*

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June 30, 2018 at 01:08 AM



“ *i would like to thankyou folks, for leting me be a part of tri-state. dub, always said we were all like family. i can say with all my heart, it was and is my plasure to have known dub. he always had kind things to say to me. always took the time to stop and look me up when he was here, and see how i was doing, though he was the one that was not feeling so good. i will always be a better person. because of dub. he was my boss. but most of all. he was my friend. god bless you all. larry irvin.*

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August 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bobbye, I was so sorry to see in the paper that you lost Dub. He was always so friendly and a great usher at church. We will defintely miss him when we visit in Morrilton. I am staying in Nashville for two weeks as Natalie just had her first baby on Aug. 1. His name is Bryce William Buckwalter.*

*Love,Liz*

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August 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bobbye, Martha, and Andy- Please accept my deepest sympathies. I considered it an honor and privilege to have worked for Dub. What a wonderful, giving man he was. He will be sorely missed. You all are in my prayers...*

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August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Mrs. Byrd,  
Please accept our sympathy on the loss of your husband and our friend.  
Dub called on our parts department at Davis Barr Chevrolet in Berryville for a number of years.  
He often spoke of his family and his faith in God.  
Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Loren Murphy and Family Kingston, Arkansas*

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August 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Byrd family*

*I just wanted to let you know that i have been praying for Gods Grace and comfort for your family during this time, Dub was a special person, but the one thing that stood out to me when i first met him was, He always had a smile and he always shook my hand and looked me in the eyes when he talked to me, no matter how sick he was, I will miss Him for a little while, but i will see him again in glory*

*God bless each of you*

*Eric Arnold*

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August 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ My wife and I are deeply saddened at the passing of Mr. "Dub". I just started working for Tri-State and have heard many a story about him from some of the employees here. I wish I had had the chance to meet him. He sounded like a great man. Again, my wife Michelle and I send our sympathy and you all will remain in our prayers.

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August 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I ONLY WORKED AT TRISTATE FOR A COUPLE YEARS BUT I COULD TELL DUB REALLY TOOK PRIDE IN HIS COMPANY. HE WAS ALWAYS FRIENDLY AND CONSIDERATE TO ME. HE WILL BE MISSED.

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August 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Bobbye and family. We are very very sad to here about the passing of Dub. It seams like just yesterday we were on a tour bus laughing and having fun in Palm Springs California, and to think that was in 1988. Thank goodness for those Motorcraft and ACDelco Trips for they were the blessing that facilitated the meeting of you and Dub. I am certain that everyone that ever met Dub was deeply changed for the better by the experience. His positve attitude warm smile and overwhelming good nature brought the best in friendship to all.

Dub will be thought of and quoted often for I know that we are all (like Bobbye), "SO LUCKY" to have met him  
Wishing you All the Best... The Heffernan's

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**Jim and Jill Heffernan** - August 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I was so sorry to hear about Dub leaving us here on this Earth. We know he is in a much better place, now, than we are. He had a strong faith and good moral values that you could see in him all the time. I had the pleasure of knowing Dub for 19 years and never had a work related problem that we couldn't work out. He will be missed by many. God bless you, his family, and let us at Whitson-Morgan in Clarksville know if there is anything we can do to help you. Thank you for giving up so much of your time with him that he could be a friend to so many of us.

Gwin Ellison  
Whitson-Morgan Mtr Co  
Clarksville, Ar

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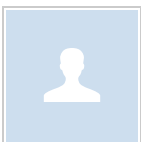
August 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ dear ms.bobby and family.i am so sorry to hear about mr.byrd.i loved that man like a daddy i never had.he was the best boss i ever had.i will miss him dearly.god bless you and your family.if i can do anything for you please let me know. charli at tristate enterprises.

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August 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I am truly sorry for your loss. Dub ws one of the finest men I have ever known. I met him when I worked at the Ford company years ago here in Morrilton. After we all went our ways, I would see Dub from time to time, always smiling, upbeat, positive, full of life, but always had time to give a kind word. I will miss him, and cannot begin to know how much you will miss him, but I know God will implant the memory of hm forever in your hearts. We at our house will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

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August 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

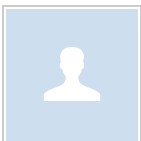


“ *Bobbye: We lived across the street from you and your sweet family in 1974. I will always remember your husband "motoring" around and having fun with your son. Martha is so special too. God Bless you all. We do send our deepest sympathy.*

*Sincerely,  
Chuck & Donna K. Leslie*

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August 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bobby and family:  
Thoughts and prayers go to you all.  
For the passed 31 years, I have considered Dub one one of my closest friends. He was always honest, generous, always had a good word to say and a smile. I admired him in the business world the way he operated. I'll miss him as many others will. God bless you and your family.*

*True friend Ralph Grigg, Bob Maloney Ford*

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August 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *All of us at Performance Chevrolet in Camden are deeply saddened by the loss of our dear friend "MR.DUB". He was a genuine friend and mentor. We all looked so forward to his regular trips to the dealership. He will surely be missed by all who knew him. He was such a fine fellow. May God bless each of you.*

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August 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ god bless and be with his family . w.o. was a great man who was very will liked by every person he ever met he well be greatly missed i know he is inspired a lot of people like me i will never forget him

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August 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ My name is Lyndell Foster from Fort Smith, I was Dub's banker from the time he opened his store in Fort Smith until I retired at the end of 1993.

I was shocked to see where Dub passed away. I considered him not only an excellent account for the bank but a good friend an excellent business man and one who loved his family very much. Dub often visited with me regarding his family, including the son that was living at home and his love for the lake home.

Dub will be missed by all who knew him.

God bless all of you.

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August 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Bobbye,Martha and Andy,I am so sorry to learn of Dub's death. I know that he will be missed by all. The time I spent with you all was good and I did hate to leave RiverCity. Dub had a heart of gold and would help anyone that needed. It was a priveledge to have known and worked with him and his family.

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August 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM



*“ Bobbye,Martha,and Andy,I will miss Dub a lot he was a great man,person, and boss. Dub give us so many great things in his life time. I am glad I know Dub the past 24 years.*

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August 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM



*“ Bobbye,Martha,and Andy , I'm so sorry to hear about Dub. He was the best boss I've ever had and I will greatly miss him. He always knew how to pick me up and get me going, if it was about Sarah or getting to work. It has been an honor to have known Dub for the last 22 years.*

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August 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM



*“ We at Springdale Ford are deeply saddened at the loss of Dub,He will be sorely missed.He was a good friend and we all consider it an honor and a privelege to have known him.Our sincerest condolences to his family and friends.*

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August 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM



*“ Sincere condolences from myself and all the employees at Crossett Ford Lincoln Mercury. Each of us consider it a priveledge to have known Dub. We enjoyed many visits from him over the years and valued his friendship very much.*

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**Crossett Ford Lincoln Mercury** - August 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM



*“ I was so sorry to hear the news about dub. I knew Dub for many years and considered him a very good friend. There was never a nicer man than Dub. He will be missed by everyone that ever knew him. May God bless your family during these times of sorrow.*

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August 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM



*“ Our thoughts, prayers, and deepest sympathy are extended to you and your family during this time of great loss. We also considered it a great priveledge to have known and done business with Mr. Dub for many years.*

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**Hope Auto Co.** - August 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM



*“ Dub was like a father to me. If I ever needed anything, he was there to help. I will miss him very much.*

*On a lighter side. I adopted what I think was his motto.  
"sell,sell,sell!"*

*If the family ever needs anything please let me know.*

*My deepest regards and sympathy.....*

*Jack Thompson  
Bob Maloney Ford*

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August 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM