



## Joel Bell Covington, Jr.

March 14, 1947 - February 21, 2015

Joel Bell Covington Jr., age 67, died at home in Nashville on February 21, 2015. He was born in Newton, MA, to Joel and Virna Covington, who predecease him. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Charlotte Mathias Covington; brother, Randolph Covington (Mary) of Verona, VA; and children Joel Bell Covington IV (Angela) of Nashville and Sarah Covington-Kolb (Ken) of Greenville, SC. He was a beloved "PopDude" to grandchildren Joel, Emma and Vivian.

Joel was a life-long Vanderbilt Commodore, with graduate and undergraduate degrees and season tickets to men's football and basketball. Joel had several leadership positions at the Owen Graduate School of Management. He was a business owner, conservationist, fisherman, gardener, and kind friend and neighbor to many.

Private burial will be in Bellwood Cemetery in Adams, TN. A celebration of his life will be held on Sunday March 8, at Cheekwood Botanic Hall from 2-4pm. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Richland Creek Watershed Association (P.O. Box 92016 Nashville, TN 37209) or Second Harvest Food Bank (331 Great Circle Road, Nashville, TN 37228) or Cheekwood (1200 Forest Park Drive, Nashville, TN 37205). AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME IN SPRINGFIELD is handling arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## **Bellwood Cemetery**

Adams, TN 37010

# Tribute Wall

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“ Joel was an amazing source of humor, friendship, leadership and wit. He epitomized the spirit of the school and the university, and was an inspiration to me throughout the years we worked together. He will be dearly missed and never forgotten.

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**Bill Christie** - March 07, 2015 at 07:34 PM

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“ Joel was one of the first people I met when we moved to Nashville in 1989. I volunteered in the admissions office when he was the Director of Admissions. I will always remember his kindness to everyone - especially students. Alumni and students all had an affection for Joel and they were constantly popping in to see him or update him on their lives or their job offers. He will be missed by his Owen family.  
Kelly Christie

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**Kelly Christie** - March 07, 2015 at 07:24 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. Joel was a joy to work with at Owen--a very wise and caring person. He will be missed. Prayers for the family.

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**Tonya Horton** - February 26, 2015 at 05:38 PM

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“ I am deeply sorry and sadden by the news of Joel. I worked with him when I was at Owen - he was a delight. Please know you and your family are in my prayers.

*Judi Stewart*

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**Judith Stewart** - February 26, 2015 at 08:10 AM