



Johnnie Robert Wright

May 13, 1914 - September 27, 2011

True pioneer of country music, Johnnie Wright, age 97, passed away Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at his home in Madison, Tennessee. Funeral services will be held Friday, September 30, 2011 at 2pm at the Madison Church of Christ with Bro. Steve North officiating. Burial will follow in Spring Hill Cemetery with his nephews serving as pallbearers. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be his former band members, The Tennessee Mountain Boys. The family will receive friends at the church on Thursday 11:00am-2:00pm and 5:00pm-8:00pm and again on Friday from 12:00 Noon – 1:30pm. Johnnie was born on May 13, 1914 in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee to the late John Robert and Maggie Hughley Wright. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Ruby Wright Taylor. He is survived by his wife of 74 years, Muriel Deason Wright “Kitty Wells”; son, Bobby Wright; daughter, Sue Wright Sturdivant; grandchildren, Larry (Duke) Stephenson, Kitty Ervin, Corrie Cluck, LeAnn Henson, Kamela Stewart, John Sturdivant, Jr., David Sturdivant, and Stephanie Sturdivant; 12 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren; and devoted nieces and nephews. He was a member of Madison Church of Christ where he served for many years as a deacon. He was founding member of the Madison’s Children’s Home. Johnnie began his career in 1937 with his wife, Kitty Wells, Queen of Country Music. He later formed the legendary duo, Johnnie & Jack with his brother-in-law, Jack Anglin, acclaimed as The Most Popular Country Duo of the 1950s. After Jack’s death in 1963, Johnnie charted a #1 single as a solo artist. His song “Hello Vietnam” was

popularized in the movie "Full Metal Jacket". Johnnie continued his career touring with The Family Show until 2007.

*ALL VISITATION WILL BE HELD AT THE MADISON CHURCH OF CHRIST.
Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of these arrangements.
AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME- 509 WALNUT STREET, SPRINGFIELD,
TN (615) 384-1000

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“ *My prayers are with the family of Johnnie Wright and with Kitty*

Aaron Rippy - September 30, 2011 at 04:59 PM

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“ *Sad on the passing of a legend in country music, and even more sad at the loss of a wonderful man, husband, and grandfather. I had the honor of meeting Johnny and Kitty in person once, and seeing their show several times over the years. My deepest sympathies are with Miss Kitty and the entire Wright family, along with thousands of friends and fans worldwide. Rest in peace Johnnie Wright. See you in Heaven someday.*

Jeff Wolfe - September 30, 2011 at 02:43 PM

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“ *Our loss is Heaven's gain. My condolences to Miss Kitty and the family during this time. Thanks for the memories.*

Lynn Gray - September 29, 2011 at 10:51 AM