



Livingfield More

January 19, 2021

Livingfield More, 94, left this world January 19, 2021 having lived a full, blessed and productive life persevering through and enduring a lengthy illness. Throughout it all he was disciplined, well-educated, well-read and never pretentious or ostentatious.

He was born in July of 1926 to native Nashville parents, E. Livingfield More (1868-1934) <http://files.usgwarchives.net/tn/davidson/obits/more01.txt> and Ellen Stokes (1895-2001) <http://www.findagrave.com/memorial/85729312/ellen-wemyss>

Livingfield More was a gentleman and a scholar. He believed in being workman-like and was fiercely devoted to his family, both those who came before him and to those whom he leaves behind.

Ancestors of whom he was particularly proud included his father, who was a successful lumberman and businessman in Alabama and participated in the organization of the Centennial Celebration for the State of Tennessee which subsequently became Centennial Park. His great- great grandfather, Josiah Nichol, former mayor of Nashville and owner of Belair Mansion, was instrumental in the purchase of the land upon which the state capital was built. His maternal grandfather, Walter Stokes Sr., who was a prominent lawyer served as president of the Nashville Bar association.

Young Livingfield More was born in Nashville but spent the first 8 years of his life in River Falls, Alabama, where his father owned and operated the Horseshoe Lumber Company, was partner in other businesses and built two dams to provide electricity to the area. When his father fell ill, their small family returned to Nashville where he attended Ransom School, Stokes School, Wallace University School, McCallie School, Vanderbilt University and Vanderbilt Law School from which he graduated in 1952 and passed the Bar Exam shortly thereafter. He was proud to be presented to the Supreme Court of Tennessee in 1953 and even prouder to find that his law degree was converted to a JD several decades later.

Having started Vanderbilt when he was 16, his college experience was interrupted when he became 18 and decided to join the Army to fight in WWII. After discharge from the army, he spent a season working on an estate outside of London with the option of fox hunting a couple of days each week as part of his remuneration. He was a devoted horseman and animal husbandman in general.

The years he spent in law school were in honor of his maternal grandfather Walter Stokes, but from his mid-twenties on, he was at heart a farmer.

He met the love of his life, Agnes Stokes Fort of Nashville, in 1952 and they married in 1957. They had a daughter and two grandchildren. They devoted their lives to each other and their families, River Grange farm and the Arcade in downtown Nashville, reading to each other after dinner and occasionally traveling... often biking across the UK, until she was tragically taken from him in 2011.

He was a member of the Society of the Cincinnati, the Phi Delta Theta fraternity at Vanderbilt University, the Belle Meade Country Club and the

Williamson County Co-Op. He took part in the founding of Harpeth Academy in Franklin, TN which eventually became part of BGA. He also was a founding member and continued to be a staunch supporter of St. Dunstan's Anglican Church, now Holy Cross Anglican Church.

He is survived by his daughter, Ellen Livingfield More, and two grandchildren, Stokes Dunavan and Nicholson Dunavan. The family wishes to thank his many support systems including but not limited to Lisa Graham and Carol Patterson, the loyal caregivers who would "see him out" in his words.

Private services will be held at a later date. If so moved, please make donations in his memory to Holy Cross Anglican Church (4119 Murfreesboro Road Franklin TN 37067), the Red Cross (2201 Charlotte Ave, Nashville, TN 37203, Attn: Leigh Elliot), the Covington County Historical Society (P.O. Box 1582 Andalusia, Alabama 36420) or to the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

AS

“ Dear Ellen, I'm writing to tell you how often I've been thinking of you and your dad this week. The last time I visited with him, Ed Arning, Paul Teschan, and I went out and spent time with him and heard so many memories of his. It was rich with stories about your mom and grandmom.

Of course we heard all about the evenings that he and your mom spent reading to each other and how much he missed her. He also told us stories about things that he and Cousin Ellen did when he was a boy. The one story that stuck in my mind was that he and his mom would get on horses and ride from their home off Hillsboro Pike to their friends home on Franklin Road (First Presbyterian) without getting off their horses -- jumping fences or unlatching gates. Wow! Hard to imagine in this day and age.

My interactions with him were few, but always impressive! If I was a writer, he would be an ideal character -- Handsome in a rugged way and the epitome of the Southern farmer and gentleman. I know you will miss both your parents. Even after 10 and 20 years, I still think, "Oh, I can't wait to tell mom this" or "Dad will think that is so funny." We are so lucky to have such authentic people to model after. I will continue to hold you and your children in my prayers as you muddle through this loss.

Anita Woodcock Schmid

Anita Schmid - January 28, 2021 at 03:58 PM

BB

“ Although not a close friend, Livingfield More was a kind and helpful acquaintance whom I respected and appreciated. He will be missed. I extend my sincere condolences to his family.

Bill Bruce - January 25, 2021 at 10:50 PM



“ *He was the most interesting man in the world. I'm so going to miss his stories and histories and kindnesses. I loved our little adventures.*

Betsy Vess - January 24, 2021 at 10:22 AM

CS

“ *I was a caregiver for a few months and learned a lot from him. He was a very educated man who loved for me to read to him some history books that he had for many years. He was a good man and he will dearly be missed by so many. I got attached to him and merely looked up to him. He will forever be missed in my eyes. Now he can forever spend eternity with his wife that he missed so much. My heart goes out to Ellen (such a wonderful, classy woman) who I also looked up to. I wasn't there long but the time spent with him was a memory I will forever carry with me. RIP L.M! You will be missed. So blessed to have shared a few months of your life with you. Prayers for his whole family, and especially Ms Lisa whom was there for him for so long and took extra care of him. My heart hurts today.*

Christina Sawyer - January 24, 2021 at 08:32 AM

JH

“ *I will always remember your liveliness and sincerity. Uncle Livy, Dixie and I bid you farewell, but look forward to our next firm handshake in the next life. Thanks be to God for His divine grace in Jesus Christ.*

john and dixie Hooker - January 23, 2021 at 08:38 PM

DP

“ He was the one of the most courteous and courtly men I have ever known. A true southern gentleman. Knowing him was one of the great privileges of my life.

daniel puryear - January 23, 2021 at 05:29 PM

LT

“ I became acquainted with Mr. More when I lived with his mother in Gallatin, TN. We became friends and remained so until the end. My most significant memory is riding with him through the fields to look at the crops. He was always excited about them, and if I talked to him on the phone, he told me how the crops were doing. We shared this feeling because my family had been cotton growers in Tennessee for many years, and I understood how he felt. His friendship was a treasure for me. It was a privilege for me to know everyone in this family.

Lila Thurmond - January 23, 2021 at 11:35 AM

LH

Mr. More was always nice to me. He seemed like a very attentive son during the 5 years I was Mrs. Wemyss caregiver thru SRHC. LeAnne

LeAnne Haun - January 23, 2021 at 11:40 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Livingfield More.



January 23, 2021 at 09:09 AM

DB

“ So many fond memories growing up at Ellen’s with her parents. He was a Franklin fixture ... loved and respected by so many. Always stately, yet very down to Earth. Love and prayers!❤️

DeLacy Bellenfant - January 23, 2021 at 07:19 AM