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Nelson R. Bickley, Jr. was born in Cincinnati, Ohio and raised in Huntington, W.Va. He attended West Virginia State College where he discovered the love of his life, Ancella Radford. After graduation, Nelson enlisted in the army as an officer and spent twenty years serving in the Artillery, traveling with his young family, and moving up the ranks to become a Lt. Colonel. While at West Virginia University he mentored countless young men in the ROTC program. While working with those students, Nelson often created memorable statements, such as, "That was a plank in the lumberyard of useless information!" After he retired from the army, Nelson earned a Master's in Counseling and became the head of the Office of Counseling Services at West Virginia State College. At 49 years of age he finally decided to pursue his life-long goal of becoming a lawyer. He graduated at 52 from West Virginia University.

As a lawyer partnering with Pat Jacobs in Charleston, WV, Nelson enjoyed a twenty year law career and developed "Bick's Laws" after seeing so many women being mistreated by their husbands. One "law" cautioned women to have jobs and their own income so that they would not be dependent. He was known for his compassion and sense of humor.

Nelson leaves behind Ancella R. Bickley, his wife of 70 years; two daughters, Renee Hill (Oliver, deceased) and Ancella Livers (Charles); five

grandchildren, Jananda Hill (Duncan Burns), Maia King, Jamaa Bickley-King, Lateef Livers (Melanie), and Akil Livers, (Cathryn); four great-grandchildren, Jelani Ferrell, Julian Ferrell, Jaden Ferrell, and Amari Livers; and a host of beloved nieces and nephews. He will be deeply missed.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations made out to the Brown W. Payne Scholarship Fund, which supports black law students. Donations may be mailed to the

Mountain State Bar Association

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A Graveside service will be held 1:00 PM, Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at Spring Hill Cemetery, Huntington, WV. Ferrell-Chambers Funeral Home, Huntington, WV is honored to assist the Bickley family. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at Ferrell-ChambersFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT **20**. 1:00 PM.

Spring Hill Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ Dr. Phil Mack, my deepest sympathy to you Mrs Bickley, being young and foolish, I had no idea that I was being taught by royalty especially in your English class. You and col. Bickley were always gracious to me in my days of ignorance. Thank you for your kindness and may God reward you for being that beacon of light in my life.

Dr. Phil Mack - February 16 at 07:51 AM



“ Atty. Nelson R. Bickley Jr.

October 08, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ Ms. Bickley and family, my condolences and heart felt sympathy to you all. You know Nelson was a mentor to me and I will forever be grateful for all he did to inspire and nurture me. He will be greatly missed by many.

Rick Martin - October 19, 2021 at 03:43 PM

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“ Ancella and the Bickley Family, Eva and I are sadden deepens by the news of Nelson's transition. Personally, I always considered Nelson a good friend, mentor, and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity brother. He and Ancella were among the first individuals to truly welcome my family to West Virginia when we moved here 41 years ago. They welcomed us into their home and introduced us around the community. Nelson continuously found a way to lighten up our fraternity meeting. (smile) ...and yet he was always serious about and interested in helping others. In our chapter of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, he initiated what he called the "Manna" program. The thought behind the Manna program was that any one in the fraternity could identify some one in the community who was in need, present their name at a fraternity meeting and we would send them a check to help them out. In the letter to that individual, we would assure them we wanted no publicity as a part of the gift and that it was just our way of saying we hoped that it helped them out in a small way. **WHAT A GREAT IDEA AND PROGRAM!** Nelson will be dearly missed. Ancella, please know that you and your family are in our thought and prayers that God will help lead you those this difficult time in your life. Eva and Charles Ledbetter



Charles Ledbetter - October 18, 2021 at 04:19 PM

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“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

May your memories of Nelson R. Bickley, Jr., give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

*US Army Veteran, Nelson R. Bickley, Jr., is “A True American Hero”
God Bless†*

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl J Skinner Tri-State Military Muse - October 17, 2021 at 04:49 AM

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“ *Condolences from the Michael Thomas family. God's blessings be with you and your family.*

Robin Thomas - October 16, 2021 at 11:25 AM