

RIP Poppa

*God looked around his garden and found an empty place
He then looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face*

*He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest
God's garden must be beautiful He always takes the best..
He knew that you were suffering, He knew you were in pain.*

He knew that you would never get well on earth again.

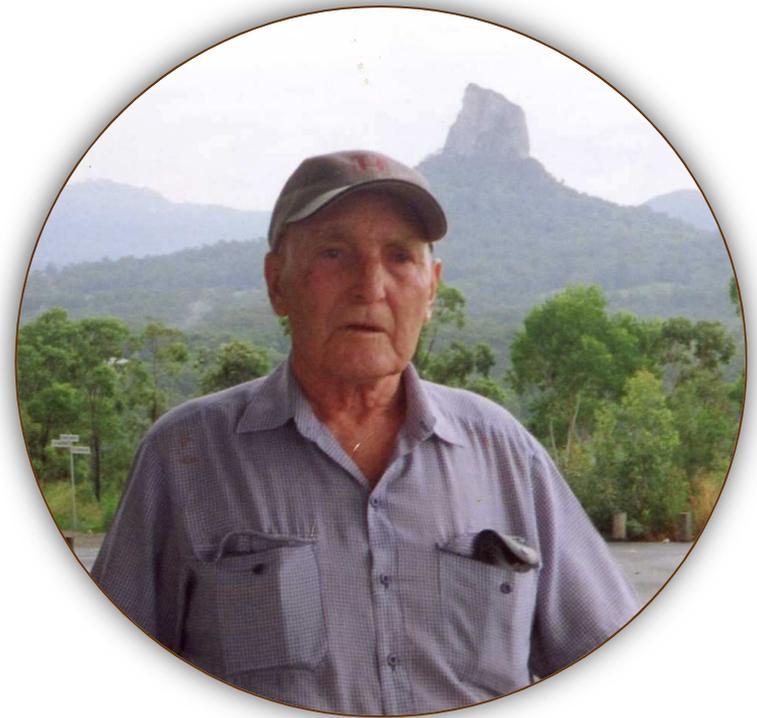
*He saw the road was getting
rough and the Hills were hard to climb.*

So he closed your weary eyelids And whispered, "Peace be Thine"

*It broke our hearts to lose you but you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you the day God called you home....*



*In loving memory of
Leslie John Bright (Les)*



*August 27th 1933 -
November 5th 2013*



*Son of Matthew Bright Sn and
Ada Bright*

(nee Gillian)

Loving brother to many siblings

*Much loved son in law of Percival and
Maggie Wilton (nee Coulthard) both
deceased.*

*Loving and much loved husband of Elva
Bright (nee Wilton)*

*Loving and cherished father of Lawrence
(dec), Jillian (dec), Gerald, Maxwell, Joanne
(dec), Leanne, Janine (dec), Cynthia (dec)
and Wayne.*

*Loving grandfather
to 16 grandchildren
including 7 great grandchildren
Brother in law and
father in law to many*



Les Bright was born and raised in Winton in far west Queensland, where he grew up under the guidance of his father and older brothers learning many aspects of work including droving, horse breaking, fencing and general station hand work

In his early 20's Les made his way to South Australia where he met his wife to be Elva Wilton in Copley. They later married at Nepabunna in 1956.

Les and Elva worked at various locations in far north South Australia and also spent some time at Semaphore where Les worked as a stable hand in the race horse industry.

Les and Elva returned to Copley in the late 1950's where they had their first child Lawrence, who was tragically killed at Wooltana Station in the Flinders Ranges. Soon after, Les and Elva moved to Marree where Les worked in the busy transshipment yards. Later Les and Elva had another 8 children.

One of Les's most cherished moments and memories during his racing career was when he became the winning jockey of the Birdsville Cup in 1970.

Les took on various types of employment during the 1970's such as railways, transport etc to provide for his family, whilst maintaining his favourite pastime of working with race horses. Les moved back to Queensland by himself to live in Townsville where he mainly worked in the Transport industry.

Prior to his passing he came back to South Australia to catch up with his family and spend the remaining years in Port Augusta under regular medical supervision due to his progressive illness. Sadly at the age of 80 years at Wami Kata Port Augusta, whilst battling illness Les passed away on the eve of the Melbourne Cup 2013.

Les will be sadly missed and remembered by his wife and children and many others who knew him. May God Bless and keep Les safe in the palm of His hands.

