

I'm Free!

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and share with me
God wanted me now;
He set me free!

- Author Unknown

In Remembrance of William and James Mabry



Identical Twins, Best of Friends

Together Forever

William Dolan (Bill) Mabry was born at 7:45 p.m. January 9th, 1952 at St. Luke's Hospital in Boise, Idaho. Although he was the older of the two boys he weighed only 2 lbs. 13 oz. and was 16 inches long.

James Nolan (Jim) Mabry was born at 7:47 p.m. He weighed 3 lbs. 9 oz. and was 17 inches long. Although Jim was always the stronger of the two, Bill never let him forget who the "big" brother was!

Mother Bonnie's baby book entry:

"Jimmy and Billy (the surprise twins) entered this world 6 weeks before they were due to be born. Four doctors were there to take care of them and to assist them in drawing their first breath of life. After that important event they were put in an incubator and were kept alive by oxygen for 3 weeks. They were given nourishment by means of a tube lowered into their stomachs. After a few days they took their formula from a bottle. They lived in an incubator for 3-4 weeks then came home and were put in a cardboard box with hot pad and blankets placed just so. Mama and Papa didn't get to touch them before they were a month old. They saw them through the nursery window several times and they were such tiny mites - hands the size of postage stamps and feet 2 inches long. Arms and legs the size of your finger. They came home from the hospital when 4 weeks old on Mama's 38th birthday."

Bill and Jim were an important part of our family - older brother Robert and his wife Debbie of Beaverton, niece Amanda of Alexandria, Virginia and nephew, David of Eugene. Although the twins had challenges to overcome in life, they both lived life to the fullest. Jim with his intense interest in history, tokens, stamps and currency collections and Bill with his L.A. Lakers and collection of old "honky-tonk" music. Bill always had a kind word, while Jim shared his thoughts on history and current events. Both were avid sports fans and kept current on statistics, trades and win/loss records of their favorite teams. They took care of one another and always had a special bond. They will be missed by family, colleagues and friends.

Celebration of Life for Bill and Jim Mabry

Prelude.....Ken Hickman

Welcome and Scripture Reading.....Stan Marble

The Lord's Prayer.....Bob Mabry

Song, Morning Has Broken.....Ken Hickman

Obituary and Message.....Stan Marble

Special tribute.....Bob Mabry, David Ombie

Personal Remembrances.....Family and friends

Closing Prayer.....Stan Marble

Following the service, the family invites you to join them in Room C-212 for refreshments.

The family suggests remembrances be to Hopewell House Hospice of Portland.

Beaverton Christian Church, Beaverton, Oregon
Monday, May 23rd, 2011