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**William Arthur "Bill" Brightwell Jr.**

William "Bill" Arthur Brightwell Jr., 89, of Lynn Haven, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015. He was born June 23, 1926, in Montgomery, Ala. He loved playing baseball and was a pitcher for the Brooklyn Dodgers. Bill served in the United States Marine Corp during [World War II](#). He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was the retired owner and operator for Gulf Van Company. He was a member of the St. Andrew Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Louise "Lucy" Kyser Brightwell; son, William Arthur "Art" Brightwell III (Renee); daughter, Joann Brightwell Forshey (Bill); four grandchildren, William Brightwell IV (Laurel); Connie Blalock (Josh); Kim Heath, Stacey Lynn Myrick (Vick); sister-in-law, Shirley K. Folmer (Ray); brother-in-law, Don Kyser (Peggy); and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Wilson Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in the Lynn Haven Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Tuesday from 1-2 p.m. prior to the service. Those desiring may make memorial donations to Warrior Beach Retreat, PO Box 19555, Panama City Beach, FL 32413 in memory of Bill Brightwell Jr. Active pallbearers will be Charlie Justice, Jim Moody, Tony Crittendon, Steve Folmar, Gary Folmer and William Brightwell IV.

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