



Mr. Greg Wells



Noreen Wells, Greg Wells, Griffin Wells & Tori Wells
at 1st Trust Bank ribbon cutting December 14, 2004.

*Gregory Wells, Chairman of the Board of Directors
August 10th, 1960 - July 5th, 2020*

1st Trust Bank regrets to announce the unexpected passing of our Co-Founder and Board Chairman, Gregory “Greg” Wells at the age of 59 on July 5th, 2020. Mr. Wells served as Board Chairman since the bank’s inception in 2004 and helped guide and grow the institution through uncertain economic times to its current position with locations in Hazard, London and Richmond.

Mr. Wells’ business interests were varied and began in the coal fields of eastern Kentucky. He co-founded Leslie Resources at the age of 21 with only a two-acre mining permit and transformed it into one of the most successful and largest employers in the area. That allowed him to explore additional ventures including but not limited to residential and commercial land development and eventually banking. He possessed an eye and desire to create something from the ground up, never satisfied with the status quo.

Beyond business, he was an avid outdoorsman and tremendous supporter of University of Kentucky athletics. His philanthropic contributions to the communities he operated in and served were numerous, though often anonymous. One notable exception was his work with Hospice of the Bluegrass (now Bluegrass Care Navigators), where he served on its Board of Directors and helped to establish the Greg and Noreen Wells Bluegrass Hospice Care Center in Hazard. This first-class facility provides services to families at their most vulnerable hour and is befitting the man who carried himself with a quiet dignity and an innate desire to help others.

His proudest accomplishment was his family. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Noreen Fray Wells, his five children: Gregory Brian Floyd Wells (Meghan), Robert Daniel Wells, Adam Brent Wells (Brenda), Tori Shay Wells and Griffin Cole Wells and grandchildren, Katie Grace, Parker, Joseph and Brenda Sophia. He is also survived by his mother, Janneth Day Wells and brothers Gary Daniel Wells and George Anthony Wells.

Greg Wells was a leader in his community and will be dearly missed by the host of family and friends he leaves behind.