

Former Comptroller of the Treasury William R. Snodgrass, 85, died Sunday, April 20, 2008, after a short illness

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NASHVILLE, TN - Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury John Morgan regrets to announce that Comptroller Emeritus William R. Snodgrass died Sunday April 20, 2008, at his home following a short illness. He was 85.

In January 1955 Snodgrass was first elected as Comptroller of the Treasury. He served for 22 consecutive two-year terms until his semi-retirement in January 1999—a career that spanned the terms of seven different governors and 23 General Assemblies.

As Comptroller, Snodgrass presided over an office that grew in importance and responsibility in the areas of governmental auditing, local government finance, property assessments and property tax administration, debt financing, policy research and education accountability. At the time of his retirement, the General Assembly bestowed Snodgrass with the title of Comptroller Emeritus, a role which he actively filled until his recent illness. Snodgrass is the only state constitutional officer to ever receive emeritus status. The legislature also named Tennessee's largest state office building, the William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower, in his honor.

The family will receive visitors Tuesday, April 22, 2008, from 5 - 8 p.m. at Woodmont Christian Church, 3601 Hillsboro Pike, Nashville, TN 37215 (615) 297-8563. Services will be held at the church Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at 1 p.m. with interment following.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to Woodmont Christian Church or Alive Hospice of Nashville, 1718 Patterson Street, Nashville, TN 37203 (615) 327-1085.

More information and background on Mr. Snodgrass' life and career is available at

www.comptroller.state.tn.us

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