



Billy Simpson May

August 12, 1933 - April 20, 2011

Ashland, Mississippi---Mr. Billy Simpson May 77, passed away April 20, 2011 at St. Francis Hospital in Memphis, TN after a lengthy illness. Billy was born August 12, 1933 in Benton County Mississippi to Thomas Vander May and Lucy Simpson May. He Married Frances Jordan May on April 6, 1956. He was retired from the U.S. Air Force where he served in Korea, Japan, Greenland, Okinawa, Vietnam, Thailand and several U. S. locations. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal in 1970 for meritorious service and the impact of his contributions during the Vietnam War. He was also retired from the U.S. Postal Service and was an active member of the Ashland Baptist Church in Ashland, Mississippi where he served as a deacon, trustee, and Discipleship Training Director. He served the community on the Tippah River Drainage Committee and Ashland Civic Club for several years. He was a devoted husband and loving father. He loved and was deeply committed to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Frances Jordan May of Ashland, MS:
One son: Craig May (Betty) of Katy, TX: Two granddaughters: Courtney Heldenbrand (Steven) and Kaitlyn May all of Katy, TX: One grandson: Joshua Brown (Karen) of Alexandria, VA: One granddaughter: Valerie Maclin of Memphis, TN: One brother: Robert V. May of Greenville, GA: Two sisters: Billie Lee Maxcy of Potts Camp. MS: Bonnie Flake (Pete) of Piperton, TN:
One son-in-law: David Maclin of Collierville, TN:

He was preceded in death by: His Parents: One daughter: Karen Maclin: One brother: Gabriel "Red" May: Two sisters: Ruby Dale Ryan and Dulcina Hampton:

Pallbearers will be: Buck Robinson, Rudolph Wilson, Larry Gresham, Stanley Childers, Bryan Shoup, Everette Shoup:

Honorary pallbearers will be: Deacons of Ashland Baptist Church: and his Coffee Shop Friends:

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Tribute Wall



“ *Billy Simpson May*

October 05, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ *I am sorry to hear of Billy May passing away. My prayers are with the family at this time. I graduated from Shady Grove High School with Billy May. I went into the Army and then moved out of the state. We did get to see one another at High School reunion.*

Kyle Meadows - April 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss.*

Mary Ann Box & Randy Box - April 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to learn of the passing of Billy. In 1956 I used to come back to Ripley with you, when we were stationed at Sewart Air Force Base. My prayers are with all of the family.*

Milton Welch - April 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM