



Willard H. "Bill" Franz

August 9, 1934 - November 24, 2020

Willard H. Franz "Bill" was born August 09, 1934 in Rolla, Missouri. Willard was a twenty-year veteran of the United States Navy. He retired from the Navy as Chief Petty Officer Senior Hospital Corpsman. He continued a career in healthcare as Radiology Technician at Tippah County Hospital and Physician's Assistant at the Shelby County Penal Farm. After retirement he enjoyed gardening, buying and selling vehicles, playing cards and horseshoes.

Bill is survived by his companion and caregiver: Kathy Franz, Walnut, the mother of his children: Sylvia D. Brown, Walnut, five children: Mike Franz, Walnut, Mark Franz (Laura), Tiplersville, Diane Flake (Myron), Walnut, Teresa Franz Brown, Ashland, Barbara Ragan (Ron), Walnut; nine grandchildren: Jessica Caldwell (John), Emily Camburn, Joshua Bennett, Andrew Brown, Laura Fairley-Bennett (Steven), Seth Flake, Luke Brown, Elizabeth Franz, John Mark Franz; twelve great-grandchildren. He loved them all.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents: Gustav H. Franz, Sr. and Lena Fulsome Franz; four brothers: Edward Franz, Gustav Franz, Jr., Joseph Franz, and twin brother: William Franz; two sisters: Emma Ruppel and Johanna Tune.

Bill went home to be with the Lord at the age of 86 peacefully at home on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 after an extended illness. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Bill was a supporter of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Memorials may

be sent to St. Jude.

His Funeral Service was Friday, November 27, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at the McBride Funeral Home. Bro. Will Livingston officiated.

Pallbearers were His grandsons and Andy Milstead.

Committal was at the Corinth National Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *Willard H. "Bill" Franz*

October 05, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ *Stephanie McClintock lit a candle in memory of Willard H. "Bill" Franz*



Stephanie McClintock - January 10, 2021 at 09:48 AM



“ *Teresa Williams lit a candle in memory of Willard H. "Bill" Franz*



Teresa Williams - November 28, 2020 at 09:12 PM



“ *Bettie Bass lit a candle in memory of Willard H. "Bill" Franz*



Bettie Bass - November 25, 2020 at 10:13 AM

CM

“ Carolyn Moore lit a candle in memory of Willard H. "Bill" Franz



Carolyn Moore - November 25, 2020 at 10:00 AM

KF

“ I love you Uncle Willard and will miss you terribly.



Kim Franz-Swearingen - November 25, 2020 at 09:58 AM

KF

Will someone from our family please call me?

Kim Franz-Swearingen - November 25, 2020 at 10:00 AM

FF

Thanks for the condolences cousin. We will be in touch in the future.

Franz Family - November 30, 2020 at 11:24 AM

LR

“ Linda Ragan lit a candle in memory of Willard H. "Bill" Franz



Linda Ragan - November 25, 2020 at 09:57 AM



“ *Lois Watson lit a candle in memory of Willard H. "Bill" Franz*



Lois Watson - November 25, 2020 at 09:08 AM

RH

“ *Franz family U have our sincere Sympathy. Will miss our phone talks and will always remember our casino trips...Willard and Kathy were special friends. Ron, Joyce & Joanne*



Ronald Harp - November 25, 2020 at 07:49 AM

CC

“ *Cozette Taylor Ad Children lit a candle in memory of Willard H. "Bill" Franz*



Cozette Taylor ad children - November 24, 2020 at 10:46 PM