



Billy Dee Frost

November 16, 1930 - February 27, 2016

Billy Dee Frost, 85, passed away at his home on the farm he built in Springfield, Tennessee Saturday, February 27, 2016.

Visitation for family and friends will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 3, followed by a memorial service at 4 p.m. at Springfield Baptist Church, 400 N. Main Street, Springfield, TN 37172. Bill will be laid to final rest at Rosebank Cemetery in Bedford County, near Flat Creek, Tennessee.

Bill was born November 16, 1930 in Flat Creek, Tennessee to Manerva Angeline and Ollie Lee Frost. He was the youngest of seven children and married to Emily Elizabeth Frost. He was preceded in death by his wife, Emily, and his siblings Wright Wilson Frost, Eleanor Rachel Salmon, Elizabeth Lee Best, Carl Holt Frost, and Horace Ebenezer Frost. His sister, Olivene "Jackie" Osmundson, survives him.

Known for his patriotism, gregarious personality, and boisterous laugh, Bill cherished conversation and socializing with family and friends. He served in the United States Army for over 35 years and rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. In 1977 he earned The Army Commendation Medal, awarded for the highest level of proficiency and organizational expertise. A devout Christian, he served his local community as chairman of the deacons at Springfield Baptist Church for several years.

Beyond his military career and among multiple professional leadership positions, Bill was the Chief Executive Director of the Agricultural Stabilization Conservation Service of Robertson County Tennessee for over 20 years. Married for 63 years, he was a loving, dedicated husband and father. He and his wife, Emily, raised two children, Laurie and Julie, and also successfully owned and operated two cattle farms in middle Tennessee.

A true Tennessee Volunteer, class of 1953, Bill was a dyed-in-the-wool University of Tennessee football fan. He also enjoyed singing and golfing. He derived his greatest joy, however, in the hard work and simple pleasures of spending time on the farm--tending to cattle, gardening, or treating his grandchildren to hayrides.

Bill's surviving family members are numerous, but mainly include his two children: Laurie Frost Oettel (husband, Fred Oettel) and Julie Frost Jager (husband, Jason Jager). He was a grandfather to five: Jason Oettel, Brandon Oettel, Abigail Oettel, Jacob Jager, and Jude Jager.

Memorial donations may be made to: The Alzheimer's Association at alz.org or American Cancer Society at cancer.org.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of these arrangements.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME-
509 WALNUT STREET, SPRINGFIELD, TN (615) 384-1000

Cemetery Details

Rosebank Cemetery

Flat Creek, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Springfield Baptist Church
400 North Main St.
Springfield, TN 37172

Memorial Service

MAR 3. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sincere sympathy from a AGR brother.*

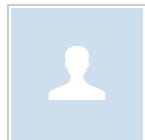
Dail Meadows

Dail Meadows - March 02, 2016 at 10:01 AM



“ *Best softball pitcher at the university.I will always cherish the opportunity to be one of his team mates on the winning AGR team.*

Ed Shore - March 02, 2016 at 09:56 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Billy Dee Frost.*



March 01, 2016 at 08:40 AM

TS

“ I had the privilege to work with Mr. Frost two different times now at STAR Physical Therapy. He and I hit it off quickly whenever I told him that I was in the marching band at UT-Knoxville. He would come in every time wanting to talk Vols with me. What impressed me the most about him was how big of a family man he was. We were always working around his schedule because he was taking care of his wife Emily, he always had something good to say about her and always talking about his daughters. It surprised me to see him one day for a broken hip while in the hospital, of course I recognized the name and walked in and asked if he remembered me. He stated, “of course how are the band and my Vols doing?” He would then see me again in outpatient and always talking about how he was walking on his farm and getting on and off of the tractor. You could tell that this Friday he was in good spirits, stating that he was feeling good, was all smiles and had that infectious laugh of his going. It’s good to know that he is now happy, being able to be with his wife again that he loves so much. My prayers and sympathy to the family in this trying time.

-Tim Stewart

Tim Stewart - March 01, 2016 at 08:02 AM

MG

“ Margaret Briley Gaddis sent a virtual gift in memory of Billy Dee Frost



Margaret Briley Gaddis - February 29, 2016 at 11:33 PM

BF

“ Sorry that I will not be able to make visitation. Bill had a great impact on my family and personal life. Dad and Bill were great friends through ASCS and selling hay and corn for the farming operation. Bill was a significant part of my Army Reserve career as he was able to get approval so that I could be a Military Police Office in the 401st Military Police Prisoner of War unit on White Bridge Road. May the family be comforted by God's love and strength. God Bless, Bob Fletcher

Bob Fletcher - February 29, 2016 at 04:40 PM

MJ

“ Laurie,
I have so many memories with you and your family when we were young. Your dad was kind and gentle and had an over the top sense of humor. I am so very sorry for your loss of your mom and your dad.
Love to you Laurie
Mary Jane

Mary Jane - February 29, 2016 at 04:09 PM

HB

“ He had an abiding faith, a wry sense of humor and love of country. He was thoughtful and generous to his neighbors and always shared his bountiful crop of vegetables here in the neighborhood. We were proud to call him friend and neighbor. Hugh and Kay Braddock

Hugh Braddock - February 29, 2016 at 02:18 PM