



Bill Franklin

March 24, 1932 - March 4, 2024

Bill Franklin, 91 years of age, of Peebles, Ohio, passed away on Monday, March 4, 2024, at the Adams County Regional Medical Center, in Seaman, Ohio.

Bill was born on March 24, 1932, in Millstone, Kentucky, the son of the late Ben and Sarah (Craft) Franklin. After serving in the United States Army during the Korean conflict, Bill was self-employed. He was a member of the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans, the Masonic Lodge, and the Scottish Rite Masons, Valley of Cincinnati.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by a granddaughter, and by his seven brothers, Enoch, Jack, Archie, Watson, Johnny, Benny, and Jess Franklin, and his two sisters, Maggie Holbrook and Sabrina Franklin.

Bill is survived by his wife, Karen (Schindler) Franklin, whom he married on May 3, 1991. He is also survived by his sons, Randy (Kim) Franklin, of Peebles; Kerry (Kim) Matheny, of Pine Knot, Kentucky; Kenny (Kerri) Matheny, of Springboro; and Kevin Matheny, of Florence, Kentucky. Bill will be greatly missed by his seven grandchildren and his four great grandchildren. Family and friends may pay their respects during visitation on Friday, March 8, 2024, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, at the Peebles Church of Christ. A Masonic service will be held at 11:00, with public visitation following.

Funeral services will be held immediately following visitation, on Friday, March 8, 2024, beginning at 1:00 pm, at the Peebles Church of Christ. Jason Bohl will officiate the service. The burial will follow at the Cherry Fork Cemetery.

Graveside military services will be provided by the Adams County Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made in Bill's name to the Adams County Humane Society, P.O. Box 245, West Union, Ohio 45693.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home. Please visit us at www.wallacethompsonfuneralhomes.com to leave words of comfort for the family in our online guestbook.

Previous Events

Masonic Services

MAR 8. 11:00 AM - 11:15 AM (ET)

Peebles Church of Christ
6050 Steam Furnace Road
Peebles, OH 45660

Visitation

MAR 8. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Peebles Church of Christ
6050 Steam Furnace Road
Peebles, OH 45660

Funeral Service

MAR 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Peebles Church of Christ
6050 Steam Furnace Road
Peebles, OH 45660

Graveside Service

MAR 8. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Cherry Fork Cemetery
State Route 136
Winchester, OH 45697

Tribute Wall

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“ As a friend of Bill's I always called him Uncle Bill. Bill, Jack Macey, Doodle McAdow and I were four friends that played a lot of fun Golf together. We always had a lot of laughs together on the Golf course.

Gary Browning - March 08, 2024 at 12:55 AM

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“ Bill was a true friend and next-door neighbor. In fact, he was my best male friend in Peebles. I have known him for almost forty years. We spent many hours together working on various “projects” that needed to be done around his house. I was glad to lend a hand. Following my wife’s passing away, eight years ago, he and Karen have rescued me from diabetic incidents more times than I care to admit. He was a wonderful person and I will miss him. I am fortunate to have known him.
Kerry Smith



Kerry Smith - March 07, 2024 at 08:58 PM

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“ Ladies Thursday Trio of Highland Lanes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bill Franklin.

Ladies Thursday Trio of Highland Lanes - March 07, 2024 at 02:47 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bill Franklin.*



March 07, 2024 at 02:47 PM



“ *Bill was a very good man and friend, wish I could have paid my respects in person.*

Ralph Turley - March 07, 2024 at 01:58 PM



“ *I remember having Bill for a neighbor, playing golf and cards on many occasions. The thing I remember most, which was funny, Bill told me once to make sure the next time I bought a washer to make sure I bought a Speed Queen so he could fix it for me if I had trouble. Sure enough i bought one and when the first problem arose he came over and to both of our amazement he said he couldn't fix it. We both had a good laugh..*

Rose Patricia Copley - March 07, 2024 at 12:01 PM



“ *Bill was our scoutmaster, and friend to us all. He was easygoing, never got upset, always encouraged. He was truly a great man and someone we looked up to.*

Rob Rice - March 06, 2024 at 01:50 PM

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“ Teresa Halcomb-Innis purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Bill Franklin.



Teresa Halcomb-Innis - March 06, 2024 at 01:25 PM

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“ Our Deepest Condolences for all the family, Bill was a great friend for many years he will be deeply missed. Wayne and Eva Hodge

Wayne and Eva Hodge - March 06, 2024 at 12:44 PM

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“ Growing up with the Franklin clan was an adventure, most memorable the trips to Peebles, Ohio and the Dairy Queen where I was always turned loose to quench my taste on all the delicacies offered ! Uncle Bill always made me feel special and I will forever remember his kindness and love ❤️! Rest well our hero ! U have served ur Country and family well ! We will all be together soon ! God bless all the family during this difficult time ! Uncle Bill , I'm Jack's son, will always be remembered as a true American Hero ! God Bless!

Andrew J Franklin Jr / Jack's son - March 06, 2024 at 12:22 PM

 Sandy Hoskins

“ I met Bill through my brother, Kerry Smith. Bill was an extremely nice & caring person. He has always been very helpful to me & my brother. Bill will be greatly missed. RIP Bill! You have earned your Angel Wings! Sandy Hoskins & Kerry Smith

Sandy Hoskins - March 06, 2024 at 11:14 AM