



William "Bill" H. Mattox

September 17, 1922 - October 24, 2014

William H. "Bill" Mattox, 92, of Fort Payne died Friday, October 24, 2014 at his residence. He was born in Ridgetop, TN on September 17, 1922, one of 11 children of John B. Mattox Sr. and Una Hildebrand Mattox. He lived for several years in Florence, AL until he started high school, then graduated from Lawrenceburg Tennessee High School in 1941. He worked in Washington, DC just out of high school and then the Army Signal Corps in October 1942. He served as a S/Sgt. in New Guinea and the Philippines and was discharged from the Army in Jan. 1946. Bill married Jacqueline Sterling in Fort Payne, AL in 1947 and graduated from Cumberland Law School in Lebanon, TN in 1948. He worked with his father-in-law, A.M. Sterling, in the automobile and tractor business for several years and then spent 35 years in Fort Payne in the gasoline and oil business. He spent 9 years on the Fort Payne City School Board and was in several other civic clubs. Bill was a member of First Baptist Church of Fort Payne for over 50 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jackie Mattox.

He is survived by his son, Gary Sterling Mattox of Fort Payne ; a special friend, Carolyn Hicks, of Fort Payne; and sister, Annabelle D'Aprix of Ojai, CA.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Wilson Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Pat McFadden officiating. Burial will follow in Glenwood Cemetery. The family will receive friends Sunday from 4 until 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Baptist Church or the American Cancer Society.

Wilson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements

Comments



“ Although Jackie Sterling Mattox was technically my cousin, Bill was very much a part of my family. He was loyal and supportive when my parents were ill.

My thoughts and prayers remain with you. May your memories and faith sustain you.

Love,
Cousin Martha

October 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Bill, may you find peace and happiness where you now find yourself, and all my support and condolences, Gary, on the loss of your loved and cherished father. Peter

October 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Love and will miss you my dear brother.

October 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Bill was such a good friend, and I always enjoyed his company and his conversation. He was an honest competitor in business and it was a pleasure to work with him because I knew everything he told me was the truth and he never tried to take advantage of me. I know he will be missed, he was a true gentleman.

October 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ May God send you comfort during this difficult time. My prayers will continue. Love you my friend.

October 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Gary, Ollie and I have you in our thoughts and prayers. We know this is a difficult time for you. It is hard to let go of someone you love so much.

Debbie & Ollie

October 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Gary, We are thinking about you. Your dad will be missed. He was a wonderful man.

Jim & Ann

October 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM