



William Roy Merrell Jr.

September 8, 1932 - November 17, 2013

MERRELL, William Roy Jr. (Bill), 81, a resident of Prattville, AL, passed away on November 17, 2013, at home surrounded by his family.

Bill was born in Fairfield, AL on September 8, 1932, son of the late William Roy and Minnie Lowry Merrell. He attended the University of Alabama where he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He was a veteran of the Korean War, proudly serving in the USMC. He worked for 12 years at US Steel in Fairfield, AL. He began working at Union Camp in 1967 and retired in 1995 with 28 years of service.

He was a member of Fountain of Grace Church for 45 years. He enjoyed flying and anything related to aviation, traveling, and spending time with his family. Bill was a passionate animal lover.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Martha Yerby of Pleasant Grove, AL, Lou Frances Morris Roney of Prattville, AL, and his beloved four-legged companion 'UC'.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Carolyn Goddard Merrell; daughter Suzanne (Rob) Bedford of Tallahassee, FL and their children Josh (Jessica) Bloodsworth and Kathryn Bedford; son Roy Merrell III of Deatsville, AL and his daughter Chelsea; daughter Jennifer (Eric) Coggin of Alpharetta, GA and their children Braeden and Brynne; sister Margaret (Freeland) Crumly of Shalimar, FL, as well as numerous family members and friends.

The family will receive friends from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 19, at Prattville Memorial Funeral Home. A Celebration of Life

Service will follow at 11:00 a.m. officiated by Pastors Tony Butler and Phil Leistner, with interment following at Prattville Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Roy Merrell, Josh Bloodsworth, Rob Bedford, Bill Goddard, Eric Hyde, and Gene Bedford. Honorary pallbearers will be Eric Coggin, Tyson Goddard, Wayne Hodge, Don Maness, Alvin Bolling, and members of Bill's Sunday School class.

The family would like to thank Baptist Hospice for the exceptional care provided by his nurse Judy McCollum, and his caregiver Brenda Smith. Also many thanks to Luthinia Hall, Katie Williams, and Pat Duncan.

The family will receive flowers or memorials can be given to Fountain of Grace Church or the Prattville Humane Society.

Cemetery Details

Prattville Memory Gardens

841 Fairview Avenue
Prattville, AL

Tribute Wall

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“ Randy Mullis purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of William Roy Merrell Jr..



Randy Mullis - November 19, 2013 at 09:28 AM

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“ Randy Mullis lit a candle in memory of William Roy Merrell Jr.



Randy Mullis - November 19, 2013 at 09:19 AM

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Sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He will be missed by friends and family. He was a stalwart member of the Prattville community, but his strong legacy of friendship and citizenship will remain. Ms Carolyn - you and your family are in our prayers.

*Love,
Randy and Terri Mullis*

Randy Mullis - November 19, 2013 at 09:22 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of William Roy Merrell Jr..



November 18, 2013 at 08:14 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Roy Merrell Jr..*



November 18, 2013 at 02:13 PM



“ *Pam Thomas purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of William Roy Merrell Jr..*



Pam Thomas - November 17, 2013 at 05:20 PM