



# FRANK BLEDSOE

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**R**obert Franklin “Frank” Bledsoe, 73, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, April 3, 2021, surrounded by his loving family and devoted friends. Services will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at First Baptist Church of Perry. A Visitation to express love and support for his family and friends will be held at 1:00 p.m., and the Service will begin at 2:00 p.m. with Reverend Jamie Powell officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to one of the many organizations that were dear to Frank including Perry FFA, 1307 North Ave, Perry, GA 31069 or Friends of Perry Animal Shelter (FOPAS), 204 Kellwood Dr, Perry, GA 31069 or The Westfield School, 2005 US Hwy 41 South, Perry, GA 31069 or Houston County 4-H, 801 Main St, Perry, GA 31069.

Frank was born in Vienna to the late Sidney Samuel Bledsoe, Sr. and Eleanor Lucille Wood Bledsoe. From the time he could walk, Frank was right behind his father and brothers on the family farm, learning the trade and soaking in every bit of information he would need for his future as a lifetime farmer. Frank learned and enjoyed raising and showing cattle each year for his FFA project. He was a graduate of Vienna High School’s Class of 1965. He continued his education at the University of Georgia, earning a Bachelor’s Degree in Animal Science from the College of Agriculture and Environmental Science, actively participating as a member of Alpha Gamma Rho, Block & Bridle, and the Ag Honor Society. While there, Frank learned to fly small planes, and his love for flying began. Upon graduation from college, he proudly served our country in the U. S. Army Reserves, joining the 421st QM Company in Ft. Valley. He attended Jump School at Ft. Benning with his Company and earned his Jump Wings after surviving the notorious “Jump Week.” He attended Marigold Flying Service in Mississippi, where he received his pilot’s license, and returned home to Perry, where he began Houston Crop Service, dusting crops for many farmer friends around the state. He continued his work on the family farm, and his love for agriculture led him to begin acquiring property in and around Middle Georgia, primarily in Dooly, Macon, and Houston counties, eventually growing his own farming operation to what it is today.



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Frank joined the American Agriculture Movement in 1978 and went on strike with thousands of other farmers across the country. Eventually, he drove his tractor with an extensive group of passionate farmers from Georgia all the way to Washington, D.C., up the steps of the U. S. Capitol in the nation's most famous "Tractorcade." They were determined for lawmakers to give "100% Parity" to farmers, and just a few short months later, the government agreed to some of their demands, and the farmers began working again.

As a farmer of corn, soybeans, pecans, peanuts, and cotton, Frank eventually acquired Tri-Co Peanut and Gin, allowing him to be a part of the process and assist in selling the precious crops that he and other farmers harvested each season. He was a member of Liberty Baptist Church in Dooly County and a faithful attender of First Baptist Church of Perry.

Through the years, Frank has been a member of and involved with numerous organizations including Georgia Pecan Association, Staplcofn, Southeast Cotton Growers Association, Southeast Cotton Ginners Association, Peanut Growers Association, Pecan Growers Association, Georgia Cattlemen's Association, Georgia Agriculture Aviation Association, and National Agriculture Aviation Association.

He was a true humanitarian, often helping others without them even knowing it. He was a huge supporter of The Westfield School, Perry FFA, Houston County 4-H, and the youth programs at First Baptist Church of Perry. Frank enjoyed researching and collecting antique tractors, sponsoring, supporting, and participating in the annual Antique Tractor Show at GA National Fairgrounds. Frank was also a conservationist, offering his knowledge and support to Ocmulgee River Conservation and Flint River Conservation.

Frank Bledsoe became a legend in his own time throughout his life's works and accomplishments, leaving behind a legacy of hard work, strong work ethic, generosity, kindness, and love. He didn't say much, but when he spoke, people listened. And those who knew him, knew that what he said would be meaningful. His dry, witty humor was often revealed when least expected.

Left to cherish the memories they made with Frank are his brother and sister-in-law, Sidney, Jr. and Peggy Bledsoe of Henderson; his brother and sister-in-law, Danny and Janice Bledsoe of Hawkinsville; his sister-in-law, Wanda Jordan; his nephews, Blake Bledsoe (Whitney), Bryant Bledsoe (Jamie), and Mack Jordan; his nieces, Becky Bledsoe Sapp (Robert), Juli Tankersley (Hank), Laurel Musselwhite (Keith), and Jamie Montgomery (Ted); his great-nephews, Bryan



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Bledsoe, Rhodes Bledsoe, Shepherd Bledsoe, and Lawson Bledsoe, Randy Sapp and Tyler Sapp; his great-nieces, Ry Bledsoe, Baker Bledsoe, and Lanier Bledsoe; Allison Halford (Frank's fishing buddy) and her husband, Hamilton; Audrey Evans and Evans Campbell.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Jane Jordan Bledsoe; and his special friend, Judy Evans.

Condolences for the family may be left in the online guestbook at [www.watsonhunt.com](http://www.watsonhunt.com). Watson-Hunt Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.



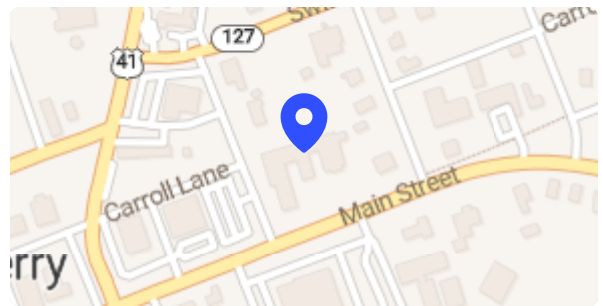
# Events

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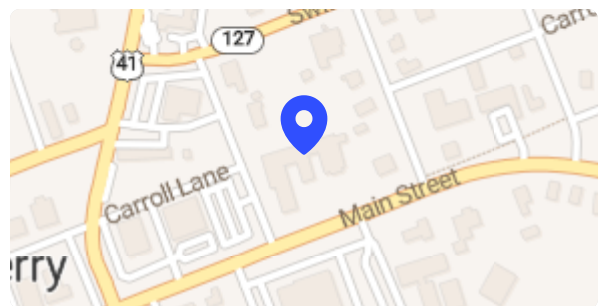
## Visitation

- Tuesday**, April 6, 2021
- 1:00 PM ET
- First Baptist Church - Perry**  
1105 Main Street, Perry GA 31069



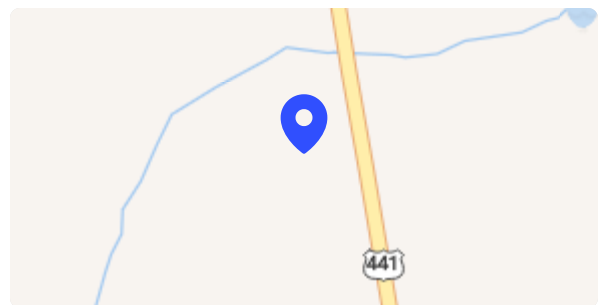
## Service

- Tuesday**, April 6, 2021
- 2:00 PM ET
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## Cemetery Details

- PRIVATE**  
GA





## Tribute Wall

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LS

**Linda Calhoun Stewart** posted:

Dear Family, I graduated with Frank in the class of 1965. We were in several classes together. My memories of him were he had a gentle spirit. My Aunt Cornelia Wood Raper just told me of his death. I am so sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Linda Raper Stewart

April 11 at 12:40 PM

SF

**Sidney Lanier Farms** posted:

We are so sorry to hear about Frank. We not only did business with him, but we also considered him a friend. Frank was more than a farmer, he was a very good businessman, whose businesses included farming. He will be missed.

April 7 at 7:04 AM



**Angela Chambless-Wilson** posted:

Mr. Frank will always be in my thoughts. When my dad Leeroy Chambless first started working for The Bledsoe Family, he started with The Old Man Bledsoe. Then he went to work for Mr. Frank. He watched me grow up. We will forever miss him.

April 6 at 4:18 PM

JB

**Jennifer Burch** posted:

I was very sad to hear the news of Franks passing. My daddy Jimmy Johnson flew with Frank Bledsoe as a crop duster for many, many years. He loved both Jane and Frank . Frank was a funny, caring , and very giving. He will be missed. This world has lost another great pilot, farmer and friend. May God send Peace to his family at this time.Sincerely,Jennifer Burch

April 6 at 11:01 AM

TK

**Talton , Wayne And Kathy** lit a candle in honor of FRANK.

Sidney, Peggy, Danny, Janice and family our hearts are sad on the loss of Frank. Please know that although Wayne and I could not be there we are thinking of you and praying for Gods peace for you all.



April 6 at 10:30 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White to the BLEDSOE family.

April 5 at 5:00 PM



**Shelby Wood & Thomas Arnold** posted:

Franklin has always been there when needed, I remember when we were all growing up and spent Sundays at our grandparents for lunch and played outside. Over the years we drifted apart and went our separate ways. But Cuz was there. Franklin you will be missed by all but you are free to fly where you want to now. Fly high!!! Gone to young and too soon. Love, Shelby

April 5 at 4:22 PM



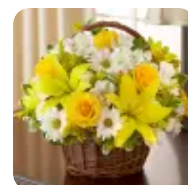
**Anonymous** sent a Red, White & Blue Sympathy Standing Spray to the BLEDSOE family.

April 5 at 4:01 PM



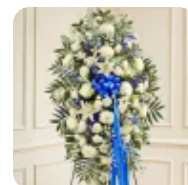
**Charlotte Meeks On Behalf Of Houston Co. Extension** sent a Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White to the BLEDSOE family.

April 5 at 7:09 AM



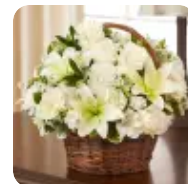
**Anonymous** sent a Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray to the BLEDSOE family.

April 5 at 5:37 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White to the BLEDSOE family.

April 4 at 11:13 AM





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RH

**Robin Herring** posted:

Frank was a very close friend of mine to whom I cherished!! I considered Frank and Jane family!! Frank was the hardest working man I have ever known!! He will be missed tremendous!! Rest in peace my dear friend!! Prayers for his family!!

April 4 at 6:41 AM

PE

**Pam Ekey** posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Pam Kanney Ekey

April 3 at 7:02 PM

LH

**Lawton Holmes** posted:

Love and comfort to Bledsoe family during your lost of Frank. Over the years of knowing Frank working with him sharing meals and being close friends he became like a brother. God chose a rose and a jewel of a man. R.I.P. my friend. Lawton

April 3 at 4:58 PM

FS

**Felicia Scarborough** posted:

We are so sorry. Frank was a wonderful, kind man and will be greatly missed by all his AVIATION FAMILY and friends. JD and I sure will miss him. Praying for all his family. Felicia & JD Scarborough

April 3 at 4:10 PM

GC

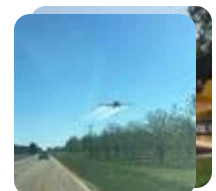
**Gary Crook** posted:

I am so sorry to hear the passing of Frank. No words can express the emptiness I feel. Wego back as Ag. Pilots working together. He will be greatly missed and I am very proud to have known him.

April 3 at 3:55 PM

LH

**Lisa Hays** shared an album called **Frank's Yellow Plane.**



April 3 at 2:58 PM



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SL

**Shelia (Todd) Laws** posted:

I am so sorry to learn of Frank's passing. Praying for all of his loved ones for peace and comfort in the coming days.

April 3 at 2:38 PM

JP

**Jeanne Giles Pierce** posted:

To Frank's family and friends - - I am truly sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Jeanne Giles Pierce

April 3 at 1:46 PM

KB

**Katie Jones Bearden** lit a candle in honor of FRANK.

I am saddened by the death of Frank. He was a very good friend, and one of the best farmers I ever knew. He worked so hard and always accomplished everything he set out to do, and it was always the best. He was loved by so many people, and he will truly be missed. May God Bless his family at this sad time.



April 3 at 1:14 PM

DT

**Dr. Rhonda Thompson** August 1 at 3:48 AM

My deepest sympathies to the family. Mr. Bledsoe was so supportive of start-up businesses like mine. When I opened my office in 2002, he INSISTED on being the very first patient I examined, and he was. He bought glasses every year and one year I said, your spectacle prescription never changes, you don't need new glasses. His reply was, "How are you going to stay in business if I don't buy new glasses." He always had words of encouragement and wisdom to impart. I will miss Mr. Bledsoe, as so many will. I am certain God has a special place in heaven for Mr. Bledsoe. Prayers for his family, Dr Rhonda Thompson.

DA

**Dana Abderson** April 5 at 7:26 PM

I was sad when I heard of Frank's passing. I met Frank when I was flying for The Everidge Brothers Crop Dusters back in the early 70's. I helped Frank a couple of times one winter when he couldn't fly because he had broken his ankle. Prayers to his family. Dana & Donna Anderson.

AT

**Anne Hawk Turk** April 4 at 9:38 AM

Thoughts and prayers for family and friends . Anne Hawk Turk



Lisa Hays shared 2 photos to the **Frank's Yellow Plane** album.

April 3 at 2:58 PM



Ready for Takeoff



Dusting Pecan Trees April 13, 2017 Photo Cred  
- Audrey Evans



# **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring FRANK by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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