



Billy Franklin Gaskins

February 25, 1935 - April 14, 2020

PERRY –

Billy Franklin Gaskins, 85, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 14, 2020. A private Graveside Service will be held for the family later this week in Perry Memorial Gardens. Due to the current state of emergency of our country, a memorial service will be held at a later date – details to be announced.

Bill was born in Alamo, Georgia, to the late Albert William Gaskins and Pauline Purser Gaskins, and grew up in the Hawkinsville/Cordele area. He moved to Bradenton, Florida, at age 17 and learned to work in a butcher shop. Bill worked at a small independently owned grocery store for several years, then took a job with Publix working in their meat department and worked his way up to a manager. After living in the Bradenton area for 55 years, he retired from Publix with 32 years of service and moved back to Middle Georgia.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, and his sister, Mary Ellen Gaskins “Meg” Bass.

Left to cherish the memories they made with Bill are his loving wife, Jenny Gaskins of Perry; his step-daughters, Billie Jean Hill (Craig) of Easley, South Carolina, and Beverly Redmon of Kokomo, Indiana; his step-sons, Steven W. Bothast (Maritza Edwards) and Mark Bothast (Raquel), both of Sarasota, Florida; 13 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; his brother, Dale Gaskins of Bradenton, Florida; two special cousins, Betsy Mullis and Joyce Taylor (Chuck); and several other extended family members, including his nieces and nephews.

Condolences for the family may be left in the online guestbook at www.watsonhunt.com. Watson-Hunt Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Cemetery

Perry Memorial Gardens

2106 Highway 41 North

Perry, GA, 31069

Comments



“ I cannot convey just how much I will miss you, uncle Bill. Or how I already do...

Uncle Bill played an important part in my life growing up and into adulthood. He was the first to teach me that blood didn't always make a family. And between he and my dad, uncle Bill instilled in me some of life's more important lessons and values, making me the man I am today. Thank you.

Uncle Bill was the kindest soul you'd ever meet, and would gladly give you the shirt off his back. He would lift you up when you were down, and help anyone out in a pinch. Simply put, he was a man of principle and integrity, but he also had that humorous side. He could easily make you laugh, turn your head at something witty he'd say, or sometimes both!

In the end, I just wanted to say that I am very, very proud to have called you my uncle. I love you, uncle Bill. Rest in peace.

Also, sending my deepest, deepest condolences to all whose life he touched...

Brent Ivy - April 17 at 07:52 PM



“ RIP Mr. Bill! You will be missed by your Red Ox family! Praying for your family.

Glenda Davis - April 17 at 09:16 AM



“ Bill will be missed by so many. He was one of the kindest, most caring person I ever met. If he loved you, you knew it. My deepest condolences to his family, he sure loved you Billie!

Kathy Breed - April 16 at 09:29 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear that Billy passed away. Have many fond memories of fishing trips to Lake Okechobee and our families all hanging out and eating good food together at Lake Blackshear.He will be dearly missed. We send our love and sympathy to Jenny and all his family.
Gary and Kathy Berryhill

Kathy - April 16 at 05:31 PM



“ Billy was special. I remember his many visits to my parents' cabin at Lake Blackshear, and our visits to his house in Bradenton. He had a keen sense of humor and a well-honed intelligence. He will be missef.

missed. Sue Berryhill O'Rear - April 17 at 05:21 PM



“ I am so proud to have known Mr. Bill. I always looked forward to seeing him. Ms. Jenny and the rest of his family are in my thoughts and prayers. Rest In Peace Mr.Bill!

Angela Winkler - April 15 at 10:37 PM