



Billy Ray Torrence

June 18, 1934 - February 26, 2024

Billy Ray Torrence, 89, of Mooresville, NC, - beloved father and grandfather - passed away on February 26, 2024, after a period of declining health.

Bill was born on June 18, 1934, in Mooresville to James Carl Tharpe Torrence and Nancy Rosa Etta Hobbs Torrence. He was a lifelong member of Southside Baptist Church, where his mother and grandmother were charter members. On Christmas Day 1955, Bill married his childhood sweetheart Ruth Helen Blackwelder, and they celebrated 64 years of marriage. A hard worker who served in the North Carolina National Guard, Bill retired from K-Mac Services at McGuire Nuclear Station.

Bill enjoyed athletics and, as a youth, played American Legion baseball in Mooresville as well as Church League softball for Southside. He loved cheering for the Davidson Wildcats, Duke Blue Devils, the Atlanta Braves, and the Carolina Panthers. In addition to sports, Bill enjoyed camping vacations at Myrtle Beach, traveling, visiting friends, and caring for family. A giving and family-oriented man, he is remembered by his nieces and nephews for his Christmas Eve phone calls from "Santa Claus."

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Blackwelder Torrence, and siblings Beulah Fink, Ralph Torrence, Jim Torrence, Ann Robinson, Helen Thomas, Betty Mayhew, and Shirley Marlowe. Left to treasure his memory are his daughter, Renee Torrence Dulin and husband John of Troutman, NC; granddaughter Anna Dulin Milholland and husband Joel of Williamsburg, VA; grandson John William Dulin, III, of

Troutman and fiancée Constance Warden; his "little sweetheart," great-granddaughter Graylynn Milholland; brother-in-law Kenneth Blackwelder and wife Bobbie of Clemmons, NC; sister-in-law Sue Crabb of Concord, NC; special friend Jack Combs; and many loving nieces, nephews, and friends from Southside Baptist Church.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Cadence Living and Hospice of Iredell County for their exceptional care for Bill throughout the past year.

A graveside service to celebrate Bill's life will be held at 11:00 am, Saturday, March 2, 2024, at Glenwood Memorial Park in Mooresville. The family will receive friends immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials may be made to Hospice & Palliative Care of Iredell County, 2347 Simonton Road, Statesville NC 28625, and/or Southside Baptist Church, 525 S. Broad Street, Mooresville NC 28115

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville is proudly serving the Torrence family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Glenwood Memorial Park

273 Glenwood Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Billy Ray Torrence.*



February 28, 2024 at 04:16 PM



“ *Good friend and Great Brother in Christ. Praying for family and friends.*

Tom Nixon - February 28, 2024 at 08:50 AM



“ *so sorry to hear of bills passing.knew him all my life. he was always nice and very helpful to everyone he knew. great guy. dave cook bangkok thailand.*

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