



Bill French

October 20, 1936 - October 2, 2018

Bill French, 81, of Mountain Pine went to be with the Lord on October 2, 2018. Bill was a member of Jessieville First Baptist Church where he served on the Samaritan Ministries Mission team, was a retiree of Weyerhaeuser with 43 years of service, was an avid sports fan and was very devoted to his family.

Bill was predeceased by his parents, Thomas and Lena French; his brother, Jim and a granddaughter, Kristi.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Jackie; their four children and spouses, Debbie Burk (Terry), Kim French (Denise), Monty French (Le) and Jada Ward (Billy); his grandchildren, Cameron French (Shawna), Amber Welborn, Cody French (Mandie), T.J. Burk (Cassie), Kaci Fulton (John) and Luke Lawrence (Jessica); his great grandchildren, Tyler, Faith, Riley, Nova, Kaylin, Logan and Lilah; sister-in-law, Janette French; nieces, nephews and cousins.

Pallbearers include Terry Burk, Billy Ward, T.J. Burk, Cody French, John Fulton and Luke Lawrence.

Honorary Pallbearers include Ed Merrick, Bob Warner, Mountain Pine graduating class of 1955, Weyerhaeuser family of friends, Donna & Jim Kemp, Paul Russell, Cynthia Rix and Mary Sue Smith.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to Dr. Timothy English and staff; Drs. Robert McCrary & David DeSoto and staff; Dr. Tim Webb, Jennifer Hare, Genesis Cancer Center Staff and medical personnel at CHI St. Vincent.

Visitation will be on Friday October 5th from 9:00 to 10:00 AM at Jessieville First Baptist Church. Pastor Derek Combs will be officiating funeral services immediately following the visitation. Interment will be at Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Jessieville First Baptist Church - PO Box 87 – Jessieville, AR 71949 or Samaritan Ministries of Hot Springs – PO Box 2464 – Hot Springs, AR 71903-2674

Tribute Wall

CM

“ *Jada and family- I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Your dad was always very kind and friendly to me. Having lost my dad this year, I know this is not easy for you. Please know I am thinking of you. Condolences, Carolyn Miller.* ”

Caroyn Miller - October 11, 2018 at 01:38 AM

RS

“ *So sad to hear this news. Praying for the family for strength and comfort during this difficult time.* ”

Ronald Sheffield - October 05, 2018 at 07:10 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bill French.* ”



October 04, 2018 at 08:09 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bill French.* ”



October 04, 2018 at 06:27 PM

FH

“ *Farrell and MaryAnn Hass purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Bill French.*



Farrell and MaryAnn Hass - October 04, 2018 at 05:49 PM

EM

“ *Bill was my best friend in high school, and though we haven't remained close all these 65 years, I still consider him a great friend. Bill was the real thing. He made no pretenses about being anything but who he was---an honorable, straight forward, hard working, christian, family man. The bible says, "...by their fruits you shall know them". Bill's fruits were a great family and a legacy to be proud of. We'll miss you old friend.*

Ed Merrick (MPHS '55)

Ed Merrick - October 04, 2018 at 04:58 PM

PB

Mr. Bill French heard the Lord when He called his name. Many are called, but only a few are chosen. God has saw fit to call on of his best home to rest. We are sad but heaven rejoying at his homecoming. Mr. French was a good person both natural and spiritual and I count it all joy to have known and worked for him. Our lost is heaven gain. We will miss you. Larry and Annie Babb.

Pastor Larry & Annie Babb - October 05, 2018 at 09:44 AM

EF

“ Kim, Jada and family, sorry to hear the sad news of your father’s passing. Please know your “other French family” is wishing you great comfort during this difficult time.

Ed French - October 04, 2018 at 03:49 PM

BC

“ Thinking of you all. You are in my thoughts and prayers . With Love,
Browyn Counts

Browyn McClurg Counts - October 04, 2018 at 02:52 PM

SW

“ Kim, we were saddened to learn of the loss of your Dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Steve and Martha Walker

Steve and Martha Walker - October 04, 2018 at 01:41 PM

KG

“ My heartfelt condolences go out to the French family. I have very fond memories of spending time with my cousins, Aunt Jackie and Uncle Bill. Whether our destination was Mountain Pine, Glenwood or Hot Springs, time spent with your family was very special. May God give you peace in this time of sorrow.

Keith and Penny Gay, OKC

Keith Gay - October 04, 2018 at 01:05 PM

DE

“ Dennis and Barbara Eskew purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Bill French.



Dennis and Barbara Eskew - October 04, 2018 at 11:45 AM

KB

“ Mr French as well as his family blessed my life. The love & laughter in the face of his illness was remarkable to behold. Mrs French made certain that we all took excellent care of her Husband! 😊. They both have a special place in my heart. Keni B., RN

keni Bell - October 04, 2018 at 11:27 AM

RK

So sorry for your loss. Your family has always had a special place in my heart. Love and prayers Rhonda.

Rhonda Kemp - October 04, 2018 at 02:24 PM

CH

JADA- So sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad- from all the comments I saw & heard - he must've been a wonderful man - you were so lucky to have such a fine man to call Father,

Chris Harvey - October 06, 2018 at 02:19 PM

TG

“ Terry & Regina Gay purchased the Sweet Tender ness for the family of Bill French.



Terry & Regina Gay - October 04, 2018 at 11:03 AM

LT

“ *Debbie, Kim, and Monty. Sorry for your loss. Your father was a good man. God bless you and all your families.* ”

Larry Tweedle - October 04, 2018 at 10:40 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Bill French.* ”



October 04, 2018 at 08:52 AM

MW

“ *I can still hear our kids so small yelling and waving “Mr Bill, Mr Bill” and chuck and I saying we will never be able to keep our yard mowed as nice as his and Jackies. Wonderful years beside wonderful neighbors. So very sorry for the loss of a wonderful person.* ”

melissa watson - October 04, 2018 at 07:24 AM

CM

“ *Kim (brother-in-law),
So sorry for your loss. It is hard to lose a parent, but hopefully your memories will help you though the days ahead.
Kent and Carla* ”

Carla Margenau - October 03, 2018 at 07:24 PM



“ *My Deepest Sympathy to the entire French Family. I know that with Bill as a part of your Family you will always have special memories. I also know that they will help in your healing. He was such a wonderful person. I have always had a tremendous amount of respect for Bill. I am blessed to have known him and called him my Friend. He always had a Smile and a Compliment!*

*Kevin, Kim and Nicholas Billingsley
Jessieville, AR*

Kim Billingsley - October 03, 2018 at 06:48 PM