



Karl L. Bickham, Sr.

March 28, 1929 - January 13, 2013

KARL L. BICKHAM, SR. AGE 83

and a resident of Franklinton for over 60 years died at 4:36 pm Sunday January 13, 2013 at his home surrounded by his entire family. He served in the United States Marine Corps from Feb. 17, 1947 until Feb. 16, 1950 when he was discharged as a Corporal after spending part of his service in China. Karl worked for Southern Bell, South Central Bell, and BellSouth for almost 31 years before retiring as a supervisor in 1982. He enjoyed traveling when possible and spent many pleasurable hours at local coffee shops with friends. Survived by his devoted wife of 61 years: Lois Fontenot Bickham of Franklinton

Son and Daughter in law: Karl L. "Buster" Bickham, Jr. and Jeannine Bickham of Franklinton

2 Daughters and Sons in law: Karla and Larry Tullos of Flower Mound, TX, Konnie and Mike Crain of Varnado

8 Grandchildren and Spouses: Karl L. "Len" Bickham, III and April Bickham Leslie and Ryan McGhee, Jamie Burkhalter, Cole and Wendy Bickham, Kyle and Whitney Burkhalter, Megan and Rick Thomas all of Franklinton, Shea Tullos, Krystal Henry both of Flower Mound, TX

Brother and Sister in law: Truett and Evelyn Bickham of Chesapeake, VA

Sister in law: Jo Bickham of Bogalusa

12 Great-grandchildren

He was preceded in death by his parents James O. Bickham and Maude

Smith Bickham, a sister La Rue Fleming and a brother J.L. Bickham
Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home Tuesday January 15th from 5 pm until
8 pm and after 9 am on Wednesday. A funeral service will be held at 2 pm
Wednesday in the funeral home chapel with Dr. Gene Richards, Rev. Denny
Brumfield and Rev. Ralph Parks officiating. Burial will follow in the Bethel
Baptist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers: Len Bickham, Ryan McGhee, Cole Bickham, Shea Tullos, Rick
Thomas, Kyle Burkhalter, Tyler McGhee

Honorary pallbearers are all the members of his "Coffee Crew"

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Community Care Hospice,
1007 West Thomas St, Suite A, Hammond, LA 70403.

Obituaries can be viewed online at www.crainfh.com

Tribute Wall

DD

“ We are so sorry to hear about Mr. Karl's death. Our prayers are with you.

Thanks, Donald & Carolyn Daniel

Donald & Carolyn Daniel - January 18, 2013 at 08:23 PM

MB

“ Sorry just learned of Karl's death. Leon thought a lot of Karl and all of the old Telephone buddies. My sympathy to all the family. Mrs. Leon (Louise) Barber

Mrs. Leon Barber - January 18, 2013 at 11:54 AM

WK

“ Lois and family, Wayne & I send our sincere sympathy to you are on the loss of Karl. We have been married 61 years also I know what a vacant place that leaves in your heart. We will be praying for you all.

Wayne & Sallie Knight - January 17, 2013 at 07:18 PM

PA

“ Prayers to the family in your time of loss.

Patty Alford - January 16, 2013 at 08:52 PM

JV

“ Mr. Karl was young at heart. He always had a smile and something funny that left you with a chuckle. Bethel really felt like home. I was a young bride and soon Mr. Karl's children began to marry. Karl jr & Jeannine, Konnie & Rusty, we all raised our children at Bethel. We were a happy family at Bethel. You could always count on Mr. Karl and Mrs. Lois at the Bible School commentent that came to a close on Sunday Night and at our annual Bethel Christmas Chrildren's programs. Smiling and beaming at his grandchildren and all the children that were growing up in the Church. I cherish and love those days at Bethel. Many families left Bethel. We moved to GA. Anytime we rain into Mr. Karl whether at the grocery, wherever, He always had that sweet smile, time to chat and leave you with a chuckle. To Mrs. Lois, Karl & Jeannine, Karla & husband, Konnie & Mike and grands, I love Mr. Karl and all of you. Thank goodness I have these tender memories tucked away in my heart. God Bless you all and keep you all moving forward in remembrance of such a wonderful man, husband, father, grandfather, and to most of us our FRIEND. We will all see you again, Mr. Karl in the Sweet Bye and Bye. I am sorry, due to sickness and leg injury, I was unable to attend. My heart was there with you all. I send my prayers and love to you all. Joanie

Joanie Varnado - January 16, 2013 at 01:11 PM

RV

“ Sorry for your loss

Roger D Varnado - January 16, 2013 at 11:10 AM

TM

“ We were sorry to hear about your great loss. Please know that GOD loves you all and that many people love you all and are praying for you today and in the days ahead. May GOD surround all of you with His great love and comfort!

Love in Christ, Ronnie & Terry Moak Mt. Hermon, LA.

Terry Moak - January 16, 2013 at 09:04 AM

SC

“ To the family of Mr Karl, I am sorry for your loss. I remember Mr. Karl from The ole Myles drive inn coffee bunch(Mr Bob , Mr. Jr.Mr Huston Mr J.D.)I can still see that bunch of guys sitting and drinking coffee. Mr. Karl always had a huge smile and was so sweet. I know you all will miss him . I thank God I had the pleasur of knowing and such a sweet person as Mr. Karl .

Sharon k. Corkern - January 15, 2013 at 09:45 PM

LD

“ So sorry to hear of you loss. You are in my prayers.

Linda Stringfield Day - January 15, 2013 at 12:39 PM

JG

“ Uncle Karl was such a sweetheart. I appreciate all the wonderful memories I have of him taking all the grandkids down to the river to tube, eating watermelon on Mamaw and Papaw's porch, chasing lightning bugs with us. I thought he was the tallest, most handsome, coolest guy around. Still think so!

Janet Bickham Gardner - January 14, 2013 at 09:06 PM

DT

“ *Konnie and family. We're sorry about the loss of your Dad. Praying for you in this difficult time in your lives.*

Devon and Delores Thomas - January 14, 2013 at 08:40 PM

JR

“ *Lois, Buster, Konnie and Karla, it is with loving thoughts and good memories of my days at Bethel that I remember Karl and drank many cups of coffee with the coffee crew there at Mile's Restaurant in Franklinton. My sincere prayer is for you all in this time of loss.*

Jim Richardson - January 14, 2013 at 03:00 PM