



William Frank Babington

November 25, 1922 - March 3, 2010

WILLIAM "BILL" FRANK BABINGTON, AGE 87

And a resident of Franklinton died at 7:00 PM Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at Riverside Medical Center. He was a member of Centenary United Methodist Church and had worked as a pharmacist for over 50 years. Mr. Bill was a past president of the Chamber of Commerce and a former member of the Franklinton Town Council. He also served on the advisory board of Parish National bank and was a member of the Masonic lodge.

During World War II, Mr. Babington was a 1st Lieutenant with the 8th Air Force 94th Bomb Group piloting a B-17 from England into France and Germany. He flew 17 missions but was shot down on March 8, 1944 over Quackenbruck, Germany and was subsequently captured by the German Army. He and his men were Prisoners of War for 14 months before liberation by the Russian Army. Mr. Bill returned to Germany several years ago to revisit the area of his imprisonment and was given a key to the city of Quackenbruck by its officials. He was very proud of his service to his country but humbled in the recognition of it and he will always be a true patriot.

Survived by: Wife: Mary Babington of Franklinton

1 Son and daughter in law: Al and Diane Babington of Baton Rouge

2 Daughters and sons in law: Nancy and Rick Reynolds of Metairie

Melinda and David Jones of Southlake, TX

1 Brother: Wallace K. Babington of Washington, D.C.

6 Grandchildren: Hope and John Paul Huber of Timonium, MD Ellen and Russ

Moody of Southhaven, MS Chris and Dannielle Babington of Mountain Home, AR Candace and Saied El-Shaer of Shreveport Jenny and Lee Collier of Lawrenceville, GA Erin Jones and fiancé John Kilpatrick of Lawrenceville, GA Great grandchildren: John and Abigail Huber, Harrison Moody, Savannah Babington; Emily, Dylan and Sami El-Shaer

He was preceded in death by his first wife Ruth Nell Smith Babington, parents Carl and Myrtle Sweeney Babington, a sister Corrie Corkern and a brother Thomas Babington.

Visitation will be at Centenary United Methodist after 9 AM on Monday, March 8, 2010 until time of memorial service to be held at 11 AM with Rev. Steve Porter officiating. Mr. Babington wished to be laid to rest alongside his fellow service men and women at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. A committal service there with full military honors will be held on June 1st at 3 pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Centenary Methodist Church, Fisher Methodist Church or the World War II Museum in New Orleans.

Tribute Wall

RS

“ I'm sorry for your loss. I lost my father last year so I can understand your pain. Death is never easy to accept which is why it's called an enemy in the Bible at 1 Corinthians 15:26. Jesus gave us a hope based on the Bible at John 11:25: "I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life." So, we will be able to see our loved ones again by means of the resurrection. At that time we will never have to lose them again. Why can we say that? Because God has promised us this in the Bible at such scriptures as Isaiah 25:8, Isaiah 26:19, and Revelation 21:3-5. Isn't this good news? Please read these scriptures in your own Bible. Sincerely, Ms. Simmons

Rosemarie Simmons - May 19, 2010 at 05:30 PM

KB

“ I was deeply sadden to hear of Mr.Bills death. He was one of my many favorite patients. I loved him so much, he was always so sweet and kind. He will be greatly missed..

Kim Barber - March 18, 2010 at 04:28 PM

JV

“ Melinda, Al and Nancy, Your daddy was a wonderful man. I just loved Mr. Bill. Melinda when he worked for Rusty we would always end up talking about you. I'd always ask about you and he was proud to talk of you and your children. I admired Mr. Bill for his service to our Country. Never did he brag or boast but he had every right to! Mr. Bill was a true gentleman. I know you will miss your daddy so much. God Bless you all. Love, Joanie and Jimmie D varnado

joanie Sanders Varnado - March 08, 2010 at 11:39 AM

LD

“ *Al and family
My thoughts are prayers are with your family.*

Leah Corkern Davis - March 08, 2010 at 10:27 AM

PC

“ *Ms. Mary and the rest of Mr. Bill's family our heartfelt prayers are with you. I know the good memories of Mr. Bill will carry you through this time of sorrow. Love, Paulette and Barry*

Paulette and Barry Crain - March 08, 2010 at 08:25 AM

LB

“ *To All--Please except my sincere sympathys--God Bless--My prayers are with you all. Mr Bill will be missed. He was a wonderful man to know.*

Loretta Spears Bracey - March 08, 2010 at 08:11 AM

CC

“ *Mr. Bill was so kind, humble and loved. We will miss him. Bob and Cynthia Coleman*

Cynthia and Bob Coleman - March 07, 2010 at 07:08 PM

KD

“ *Mr. Bill was an outstanding American who served his country with pride and love. He came back to Franklinton and became a friend to everyone at The Ideal Drug Store. Thoughts and prayers are with you as you say goodbye.*

Kaye Jean Miller Doss - March 07, 2010 at 03:33 PM

AJ

“ Dear Nancy, Melinda and Al, Darryl and I have you in our thoughts and prayers. We are so sorry over this great loss. I loved growing up across the street from your parents. It was so much fun seeing you all grow up. My family loved your Mother and Daddy and all of you children. Nancy, you were a tea girl at our wedding 50 years ago. Our families go back along way and have many happy memories having you as neighbors. We will remember you in the days ahead. Love, Annwood

Annwood M. Jenkins - March 06, 2010 at 06:18 PM

Jl

“ *"Well done, Good and Faithful Servant" John A. Heidel, Secretary Franklinton Lodge 101 F&AM.*

John A. Heidel III - March 06, 2010 at 03:54 PM

JM

“ *Thoughts and prayers are with you and your families as your mourn the loss of your father ... a man loved and respected by many, and admired by all.*
My condolences,

Judy McCasland Micelle - March 05, 2010 at 10:35 PM

KF

“ *Al, Melinda, and Nancy,*
Sorry to hear about Mr. Bill. I will keep all of you in my prayers.

Kerry Foil - March 05, 2010 at 09:02 PM

DM

“ Al and family, You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this time of such a great loss. I have such fond memories of your dad at Ideal Drug Store when my Mom (Elsie Morris)worked for him. God Bless!

Debbie Morris McConnell - March 05, 2010 at 06:41 PM

VV

“ MS. MARY, NANCY, AL, AND MELINDA: SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT MR. BILL. HE WAS SUCH A FINE MAN. HE WILL SURELY BE MISSED. OUR PRAYERS WILL BE WITH ALL OF YOU DURING THE NEXT DAYS TO COME. MAY GOD BLESS!
RODNEY AND VIRGINIA VARNADO

VIRGINIA VARNADO - March 05, 2010 at 01:47 PM

JB

“ We send our sympathies and prayers to the family of Mr. Bill. Karl and I have the utmost respect for him. 25 years ago my life and my children's changed when we met Mr. Bill. He made us feel special and he was able to participated in serveral events with them during their high school years.He did an interview with Megan for Jr. High this made a great impression on her, she had him speaking of his POW years which as you all know his emotions could never be hidden. He even let my oldest son use his wool tuxedo because he had 3 proms to go to (and it fit perfectly).... You couldn't help but love and respect him and I know that you all will miss him greatly. He was so proud of all his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and most proud of being an american who served his country well....

Karl and Jeannine Bickham

Jeannine Bickham - March 05, 2010 at 01:10 PM

TL

“ *Mary,*

Please accept our condolences upon Bill's passing away. Bridgett and I pray the repose of his soul.

I enjoyed visiting with him at Ideal Pharmacy. More importantly, we teamed up to inform people how to properly display our Flag that he was always so proud of.

Tom & Bridgett Lewis - March 05, 2010 at 12:52 PM