



William Henry Sprehe

May 23, 1935 - December 20, 2015

WILLIAM HENRY SPREHE, AGE 80

And a resident of Franklinton passed into eternal life on Sunday December 20, 2015 at his home with his beloved wife and children by his side. He was a member of Temple Baptist Church in the Richardson Community. Born May 23, 1935 in Bogalusa, he grew up in the Pigott's Crossing area. Mr. Sprehe was known to many as "Captain Bill." For 55 years he navigated the waterways of the United States as a riverboat Captain. The title of Captain was one that he earned through professional training and years of gained expertise. He was proud of his chosen career and was respected and admired by both his peers and those who worked for him.

Country life on his farm with his cows, horses and border collies was also near and dear to his heart. He was famous for his ability to nurture and grow beautiful roses, delicious fruit on his fruit trees and a lush and productive vegetable garden. Enjoying classic westerns was something he genuinely appreciated, especially those with John Wayne.

"Paw Paw Sprehe" was larger than life with his handsome black cowboy hats and contagious wonderful smile. His legacy of unconditional love will live on in those he leaves behind. However, there will be such a huge void with him no longer here.

Survived by:

Wife of 61 years: Edna Smith Sprehe of Franklinton

4 Children and Spouses: Katherine and Charley Berryhill of Progress, MS,
Robert A. and Lisa Sprehe of Franklinton,
Teresa Stohlton of Franklinton,
Karen and Jeff Montegut pf Poplarville, MS

Grandchildren and Spouses: Allen Bell,
Kristen Adams,
Jeffery and Emily Bell,
Robyn and Charles Krzykwa,
Robert Ryan and Macel Sprehe,
William and Britney Bell,
Heidi and Jacob Harriel,
Heather Montegut

Great-grandchildren: Nicole and Braxton Adams,
Logan, Landon, Gavin, Dawson and Alison Bell,
Ella Kate and Olivia Harriel,
William B. Sprehe

Sisters and Brothers in law: Marie and Edward Mitchell of Picayune, MS,
Ann and Jeff Sanders of Columbia, MS

Brothers in law and Sisters in law: Robert D. "Bob" Smith,
Grace Roberts,
Martha and Douglas Miller,
Vivian Smith,

Delores Smith,
Ralph Burch,
Velma Sprehe

Also numerous nieces and nephews

He was preceded in death by his parents Emile Sprehe and Aline Pigott Sprehe, grandson Dustin Lee Lovett, brothers Eugene Sprehe, Andrew Sprehe, Sr., father in law and mother in law John Smith and Flossie Rogers Smith, brothers in law Ray Smith, Ralph Smith, Roy Smith, Roland Smith, sisters in law Nellie Pearl Smith Spears, Rose Marie Smith Burch and recently Ruth Smith Alford.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home Tuesday December 22nd from 10 am until 1 pm. A funeral service will be held at 1 pm Tuesday in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Willie Westmoreland, Rev. Scott Spinks, Bro. Leonard Smith, Bro. Kyle Hartzog and Bro. Brock Burch officiating. Burial will follow in the Temple Baptist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers: Robert Ryan Sprehe, Jeffery Scott Bell, William Harland Bell, Brandon McElveen, Mason McElveen, Tim Freeman

Obituaries can be viewed online at www.crainfh.com

Previous Events

Service

DEC **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KW

“ We're sorry you lost your father. May the peace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

Ray & Kaye Williams

Kaye Williams - December 22, 2015 at 01:52 PM

SP

“ May God comfort and give each of you peace during this difficult time. Many childhood memories of the family.

Sharon Smith Pierce

Sharon Smith Pierce - December 21, 2015 at 05:20 PM

JB

“ Jim & Marie Burge purchased the Amazing Arboreola for the family of William Henry Sprehe.



Jim & Marie Burge - December 21, 2015 at 04:59 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Henry Sprehe.



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