



John Frederick Mills Jr.

January 2, 1928 - June 21, 2015

John Frederick Mills, Jr.

Lakeland – John Frederick Mills, Jr., 87, passed away June 21, 2015.

Fred was born in Mulberry, FL on Jan. 2, 1928 to the late John and Ruby Mills. After his completion of high school, Fred attended Auburn University. After leaving Auburn, he worked for International Mineral and Chemicals and later transferred to C.F. Industries where he worked until retirement. After retirement he enjoyed farming, raising blueberries, day lilies, and a variety of vegetables in Bushnell, FL.

Fred pulled his stint defending freedom in this world during the Korean Conflict when his Marine Reserve Unit was called to active service. In 1952 he married Marijean Wilder and moved to Lakeland, FL. In 1962, Fred joined the Lakeland Optimist Club. He was the Club's Christmas Tree Chairman for over 20 years.

Fred is survived by his wife of 63 years, Marijean Mills; daughters, Mari Kaye Cunningham and Michele Tidwell; grandchildren, Blake and Matthew Cunningham, Kendal Tidwell Willis and Ryan Tidwell; 2 great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted Fri. June 26th at 11 am at Gentry Morrison Southside Chapel, 1727 Bartow Rd., Lakeland.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of John Frederick Mills Jr.*

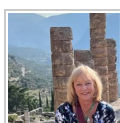


Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - June 25, 2015 at 07:42 AM

DF

*Dearest Marjane & Family,
So sorry to hear of Freddie's passing. Thank You for sharing that beautiful Tribute Video. Such precious memories of a lovely Family to cherish. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you as you face these trials today and the coming days ahead. I know you and your family will miss him terribly but it's such a Blessing to know he knew Our Father and that he is resting in peace without all that pain.
Love & Prayers to you All,
Diane Friday & Family*

Diane Friday - June 25, 2015 at 09:06 AM



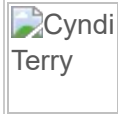
So many family memories of daddy

Michele Tidwell - June 25, 2015 at 09:35 AM

SB

Michele, MariKaye and Mrs. Mills and family, What a beautiful tribute video. What wonderful memories God has blessed you with. My thoughts and prayers are with you all! Love and continued prayers for you at this difficult time. Love Susan Bedford and family.

Susan Bedford - June 25, 2015 at 09:59 AM



This is such a wonderful tribute to your dad and his life. He truly loved his family. Sending you all lots of prayers for comfort during this time, and in the coming days!
Cyndi Terry

Cyndi Terry - June 25, 2015 at 11:10 PM

BB

What a beautiful tribute to your dad. Prayers and hugs to you and your family.

Brenda Brown - June 26, 2015 at 01:55 PM

KT

“ *Kim Tarr lit a candle in memory of John Frederick Mills Jr.*



Kim Tarr - June 27, 2015 at 12:38 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Frederick Mills Jr..*



June 25, 2015 at 03:12 PM

BP

“ *Buddy and Pat purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of John Frederick Mills Jr..*



Buddy and Pat - June 23, 2015 at 09:43 AM