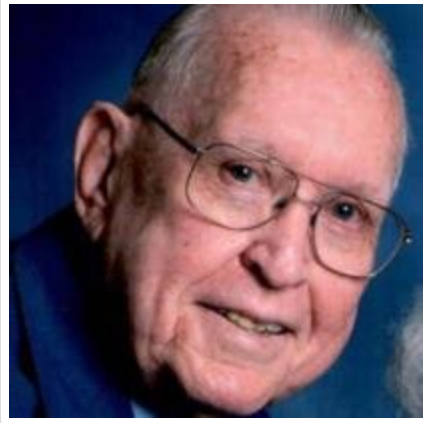




William Wood Wilbanks Sr.

March 3, 1929 - September 30, 2016

William Wood Wilbanks, Sr.

Lakeland – William Wood Wilbanks, 87, passed away Sept. 30, 2016.

Mr. Wilbanks was born in Tampa, FL on Mar. 3, 1929. He was a World War II Navy Veteran, and worked for General Telephone Company. He was a member of Parkview Baptist Church.

Mr. Wilbanks is survived by his wife, Joy Fields Wilbanks; son, William Wood Wilbanks, Jr.; daughters, Patricia “Patty” Ann Headley (Gary) and Susan Marie Chastang; sister, Josephine Scobie; grandchildren, Stacie (Chris), Christie, Timmy (Sarah), Christina (Josh), Jason (Tiffany) and Stephanie; great-grandchildren, Brayden, Stella, Oliver, Tanner, Aurora and Justin.

Visitation will be Tues. from 9:30-11 am at Parkview Baptist Church. Funeral services will follow at 11 am at the church. Interment will be in Oak Hill Burial Park

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 4. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Parkview Baptist Church
509 Parkview Place
Lakeland, FL 33805

Funeral Service

OCT 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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509 Parkview Place
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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Wood Wilbanks Sr..*



October 03, 2016 at 12:05 PM



“ *Love Julie Jake and Olive Williams purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of William Wood Wilbanks Sr..*



Love Julie Jake and Olive Williams - October 03, 2016 at 11:56 AM



“ *Although I never met Mr. Wilbank's, knowing his daughter, Patty, and her husband, Gary, he was a wonderful father, father-in-law, grandfather, great grandfather, husband, friend, and so much more. His legacy will live on in his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. May all the wonderful memories shared bring some peace to each of you. Deepest sympathy to each of you. Love to you, and continued prayers. Jan Stewart*

Jan Stewart - October 03, 2016 at 07:10 AM

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“ *With Love, Paul and Lisa purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Wood Wilbanks Sr..*



With Love, Paul and Lisa - October 02, 2016 at 09:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Wood Wilbanks Sr..*



October 02, 2016 at 03:10 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of William Wood Wilbanks Sr..*



October 02, 2016 at 11:58 AM

JW

“ Just a quick story to show the type of person that Bill was. Thanksgiving 2012 I was visiting Christina from Ohio and was on the fence of whether I would be moving to Florida permanently. My biggest fear in moving was leaving my family behind in Ohio and not having that sense of family down here. We came to Bill and Joys home for thanksgiving, them meeting me for the first time. Both of them welcomed me into their home and more importantly into their hearts with open arms. That one visit sealed the deal on me moving here and I will be forever grateful for the love that Bill showed me. I only had the pleasure to be in his life for a short 4 years, however he was able to make a tremendous impact on my life. I can tell you that every person that was able to be graced with his presence, whether it be a short time like myself or a lifelong relationship, was touched in some way.

Josh Williams - October 01, 2016 at 01:48 PM

TC

Bill was a true gentlemen and Christian. I have had the pleasure and great fortune of being in Bills life for over 35 years. I have never met a more honest, sincere and loyal man in my life. He was a leader by example and a mentor to all who knew him. Bill was not one to judge anyone in life and was always a forgiving man. No matter what mistakes you made in life Bill treated you with respect and kindness. My children had the fortune of having this wonderful gentleman as their grandfather. They are the children they are today due to the examples, love and faith he taught them. Bills love for his wife Joy was evident everyday of their marriage. Just watching the way he looked at her and took care of her was a showing of the true love he had for a wonderful woman. Another wonderful example of the love, faith and loyalty this gentle giant possessed. Bill was a father and friend to me from the first day I met him. God has called Bill home to heaven and we have all been left behind with an empty void in our life. But he has left us with his kindness , love, faith and stories that will last forever. He will live on in the lives of his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Their foundations are anchored by his morals and strong beliefs. I thank him for his service as a sailor in the United States Navy. Bill was a hero to his family and a veteran who protected us all . He served God, his country and his family. A true American. We are forever indebted to this wonderful man you will be truly missed and have left an emptiness in our lives. We will always love and miss you. I am certain you are in heaven still watching and protecting us.

Tim Chastang - October 02, 2016 at 01:34 PM