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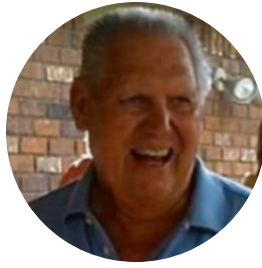
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Bill Shepherd, resident of Broken Arrow, OK, passed away Friday afternoon, March 14, 2014 at the age 81 while tending to his family garden. Bill was born May 28, 1932 in Greene County, Tennessee to Joseph William and Mary Magdalene (Colyer) Shepherd. Following graduation from Washington College High School he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served his country faithfully including his station in Thule, Greenland. He and LaVerne McLeod were united in marriage on August 13, 1954. Bill, a proud veteran of the U.S. Air Force, retired from Ford Glass after 36 years of service in Nashville, TN and Tulsa, OK. In his leisure time Bill enjoyed fishing, golf, gardening, World War II history and working out at the Health Zone Rehab Center. Bill is survived by his wife of 59 years – LaVerne; his three children – Cindy Tucker and husband Gary of Mt. Juliet, TN, Ellen Zimmerman and husband Don of Longboat Key, FL, and Steven Shepherd and fiancée Heather Hanifin of Bixby, OK; three grandchildren – Rod Tucker, Candice Fults and Courtney Jolly and four great grandchildren – Adriana, Cassie, Macie, and Maggie. Also surviving is his brother Johnny Shepherd of Kingsport, TN and numerous nieces and nephews. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Marjorylu Slayden and brother Daniel Colyer Shepherd. Visitation will be held at Floral Haven Funeral Home on Monday, March 17, 2014, from 12 pm to 8 pm. Memorial service will be on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 3:00 pm at Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel. The family requests that memorials in Bill's memory be made to: St. Jude or a favorite charity of their choice. Online condolences can be made at www.floralhaven.com



Tribute Wall

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CT

Cindy Shepherd Tucker posted:

Your message to us gives us happiness knowing Daddy was well respected and appreciated. He taught us that respect is something earned. He walked his talk. Thank you for sharing with us. We miss him so. One of Bill's daughters, Cindy

April 22 at 2:24 PM

CT

Cindy Shepherd Tucker posted:

Thank you for your prayers and words of comfort. Love, Cindy

April 22 at 2:18 PM

CT

Cindy Shepherd Tucker posted:

Thank you Carolyn. Cindy

April 22 at 2:17 PM

CT

Cindy Shepherd Tucker posted:

Sherrie, Love you. Glad we have each other to lean on. We Shepherds have a special bond taught to us by our parents and grandparents.

April 22 at 2:15 PM

CT

Cindy Shepherd Tucker posted:

Thank you Doug Coltrane. The kind words of the people that worked with Daddy brought comfort to all of us. Thank you and the others from Ford for sharing such wonderful stories with us. Cindy

April 22 at 2:13 PM

CT

Cindy Shepherd Tucker posted:

Thank you Jane and Ron. Your prayers are so appreciated. Cindy

April 22 at 2:10 PM



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TK

Terry Kirkland posted:

Bill was a wonderful person, and Im a better man for having known him. He was a hard worker and had more common sense than about anyone Ive ever known. My thought and prayers are with the family at this time, I know he will be missed.

March 19 at 3:38 PM

AC

Autumn.Lisko@Yahoo.Com posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. My family reaches out to you with prayers and respect. It is so hard to lose your dad and I cannot tell you it is easy but in time prayer will comfort you. Reach out to those who loved him most and pray everyday for strength. He is with god and eternal life is with him now and forever. Autumn Lisko

March 17 at 4:44 PM



Steve Shepherd April 11 at 6:16 PM

Thank you so much, Steve Shepherd

JR

Jeanette & Jim Rector posted:

We are so sorry for your sudden loss, LaVerne, for you and your family. May the love of family and friends help you through this. Jim & Jeanette Rector

March 17 at 4:23 PM

JS

Jane Shelton posted:

Cindy and Family-I am so sorry about your dad. My prayers are with you as you go through this hard time. May the Good Lord hold you all in the palm of His loving hands. We love you. I notified the church. Please hug Rod, Candace, and Courtney and please let your mom know how sorry we are. Ron & Jane

March 17 at 10:58 AM

SH

Stephen & Joy Hinkle posted:

Laverne and family, Joy and I are very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Stephen and Joy Hinkle

March 17 at 8:24 AM



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FN

Floyd & Rita Ogle (Neighbors) posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Shepherd

March 17 at 8:15 AM

CC

Carolyn Cummings posted:

I am so sorry for your sudden loss. My heartfelt condolences go out to all of you at this time. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers. Carolyn (Robertson) Cummings

March 17 at 7:53 AM

DC

Doug Coltrane posted:

I have a lot of great memories of Bill Shepherd. My first memory is working with him at the Ford Tulsa Glass Plant. Summer time in a glass plant in Oklahoma is brutally hot. Bill was my Supervisor in the late 1970s. He was a great friend of the working person. He would always make arrangements for extra breaks during the heat so we would avoid heat stress. Bill would sometimes be criticized for this but it never stopped him from helping us during the hot summers. I will always appreciate him for his kindness. Shep, Homer Sullins, Don Humbyrd and I became great golf buddies. We spent countless hours on the golf course. We all loved to play golf but what we found that we loved even more was the friendship of each other. We became family. Homer would introduce Shep, Don and me as the sons he never had and would explain to strangers how much he loved each of us. Bill Shepherd was a great man, a great friend, a great husband and a great father. Thank you Bill for the great memories. Your Friend Doug Coltrane

March 17 at 7:37 AM



Steve Shepherd April 11 at 6:19 PM

Thank you Doug

AR

Albert & Faye Robertson posted:

LaVerne and Family—Words cannot explain the shock we felt when Cindy called with the news of Bill's passing. It is still hard to believe! You and the entire family are in our constant thoughts and prayers.
Albert & Faye

March 17 at 5:04 AM



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SR

Sherrie Rountree posted:

Dearest Aunt LaVerne and my amazing cousins, I look at Uncle Bill's picture on here and the tears are flowing. What a wonderful strong and humble spirit we have lost. I know your hearts are broken and trying to understand all this is impossible. I'm sure Mammaw, Pappaw, Danny & Margie were waiting with open arms...what a beautiful reunion! We're praying that God's arms hold you close and that you find sweet peace and comfort in the memories Bill gave us all. We've laughed and cried these past few days while recalling some hilarious stories. God gave us a special gift when he shared this selfless, loving husband, father, brother, uncle with us. I'm so grateful I got to experience a small part of that. With my love & prayers, Sherrie Shepherd Rountree

March 16 at 4:19 PM

BG

Bill Grimes posted:

La Verne , Cindy, Ellen and Steve ; Ginger and Todd Jones sent to me the sad news of Bill's passing. I had the privilege of working with Bill in Nashville and then in Tulsa as one of my finest Supervisors ... a gentleman, extremely knowledgeable , fair minded and always a joy to talk with as I walked through he Plant. Bill played a large role in making the Plant have the success it had ! My thoughts of those days always relate to the people in the workplace ... how much they gave to Ford, most always at a sacrifice to their family and Bill was at the top. I know all of you will remember your Husband and Dad with the most pleasant thoughts ... I WILL. Bill Grimes

March 16 at 9:17 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Billy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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