



J.R. Francis

April 4, 1926 - August 2, 2014

Joe Riley (J.R.) Francis, of Morrilton, went to be with his Lord and Savior on August 2, 2014. He was born April 7, 1926 in Piney, Arkansas, to Jody J. Francis and Lucy Freeman Francis. He retired from Levi Strauss after 42 years of working and managing in the garment industry. He was a member of the Morrilton Lion's Club where he received the Melvin Jones Fellow award in 2001, Morrilton Chamber of Commerce, United Way and First Baptist Church of Morrilton.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Pauline Rawson Francis, daughters, Valeria Albaugh (Tom) of Hot Springs, Arkansas, Carol Pinter (Gerry) of Morrilton, Arkansas, and Elisa Hoelzeman (Larry) of Madison, Alabama. Grandchildren Jennifer David (Shane), Melissa Pinter, Jeff Pinter (JoAnn), and Alana Hoelzeman, as well as four great grandchildren, Kelsey and Ethan David, Jude and Sophia Pinter. Survivors also include one sister, Flora Leoffler of Hot Springs, Arkansas. Preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Leo Francis, Dale Francis, Guy Francis, Cecil Francis and one sister Myrtle Hamm.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Morrilton Building Fund.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 5, 2014, at First Baptist Church Morrilton with Dr. Bill Brown officiating. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. The family will receive friends for an hour prior to service time at the church.

Tribute Wall



“ *J.R. Francis*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *We are thinking of and praying for all of you at this difficult time. We love all of you, and ask God's blessings on each and every one of you.*

ED & janie Ussery - June 29, 2018 at 08:02 PM



“ *Pauline our prayers and sympathy are with you and the girls at this sad time. May precious memories bring you peace and comfort. J. R. will always be remembered as a kind and thoughtful gentleman.*

James & Charlene Mullenax - June 29, 2018 at 08:02 PM



“ *Carol and Francis family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God's grace strengthen you during this time of sadness. God Bless JR and the whole Francis family.*

Ed and Kim Pinter - June 29, 2018 at 08:02 PM

JD

“ Mrs Francis, Valerie, Carol and Elisa
I am so very sorry to hear that Mr Francis passed away. My heart breaks for you as I know exactly what you are going thru. I know it is a devastating loss. You Dad was always like another Dad to me and I loved him. He could always make you smile and was just such a good person. I know he will be greatly missed. I am praying for you to be granted comfort during this time of such great loss. I love you all, Jenni

Jennifer Dellinger-Richard - June 29, 2018 at 08:02 PM

LZ

“ Will be sadly missed..greatly rememberd.

Linda Zachary - June 29, 2018 at 08:02 PM

DJ

“ I interviewed with JR when I came with Levi's in 1981, there was an instant connection with him as a person and a friend. I found out later that I shared that feeling with several thousand other people who were made to feel special by this man.

Don Jones - June 29, 2018 at 08:02 PM

KP

“ You are greatly missed by so many, jr was loved by so many and I am greatful to have known him. My thoughts are prayers go to the family. My god be with them and help them along.

Katie Poynor - June 29, 2018 at 08:02 PM

WJ

“ Mrs Francis,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

Woody & Janet James - June 29, 2018 at 08:02 PM

CR

“ *Pauline and family, so sorry for your loss, we had so much respect for Mr. Francis, know you will miss him, we are thinking of you and praying for all of you .*

Carolyn and Eddie Reynolds - June 29, 2018 at 08:02 PM

BF

“ *We are so sorry to learn of JR's passing. Our love to Pauline and family. We have many special memories of JR. We won't be able to come for the services . Please give our regrets to all.*

Bobby & Ellen Francis - June 29, 2018 at 08:02 PM

MF

“ *Dear Mrs. Francis & Family,
We are so sorry for your loss. Wanted you to know you are all in our thoughts an prayers at this hard time. May God give you comfort and peace in the days and weeks ahead. My Daddy Sam Gilmore worked with Mr. J.R. at Levi when I was a kid. They were close friends. I remember him as a very kind and caring man.
God Bless you all,
Maryanna (Gilmore) Foster*

Maryanna (Gilmore) Foster - June 29, 2018 at 08:02 PM

RC

“ *Rest As You Lived.. At Peace*

Ray Cavender - June 29, 2018 at 08:02 PM

JD

“ *Sonny and I send sincere sympathy to you and your family at the time of your loss,
Sonny and Judy Durham*

Judy Durham - June 29, 2018 at 08:02 PM

CH

“ *My deepest sympathy and condolences. It was a pleasure to help care for JR.*

Carol Hammond - June 29, 2018 at 08:02 PM

SG

“ *It is with sorrow that I read of J.R.'s passing. I recall memories from many years ago when I was a youngster that I haven't thought of in years. I wish to extend to the family my deepest sympathies and prayers at this most difficult time. My mom and dad are both gone now but I know today that they are with J.R. and undoubtedly having a wonderful reunion. J.R. will be remembered and thought of often. He was a great boss, friend and in many ways felt like part of an extended family. May God strengthen and comfort his wife and daughters in this time of sorrow. God Bless you all Sammy Gilmore*

sammy gilmore - June 29, 2018 at 08:02 PM

EP

“ *J.R. was my first boss when I entered the work force in the mid 50's at Oberman Mfg Co in Arkadelphia. Obviously, J.R.'s hardwork and dedication continued thru out his life confirmed by his 42 yrs of service. He was a good boss and a great person and I am honored to have known him. My thoughts and prayers are with Pauline, and all the Francis family, at this most difficult time.*

Earnie Price

Earnie Price - June 29, 2018 at 08:02 PM