



William Arthur Isely, Sr.

January 22, 1922 - March 22, 2015

William Arthur Isely, Sr. of Morrilton passed away on Sunday, March 22, in his home. Many knew him as "Old Piney." He was 93 years old.

Mr. Isely is survived by his wife of 65 years, Bonnie Isely of Morrilton; his son Dr. Art Isely and daughter-in-law Randy Isely of Danville; his son Steve Isely and daughter-in-law Sharon Isely of Morrilton; his son Andy Isely and daughter-in-law Debbie Isely of Center Ridge; and his daughter Suzanne Mathews of Conway. He also leaves behind nine grandchildren, Jenni Phomsithi, Randee Gilkey, Alison Wilson, Matthew Isely, Amanda Perry, Sophia Isely, Katherine Isely, John Mathews, and Elizabeth Mathews, and eleven great-grandchildren.

Mr. Isely was born in Morrilton on January 22, 1922, to Charles and Katie "Other Momma" Isely. At 22 he joined the military, where he was a decorated Marine Raider who fought in the South Pacific during World War II. When he came home from the war, he married Bonnie Sue Rainey of Perry County. Together they built Old Piney Homes, and Isely built more than 2,300 houses in Conway, Perry, Pulaski, and Faulkner Counties.

Mr. Isely was a Christian, beloved and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was a loyal family man and incredibly generous. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Visitation will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 25, at the Morrilton First Presbyterian Church. Services will follow at 11 a.m. and will be officiated by Reverend Larry Miller and Dr. Steven Frazier with burial at Lewisburg

Cemetery with military honors. Arrangements are by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton.

Pallbearers will be Xayphone Phomsithi, Jeff Gilkey, Chip Wilson, Matt Isely, John Mathews, and Charlie Felkins. Honorary pallbearers are Joel Perry, Tyler Phomsithi, Dr. Bruce Murphy, Dr. John Westwood, Dr. C. D. Williams, and Dr. Vasili Lendel.

Memorials can be made to the Morrilton Christian Center, 1212 W. Childress St., Morrilton, AR 72110, or the Morrilton First Presbyterian Church, 105 W. Church St., Morrilton, AR 72110.

Tribute Wall



“ *William Arthur Isely, Sr.*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *He contracted to build our house after a fire burned the first house to the ground in 1960. I was 5 yes old but I still remember my dad talking to him. Sorry for your loss.*

Allena Dixon - June 29, 2018 at 07:31 PM



“ *Memories:waking up to Arthur and his son, my husband, talking about the birth of his first grandchild, sitting up all night September 29 awaiting the birth of his second granddaughter, cooking a pot of brown beans just for me, his love of grocery shopping at Kroger, saying the Lord's Prayer daily, reading the Bible nightly, he couldn't stand to hear his grand babies cry, he would never allow anyone or anything to pass through his house or yard without being fed...Just the dearest father-in-law ever!*

Randy Isely - June 29, 2018 at 07:31 PM



“ *Suzanne,*

I was so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family now and in the days ahead. May the precious memories you hold in your heart help ease the sorrow you currently feel.

Kathy Pennington - June 29, 2018 at 07:31 PM

MM

“ We will be praying for you & your family during this difficult time. So sorry for your loss. Our love, mary Ann & Phil.

Mary Ann Moudy - June 29, 2018 at 07:31 PM

SJ

“ So sorry for your loss Doc, Randy and family. Praying for peace and comfort during this time. ~ Ron & Susan

Susan Jackson - June 29, 2018 at 07:31 PM

LT

“ So sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you all.

Linda Carter Taylor - June 29, 2018 at 07:31 PM

JR

“ Our hearts go out to all of you and we are sorry we are unable to attend. We loved old piney and Ms. Bonnie.

John Rife - June 29, 2018 at 07:31 PM

TM

“ All of you are in our thoughts & prayers!

The Mankey's - June 29, 2018 at 07:31 PM

PR

“ I am so very sorry for the loss of Mr. Isely. I have great memories of being at your house in Morrilton. Your house was and will always be special to me because of the warm, loving family that lives there. I know that Mr. Isely will be missed, but find comfort in the fact that he is watching over his family from Heaven.

Phyllis Deaton Riedmueller - June 29, 2018 at 07:31 PM

MC

“ *My heartfelt condolences on the death of Mr. Isely. He and my father were good friends. I am praying for him and all the family.*

Mark Cambiano - June 29, 2018 at 07:31 PM

PD

“ *Arthur and family, thinking of you all during this difficult time. Keeping you in my prayers.*

Paula Cupp Darter - June 29, 2018 at 07:31 PM

BR

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. May God wrap his arms around you and your family during this difficult time and give you peace. You and your family are in my prayers.*

Beckie Mitchell Ridings - June 29, 2018 at 07:31 PM