



William Rufus "Bill" Stacks

October 15, 1935 - September 10, 2019

William Rufus "Bill" Stacks, aged 83, of Morrilton, Arkansas passed away on the morning of September 10th, 2019. He was born on October 15th, 1935 in Plumerville, Arkansas and was the son of Hollie H. Stacks and Grace Gifford. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Neil and Wayne Gordon, and sisters, Jean Hodnett and Nina Stacks.

Bill was a graduate of Morrilton High School and held an honorary doctorate of Public Service from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. He was a 32nd Degree Mason, member of the First Baptist Church in Morrilton, and was an active community member throughout his lifetime. Among Bill's many accomplishments were founding the Future Panther Athletic Program for youth sports in Benton, helping to revitalize the Rialto Arts Center in downtown Morrilton, and co-founding the South Conway County Public School Foundation. He retired from AP&L/Entergy after 40 years of service. Bill served in the Arkansas Army National Guard for 20 years and retired as a Captain.

Bill's greatest joys were his faith, family, serving his community, and western swing music. He is survived by his wife of 65years, Mary Jane Poteete Stacks; children, George "Pete" Stacks and wife, Sandra of Russellville; Mary A. "Toni" Ritter of Dover; William Brian Stacks of Lewisville, Texas.

Grandchildren include John Stacks of San Diego, California; Lauren Hammond and husband, Jared of Branch; Seth Ritter and wife, Lesha of Ft. Hood, Texas; Holly Taylor and husband Wes of Collinsville, Oklahoma; Adam

Ritter and wife Shelly of Russellville; Rebecca Stacks of San Antonio, Texas; Paul Stacks of Corinth, Texas; and Raquel Stacks of San Antonio. Great-grandchildren include Natalie and Georgia Hammond; Larson, William, and Carth Ritter; Eli and Cooper Taylor; Brooks Ritter. Bill is also survived by his sister-in-law Verna Gordon; and numerous nieces and nephews. Special thanks to family friend and caregiver Allen Glover.

Services will be held at the Harris Funeral Home Chapel in Morrilton on Thursday, September 12th, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. with Larry Miller officiating. Pallbearers are Phillip Dickens, Ken Wall, Cody Hill, Larry Gordon, Jared Hammond, and Paul Stacks. Bill will be laid to rest at the Plummerville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Morrilton, South Conway County Public School Foundation, or The Rialto Arts Center. A heartfelt thanks to the staff at Arkansas Hospice River Valley Home in Russellville.

Cemetery Details

Plummerville Cemetery

736 Sardis Rd.
Plumerville, AR 72127

Previous Events

Funeral Service

SEP **12.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Harris Funeral Homes - Morrilton
1325 Oak St
Morrilton, AR 72110
(501) 354-4575

Tribute Wall



“ *William Rufus "Bill" Stacks*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *Bill was one of the very first friends I made at AP&L, and that relationship carried over to the Entergy days. He was a true friend and associate through all of our years. He never failed to always do the right thing. Shirley and I had planned to come through Morrilton next month and had hoped to stop by and see Bill and Mary Jane. We will all miss Bill more than words can express. Thank you, Bill, for all you did for us and the AP&L family.*

David and Shirley Hunter

David Hunter - September 13, 2019 at 02:52 PM



“ *Prayers to Family and Friends, May God be with each of you.*

Frances (Camper) Mahan - September 13, 2019 at 11:06 AM



“ *I am so sad and heartbroken to learn about Bill's passing. Working with Bill was a pleasure and an honor. I will always treasure the memories we made. He was a wonderful man and a dear friend. I am blessed to have known him. Linda and I send our condolences to Mary Jane and the entire family. You will be in our prayers as you go through this difficult time!*

With love, Smitty and Linda Dedman

Smitty Dedman - September 12, 2019 at 10:13 PM

BK

“ Bill was a good friend to Dad and me over the years through business and in community service work. He worked hard for the benefit of Morrilton and was a believer in “leaving things better than he found them”. He was a man of exceptional integrity and he lived his faith. He will be missed.

Benny Koontz

Benny Koontz - September 12, 2019 at 05:47 PM

JC

“ It is with much sadness that we heard of the passing of our good friend Bill Stacks. We spent many years working with Bill at AP&L/Entergy. A great employee and a great person to work with. He will be missed by us all but we have comfort in knowing he is now in a better place. Our prayers go out to Mary Jane and all the family during this sad time. Sorry we were not at funeral service this morning but just now heard the news. May God bless and comfort you folks.

Jerry & Ann Carlton

Jerry & Ann Carlton - September 12, 2019 at 04:48 PM

MK

Just learned of Mr. Stacks' death! I'm so sorry to hear this sad news! He was a great boss and a kind and caring gentleman! I enjoyed being his secretary for several years before I retired! May he Rest In Peace In God's loving embrace!

Mary Ann Kulbeth - September 12, 2019 at 07:04 PM

VR

“ Pete, I know you will miss your dad. It's a void that only time will help fill. *Virgil Reed*

Virgil Reed - September 12, 2019 at 02:06 PM

LG

“ *Toni Ritter and Brian Stacks: my condolences to you both on the passing of your father. May God continue to give you strength.*
Laura McDowell Parks George

Laura George - September 12, 2019 at 01:13 PM

JS

“ *Our dear cousin Mary Jane's' husband Bill passed away from this earth to receive his perfect body again in Heaven. Bill was a genuine kind and gentle man who could look you in the eyes call you by your name and make you feel that what ever you had to say was very important to him. He showed us what and how a real man should treat his fellow man , wife and family. His love for his dear wife (Mary Jane) was so evident in the way he would look at her and smile. There marriage was a wonderful example to us all. We so appreciated how he and Mary Jane made us fell so welcome when we visited with them and how much fun we had going to the Realto performances that he work so hard to bring to the community he was so proud of. Bill's many many tireless hours of work brought so much to the people of Morrilton and the surrounding communities that will be his legacy for many years to come. Bill's last few years were made comfortable and happy due to the 24/7 care his loving wife, Mary Jane gave him. Her patients, understanding and humor were a wonderful inspiration to all of us. Take care dear Mary Jane we love you Jim and Vivian Sims*

jim and Vivian Sims - September 12, 2019 at 11:54 AM

JB

“ *May the Peace of Christ be with Bill and all the family. I served in the national Guard with Bill and always looked up to him. He was a born leader who you could trust.*

*Jim Bilgischer
Bella Vista, AR*

James Bilgischer - September 12, 2019 at 08:56 AM

LF

“ *So sorry for your loss, he was such a wonderful man, I remember him dancing once @ homecoming @ the Plumerville gym with my mother (a waltz) , she loved him and said many times' I would marry Bill Stacks if he wasn't married to Mary Jane'--RIP Bill*

Lucretia Walker Flowers - September 11, 2019 at 03:44 PM

JH

“ *I am so so for your loss.Bill was always so sweet to me when I would come home with Toni. I pray that God will bring you peace that only He can. Love always , Jan Powers Huett*

Jan Huett - September 11, 2019 at 03:37 PM

FH

“ *My bestest neighbor our bestest. Fred Suzanne & Cody Hill*

fred hill - September 11, 2019 at 12:25 PM

EN

“ *Entergy Russellville Network purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Rufus "Bill" Stacks.*



Entergy Russellville Network - September 11, 2019 at 12:16 PM