



William "Bill" Shelby Polk, Jr.

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William "Bill" Shelby Polk, Jr., passed away on Sunday, June 24, 2018. Bill was born on January 18, 1927 in Hughes, Arkansas and grew up in Memphis. He was preceded in death by his mother, Bessie Huddleston Polk, father, William Shelby Polk, Sr., and four sisters, Ruth Polk, Winnie Polk, Anita Polk Keywood and Elizabeth Polk Rude. Bill leaves behind his wife of 70 years, Martha Babb Polk, two sons, William Shelby Polk, III. (Emily Webb), Rodney B. Polk (Dr. Susan Murrmann), grandchildren, Candice Polk Landrum (Tommy), Adam Polk (Traci), Brian Isonhood (Heather), great-grandchildren, Austin Polk, Jessica Polk, Julia Polk and Lake Landrum, nephews, Sidney Keywood and Sidney Rude, and nieces, Julia Keywood and Carole Crowdes. Bill was a WWII Veteran serving in the U.S. Navy on the USS Zaniah from 1944 to 1946. He returned to Memphis after his enlistment and attended Memphis State. He worked for the Department of Defense for 31 years as an Industrial Engineer retiring in 1985. Bill was a 32nd Degree Mason, a member of the Scottish Rite, a Shriner with the Al Chymia Shrine Temple serving as 1978 Commander of the Legion of Honor. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests that contributions be made to the Shriner's Crippled Children's or Burns Hospital through Al Chymia Shrine Temple, 5770 Shelby Oaks Drive, Memphis, TN 38134, or to the charity of the donor's choice. The family will receive relatives and friends on Thursday, June 28th from 1:30pm until the time of the funeral service at 2:30pm at Memorial Park Funeral Home, 5668 Poplar Avenue in Memphis. The burial will immediately follow.



Tribute Wall

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Jl

Jamie And Angie Isonhood posted:

To Mr. Polk , you have left behind a legacy of family and friends that love and will miss you, but delight in the knowledge that the stars in heaven are shining a bit brighter since you joined in. PS... thank you for your service to our nation.

June 27 at 10:47 AM

SR

Sue Ray posted:

Bill I am so very sorry to hear that your daddy passed. I know your family will miss him terribly. He was a rock for y'all. Take careSue

June 26 at 5:00 PM

DR

Deborah Rackliff posted:

So sorry for your loss Rodney and family! Sending love and prayers!

June 25 at 4:32 PM

LJ

Laverne Jones posted:

The time will come when all sickness, suffering, and death will be gone forever. Isaiah 33:24; 25:8 I am sorry for your loss. You have my sympathy.

June 25 at 1:48 PM

JR

Johnny L.Riley posted:

I'm so sorry for the Loss of your Father, May The Lord Bless and give Peace to the Polk Family during this time

June 25 at 12:20 PM

DI

Descendant Of Wwii U.S. Navy Veteran Deceased. Former Neighbor & Classmate Of Wm S. Polk Iii. posted:

With sympathy, prayers and condolences for the family..... Thank you for your service WWII, U.S. Navy. One of the last.

June 25 at 9:30 AM



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June 25 at 9:28 AM

PS

Ps posted:

John 5:28,29" Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice+ 29 and come out,"

June 25 at 9:28 AM

KE

Kee posted:

To the family, My deepest sympathies on the loss of your loved one William. Losing someone that means so much to you is very difficult, so I hope you can comfort as I have in the words at Psalms 34:18 and 2 Corinthians 1:3,4.

June 25 at 8:33 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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