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Benjamin Franklin "B. Frank" Armstrong passed away at the age of 92 on Friday, February 3, 2017. Services will be held for our beloved "Pop" at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 6 at Second Baptist Church. B. Frank was born July 25, 1924 in Moorehead, Mississippi to Jesse Thomas and Gertrude Ferguson Armstrong. He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha, of 58 years and is survived by his son, Ben Armstrong, Jr. (Amy) of Germantown, TN and daughter, Beth Alderson (Michael) of Palm Bay, FL. He also leaves behind his brother, Tom Armstrong (Georgann) of Wilmot, NH and three grandchildren, Sarah Harris (Hudson) of Vancouver, WA, Anna Dutton (Wesley) of Cincinnati, OH, and Breven Simcox (Freddy) of Melbourne, FL. While attending Greenville High school in Mississippi, B. Frank began his radio career as an announcer covering the Greenville High School football and basketball games. He went on to attend Louisiana State University, where he obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Speech and Journalism. During college, he continued to pursue his love of radio and sports at WJBO radio station as an announcer for LSU Tiger football games. After graduation from LSU, he joined WDSG radio station in Dyersburg, Tennessee as General Manager. In 1954, he began his lifetime career at WDIA radio station in Memphis where he served in sales and management for over 21 years. He was named WDIA's Outstanding Salesman and received the Distinguished Sales Award from the Sales Executives Club of Memphis. As a resident of Memphis for over 60 years, B. Frank was a dedicated member of Second Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon and Sunday School teacher. Fellowship with family and friends at Second Baptist was a very special and important part of his life. He also loved duck hunting, vegetable gardening, and attending Memphis Tiger sporting events. Known for his excellent storytelling and contagious smile, Pop's cheerful spirit and ability to make new friends feel like family will be missed. When asked, B. Frank would tell you he lived a very blessed life. The family requests that in



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lieu of flowers, donations be made to Second Baptist Church missions fund or a charity of your choice.



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SB

Shirley Biggers posted:

Sympathy from Charlie and Shirley Biggers to all of Frank's sweet and loving family. The obituary captured so much of who Frank was. We should say "is" because he will live on in memory. The smile in the photograph is so typical of Frank; it's his trademark. Once when we were visiting Guy Pitts, Frank and some of Guy's other friends from the SS class were there, too, and we were privileged to hear how Frank and Martha met. It was a sweet love story. We were blessed to be included in Frank's 90th birthday party, a surprise, I believe it was. That party was indicative of the way Ben and Amy took care of him his last years. And Ben was so faithful to take him to church and SS when Frank felt up to it. What a blessing that he could have his home with them after Martha died. Martha was in the Rebecca Bible Class, which I had the privilege of teaching (still do) at Second Baptist, so we had the privilege of knowing her in the class. Somehow we'd always known Frank since we joined the church in 1973; every member probably felt the same way. He thoughtfully gave Charlie some Bible commentaries when he retired from teaching the men's class. He was a true Christian gentleman, and we'll miss him greatly.

February 5 at 12:10 PM

BL

Bonita Lyons posted:

When I was a newbie at then Memphis State, Martha and Frank took me under their wings and helped me find a place in academia and as a Tiger football and basketball fan. They were two of the nicest and most caring people that I've known. I know Martha was waiting for Frank with open arms. Praying for comfort for the very adult children and grandchildren. In His love!

February 5 at 11:26 AM

JP

Jan Manning Patterson posted:

I have so many warm and cheerful memories of Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong. They were such wonderful examples as I grew up attending Second Baptist Church. I am so sorry for your loss, may your cherished memories bless you always. Love and prayers, Jan Manning Patterson

February 5 at 6:03 AM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Benjamin Franklin "B. Frank" Armstrong.

February 5 at 3:00 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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