



Frank Stilwell

April 8, 1919 - August 19, 2012

Frank Stilwell, 93, of Cary North Carolina, passed away Sunday August 19, 2012. He was preceded in the death by his loving wife of 63 years, Martha Ellen, and his son, Jeffery Wayne Stilwell. He is survived by his son, Bruce Stilwell, his brother, Harley, and many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Frank developed a love for music at a very young age when his brother, Murry, gave him a trombone and lessons. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, both in the Army band and overseas. His band, The Fascinators, played up and down the west coast and after 57 months of service, Frank was able to continue his passion for music. He led many church choirs in North Carolina and Georgia including Central Methodist, City Road Methodist, Hay Street Methodist, First Baptist of East Point and First Baptist of Marietta. His longest tenure was at First Baptist Church of East Point where he served 22 ½ years. After retiring in 1984 from full time music ministry, he continued to serve in an interim capacity; the longest of these was at First Baptist Church of Marietta for 15 months.

He was a lifetime member of Kiwanis. He served the Peachtree City Club as the secretary for 11 1/2 years. He also joined the Lost Mountain Club where he led singing for 7 years after moving to Marietta in 2003. Frank sang with and served as President of the Sons of Jubilee. After Martha Ellen's death, he moved back to North Carolina where he lived at Woodland Terrace Community under the care of his niece, Carol Hoal and her husband, Alan, and his nephew, Rodney Stilwell and his wife Beth.

A funeral service will be held at First Baptist Church of Marietta on Thursday, August 23rd., at 11:00 a.m. with Dr. Bill Ross, Rev. Dean Hunter and Rev. Darwin Caldwell officiating. Family will receive friends in the chapel parlor from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a. m. before the service. An extended graveside service will be held at Westminster Cemetery in Peachtree City at 2:30 p.m.

Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home & Crematory in Marietta is in charge of arrangements. www.mayeswarddobbins.com

Cemetery

Westminster Memorial Gardens

2090 Highway 54

Peachtree City, GA, 30269

Comments



“ Alice Phillips lit a candle in memory of Frank Stilwell



Alice Phillips - September 06, 2012 at 08:22 AM



“ God Be with You in Your Loss

The very same God who made you,
loves you with all the tenderness and
compassion a Father's heart can hold,
You are more important to Him
than you could ever imagine.

Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee...

Psalms 50:15

Frank had a great impact in my life growing up in the First Baptist Church of East Point, I went on the choir tour of 1969 to South America. It was a great experience in my life that I will never forget. I was just 16 at the time. I was in the church choir the whole time during his ministry. When I went to college, I still came back and sang for many occasions. He and Martha Ellen had a great influence on my life and my love for music. I will always remember them both for their service to God.

With deepest sympathy,

Alice Duffey Phillips

Wrens, Georgia

Alice Phillips - September 06, 2012 at 08:37 AM



“ Uncle Frank,
I'll miss you and your phone calls. I look forward to seeing you on the other side of
the veil.

Love, Nephew Harold Ritchie

Harold E. Ritchie - August 22, 2012 at 12:38 PM