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MERRITT, WILLIAM MARVIN - Age 97, Departed this life August 29, 2009 at Madison Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Madison, TN. He was born September 28, 1911 in Nashville, Tennessee. A devoted family man, Mr. Merritt is preceded in death by his beloved wife of over 50 years, Margaret Fortner Merritt; parents, Charles L. Merritt and Margaret V. Merritt; brothers, Herschel Merritt, Ralph L Merritt; sisters, Nora M Huddleston, Mae M. Bush and much loved pet "Little Fella". Survived by daughter, Sheila K. Merritt of Nashville, TN; sister, Lila M. Raggett, of Hendersonville, TN and several nieces and nephews. Mr. Merritt was a member of Eastland Baptist Church for over 65 years and a retiree of THE TENNESSEAN. Mr. Merritt apprenticed to become a master printer through a program with THE TENNESSEAN beginning in 1929 and becoming a fulltime employee in 1932. He took great pride in the fact that he set the front page of the paper over several decades. He retired in 1977 after having spent 40+ years with THE TENNESSEAN with time out for his service in World War II in the Army Medical Corp. After serving his country from 1942 to 1946 he returned to Nashville to resume his duties. He took great pride in the fact he was present when Sillman Evans, owner and publisher of THE TENNESSEAN, flipped a coin to decide which paper would be the Republican or Democratic representative. He felt the newspaper business was in his blood as he was a cousin of Dixon Merritt, the founder of THE NASHVILLE EAGLE, which later became the NASHVILLE BANNER, also owned by Sillman Evans. In 1977 he retired to spend time with his family. Honorary pallbearers are: nephews, Edward J Raggett, Donald Bush, Ronald L Bush of Nashville ; nieces, Carol H Farris, Miriam H Teachworth of Birmingham, AL and Lila Jean Jamborsky of Nashville; great nephews, Christopher P. Lindley and Bruce W. Lindley; great-nieces, Lt. Carolyn R Peterson, USN of Mayport FL and Diana R Norris of Nashville friends, H. Joel Holland, of Nashville and Col. E. Phillip Russell, USMC, Retired, of Washington, DC.



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Graveside services will be conducted Saturday, September 5, 2009, at 2PM from the historic Spring Hill Cemetery with Reverend Don Tassiah officiating. Visitation with the Merritt family will be Saturday from 11am until 1:45PM in the Iris Room of the SPRING HILL FUNERAL HOME & CEMETERY



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Anonymous posted:

discount chair slip coverarchitectural commercial kitchen space requirementsidea kitchen wallburge
gunson bathroompatio chair sling replacementkitchen snack barcanvas chairharlem roomplace
furnituremelamine kitchen utensilfreedom furniture brisbanecourses dateurord

July 6 at 3:15 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sheila,you are in my prayers and my thoughts my God bless you. Vonda Easley

September 8 at 7:45 AM



Anonymous posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you in your sorrow. Janice Branchaud

September 8 at 4:10 AM



Anonymous posted:

A wonderful neighbor who lived a full and fulfilling life.I am grateful to have known him. Eric and Emily Marlow

September 6 at 7:53 AM



Anonymous posted:

Mr. Merritt was my aunt Lillian Madry's neighbor. I remember him as a very kind and gentle man who was also so a very good neighbor to my aunt. Sheila, I know you will miss him greatly. Martha Van Stelten

September 5 at 9:42 AM



Anonymous posted:

Prayerfully, Sheila you and your family are in our thoughts during this time. We have many wonderful childhood memories from Eastland and our church and school years together. GOD continue his Watch and care for you as your broken heart heals from this Dolores & family

September 4 at 6:18 PM



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Anonymous posted:

How honored I am to be have been at his birthday parties! He is a very special memory to me - so smart, so polite, and a joy. I am so thankful for the opportunity of knowing him and I truly mean that.
Cheryl Bevill

September 4 at 4:03 PM



Anonymous posted:

You are always in our thoughts and prayers. Julie Lambert

September 4 at 10:34 AM



Anonymous posted:

You are in my thoughts and prayers. Becky Whitescarver

September 4 at 8:30 AM



Anonymous posted:

My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Chante' Petway

September 4 at 8:09 AM



Anonymous posted:

Christy Smith

September 4 at 8:08 AM



Anonymous posted:

Angie Everett

September 4 at 8:06 AM



Anonymous posted:

You're in my thoughts. Shannon Gross

September 4 at 8:03 AM



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Anonymous posted:

I am so very sorry for your loss. At times like these, there is not alot people can do to help you not feel the loss. All I can say is that I regret not meeting the man that was your dad. An honorable man that served his country. I pray that God will be CORINA RAZUM

September 4 at 6:25 AM



Anonymous posted:

YOU ARE IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. Gina Lewis

September 4 at 6:17 AM



Anonymous posted:

You are in my thoughts and prayers. Debbie Gust

September 4 at 6:16 AM



Anonymous posted:

Steve Holland

September 4 at 6:09 AM



Anonymous posted:

We love you and hold you tightly during your time of grief and throughout the healing process. Hugs and prayers, Yvonne and Marion Williams Yvonne Williams

September 4 at 6:02 AM



Anonymous posted:

You are in my prayers and thoughts. Harruett Todd

September 4 at 5:06 AM



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Anonymous posted:

You are in our thoughts and prayers. Chris Skipworth

September 4 at 4:54 AM



Anonymous posted:

You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers Kim Bunn

September 4 at 4:52 AM



Anonymous posted:

With deep respect and sympathy. Ron Worstall

September 4 at 4:52 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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