



William "Bill" Preston Farley Jr.

November 4, 1934 - June 13, 2019

William "Bill" Preston Farley, Jr. also known as "Happy" of Middle Brook, MO passed away at his home surrounded by his loving family on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at the age of 84 years, 7 months, and 9 days. He was born November 4, 1934 in Belleview, MO to the late William Sr. and Jackie Winters Farley.

On June 6, 1987 Bill was united in marriage to Marvine Krech Farley who survives. Also surviving Bill are seven children, Christine M. (Farley) DeChatonayree and husband Hendrik, William Aurthur (Farley) Brown and wife Anna, Jimmie Glen Smith and wife Belinda, William Nelson Farley and wife Sherry, Jackie E. (Farley) Phegley, Dorinda Lucille (Farley) Tuttle, and Robert "Bob" Preston Farley and wife Shannon; twenty grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; two brothers-in-law, Gary D. Krech, Daniel D. Hendricks; a sister-in-law, Nelda F. Murry, ; first cousins who were raised together as siblings, Henry "Jr." Winters, Linda Winters, Judy Winters; first wife and mother to his first two children, Leona Brown, second wife and mother to his second five children, Lucy Williams.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents, and a son William Kevin Neel.

Bill graduated from Ironton High School, and as a young man, Bill joined the United States Air Force and served his country with pride and honor; he was very proud of his service. After serving his country, Bill started his own carpentry business, P&M Builders. He ran this business for 30 years before retiring two years ago. Bill was also a long-time member of the Masonic Lodge

in Ironton and a 72 year member of the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church. Happy will be missed by all who had the honor and privilege to know and love him.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 12:00pm from the Cole Family Funeral Home. A visitation period will begin Tuesday, June 18, 2019 from 10:30am to 12:00pm at the Cole Family Funeral Home.

Internment will follow the services in the Fitzgerald Cemetery with Full Military Honors.

Pastor Ron Adair and Brother Henry "Jr." Winters will be officiating the services.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to assist with final expenses.

Cemetery Details

Fitzgearld Cemetery

Middlebrook, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 18. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Cole Family Funeral Home
210 E Reynolds St
Ironton, MO 63650
(573) 546-0742

Life Celebration

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Tribute Wall



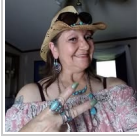
“ *William "Bill" Preston Farley Jr.*

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“ *Although my mom and my dad divorced when I was 2 years old, my nanny, Ora Depover kept my dad and my grandma and grandpa Farley in touch for 2 children, me and Billy until she passed. After that we had no contact for years because me and my brother were to young to remember. I always had a feeling growing up that my step dad wasn't my dad,he didn't treat me like one of his own and things kept popping up in my mind from my young child hood. When I was older and finally got answers I called information for Bill Farley in Bellevue Missouri, I called this number and a lady answered, it was my grandmother Jackie. We talked and cried, talked to my grandpa too. My dad called me that evening and we had a wonderful conversation. Dad told me he had dreams at least 3 times a week of him going to see me at my nannies house and nanny would call for me and dad would always wake up before I came to the room. This is just the beginning of our story. Dad and all his kids drove that very weekend to my house. From then on we've had a glorious and unstoppable relationship. I love my dad and my brothers and sisters. Thank you Cole Family for all you've done for our dad and us, his children and family*

Christine Dechatonnayree - June 20, 2019 at 07:33 PM



“ Pamela Tharp lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Preston Farley Jr.



Pamela Tharp - June 16, 2019 at 02:10 PM



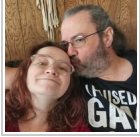
“ Uncle Bill was a wonderful man. So many memories of him growing up. He was a strong man and loved his family very much. Family meant everything to him. I'm glad I went with my Mama (Linda Tharp) and my aunt (Judy Blanchfield) to see uncle Bill this past year...as he was like a brother to them all. They are first cousins. God comfort his children and mama Lucy and his wife Marvine. He will be missed by many. All who knew him, love him.
RIP uncle Bill ❤️😭

Pamela Tharp - June 16, 2019 at 02:09 PM

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“ My greatest memory of Bill was when he carried my dad, Lovell Jaycox, from the woods across the road to our house. Dad had a log fall on his leg off of the log truck! Bill picked him up and carried him all the way to our house to get him to a hospital ❤️
After that day if we needed anything Bill would come running. He was and always will be a special person to me. Love always, Mike Jaycox.

Mike Jaycox - June 15, 2019 at 04:54 PM



“ One of my favorite memories of uncle bill is him letting me ride a horse for the first time. I do not remember how old I was but I had so much fun. His hugs were so warm and he was such a wonderful and sweet man.

Elizabeth Michael - June 15, 2019 at 12:32 PM



Loved cousin Bill. He always had a Hello and hug. We had some very serious talks a few times that I will having now.

Roxanna Jones - June 15, 2019 at 04:22 PM