



## Mr. William "Bill" Franklin Mathis Sr.

September 4, 1929 - June 13, 2014

William "Bill" Franklin Mathis Sr. was born in Tennessee and lived in Birmingham for 80 years. Bill served in the Korean War, Company M 167th Infantry Regiment 31 Infantry Division Company as a Technical Sergeant. Bill graduated from the University of Alabama in 1948. Bill faithfully attended the First United Methodist Church in Cahaba Heights and was an active member of the Vestavia Country Club for 50 years.

After college, Bill started the emergency medical trauma center at UAB and established the paramedic rescue equipment training and strategic emergency physician practice. He owned and operated his own Insurance Company for the past 40 years. Just for fun, Bill brought PGA golf to Birmingham and hosted the Celebrity Golf Classic in the 1970's. His passions were Alabama football and Atlanta Braves baseball. His loves were his Savior and Lord Jesus Christ and his three children, Margaret Victoria Mathis, William "Billy" Franklin Mathis Jr., and Christopher Myrick Mathis. Bill is survived by his three children and a sister, Jean Gochemour as well as nephews, nieces and a daughter-in-law.

Funeral services will be on Wednesday, June 18, 2014 at 11:00 AM at McCalla Memorial Funeral Home with burial to follow at 2:00 pm in the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo. The family will receive friends from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Mathis is a former boss who also became my friend. Every time I think of him I see his smile. He was one of the most likeable and generous people I have ever known. No matter what type of ailment he might be experiencing, he found something cut up and laugh about.*

*I will never forget the time he was "directing me" to the Social Security Office in downtown Birmingham and I was driving his car. Need I say More?? We got sooo lost and both of us were laughing so hard I almost wet my pants!*

*The world is better for him having been here, and heaven just gained a joyful angel.*

*God bless you as you grieve for him.*

*Jerri McCombs*

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