



Harry F. Lilley Jr.

December 15, 1943 - January 24, 2016

Harry “Frank” Lilley, Jr.

Harry “Frank” Lilley, Jr was born in Poplarville, MS to Harry Frank Lilley, Sr and Hazel Mae Hennes Lilley. The Lilley family moved to Lake Arthur, La. when Frank was a toddler and has resided there since. Frank was a 1961 graduate of Lake Arthur High School where he was a multi-sport athlete. He attended McNeese State University where he majored in music and then later in education, as he wanted to coach high school sports. Frank actually took a job with Shell Oil Co before that dream was realized. He voluntarily enlisted in the Louisiana National Guard and was very proud of his service to his country. He retired from Dynegy Energy Services, where he was an A operator at the Lowry gas plant.

Frank was a devoted husband and father who was proud of his family. He frequently expressed that he was most proud of the fact that all three of his children graduated from college, as he was unable to do so. He was also proud that in spite of the fact that he never became a high school coach, both of his sons and his son-in-law are high school educators and coaches.

Frank was a Free Mason and was a past Master of the Lodge in Lake Arthur, La. Frank loved sports and his community, and was a coach of the Lake Arthur youth recreational league. A very involved parent, he took great pride in coaching his children on various recreational and travel ball teams. He was an avid sports fan who followed and supported all area teams but particularly

loved his Lake Arthur Tigers.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman and was one of the founding members of the Lake Arthur Archery Club which has produced champions at the state and international level. His favorite past-time was hunting and fishing with his sons, grandson and son-in-law and watching LSU football with his family. He loved music and singing and took every opportunity to engage in both. He sang for many years at the First Baptist Church of Lake Arthur and for various community events and funerals. He particularly enjoyed singing with his college vocal group, The Bachelors, who still gather together today to sing with one another.

Survivors include his wife of 38 years, Linda Broussard Lilley; one daughter: Kimberly Lilley Wood and husband Glenn of Lake Arthur, LA; two sons: Jeff Lilley and wife Traci of Baton Rouge, LA and Brett Lilley and wife Samantha of Lacassine, LA; 5 grandchildren: Clay Suire, Taylor Lilley, Ava Suire, Shelbi Lilley and Kadence Lilley; six sisters: June Lilley of Biloxi, MS, Lana Smith Rhinehart and husband Glynn of Lafayette, La; Donna Smith Hanson and husband Matt of San Antonio, TX; Anne Smith Stewart and husband Jack of Albany, KY; Rhetta Smith Clemons and husband Rock of Breaux Bridge, LA; and Tamea Smith Hollier and husband Elliot of Opelousas, LA; one brother C. E. Smith, Jr. and wife Debbie of Baton Rouge, LA; family friend Larry Breaux of Kinder, LA, whom he loved as a son; and one godchild: Dakota Breaux of Iota, LA.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harry Frank Lilley, Sr., his mother, Hazel Lilley Smith, and his step-father, Curtis E. Smith, Sr.

Pallbearers will be Clay Suire, Larry Breaux, and his nephews Timothy Rhinehart, Josh Farrington, Shane Smith, and Curtis Hollier.

Honorary pallbearers are his best friend, Rolan Fontenot of Lake Arthur, LA, whom he loved as a brother, Paul Meaux of Lake Arthur, LA., and the members of The Bachelors.

Funeral services for Harry F. Lilley, Jr., 72 of Lake Arthur, LA will be held at

First Baptist Church on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 2:00 PM with Reverend Henry Hebert officiating. Visitation will be held at First Baptist Church on Tuesday, January 26th from 2:00 PM until 10:00 PM. Visitation will resume on Wednesday, January 27th at 8:00 AM until the time of his service. Harry will be laid to rest in Lakeview Cemetery with graveside services by Reverend Al Gist.

To extend online condolences, please visit our website at www.matthewsandsfuneralhome.net

Arrangements have been entrusted to Matthews & Son Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Lakeview Cemetery

385 8th St.
Lake Arthur, LA

Tribute Wall



“ *Harry F. Lilley Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ *I sure am gonna miss seeing you when I come to Louisiana! Love you- so thankful I will see you again one day in heaven!*

Donna Beth Cross - January 28, 2016 at 10:14 PM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Harry F. Lilley Jr..*



January 27, 2016 at 11:22 AM



“ *I first met Frank at the BSU at McNeese back in the sixties . Such a great guy. did not see him again until A few years ago. Was the same Frank from the sixties. Will miss the banter back and forth on Facebook*

wyann guice - January 27, 2016 at 09:17 AM

SG

“ There are no words that can be said that you haven't already heard, nor are there any words that can ease your grief at this time. They say it gets easier as time goes by, I haven't experienced this yet but pray for the day. I pray that your family can find comfort in knowing that Mr. Frank no longer knows illness or pain and he is singing amongst Angels. Sending prayers of strength to your family and friends as I am sure there are many. Much love...

Sandi Gaspard - January 27, 2016 at 07:43 AM

JA

“ Jackie lit a candle in memory of Harry F. Lilley Jr.



jackie - January 26, 2016 at 10:29 PM

GB

“ What a boy! Then...what a man! Frank took me to my first dance, a Boy Scout Christmas Dance at the old old K.C. Hall. We were classmates through school. I think everybody liked Frankie. I was very pleased when we reconnected via the net many years after I left L.A. He was ever a gentleman and so proud of his family. My thoughts and prayers to his family. Frank will remain a warm memory for me. Gay Lynne Boutte

Gay Lynne Boutte - January 26, 2016 at 06:20 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Harry F. Lilley Jr..*



January 26, 2016 at 11:58 AM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Harry F. Lilley Jr..*



January 26, 2016 at 11:44 AM



“ *J. Bryan Lilley and Family (Olivia, JB & Parker Louise) purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of Harry F. Lilley Jr..*



J. Bryan Lilley and Family (Olivia, JB & Parker Louise) -
January 26, 2016 at 11:43 AM



“ *Lilley Family; We are so sorry for the loss of your loved one. May the precious memories always be in your heart and a great comfort to you.*

*Howard and Frances Owers
Jennings, LA*

Howard Owers - January 26, 2016 at 10:21 AM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Harry F. Lilley Jr..*



January 26, 2016 at 08:15 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with You Linda and Family. I remember lazy summer days in the Park at Lake Arthur, my grandmother would sometimes make Ron and Frank let me tag along with them. I must have bugged them pretty bad. I didn't get to see him often, only when I could go to Big Creek. He was one of the most warm and friendly people I knew and I know from the way he talked that he Loved and was very proud of his Family. One thing I know for sure is that I see him again some day.*

Kim Bell - January 26, 2016 at 07:25 AM



“ *Dear Mrs. Lilley and Children, we read about your loss and want to express our sympathy to all of you. May your many memories bring you comfort during this special time. May your prayers bring you the peace of God that goes beyond human thought to guard your hearts.*

Faust Family - January 26, 2016 at 06:05 AM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Harry F. Lilley Jr..*



January 25, 2016 at 09:55 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Harry F. Lilley Jr..*



January 25, 2016 at 03:05 PM



“ *Lilley Family, we are sorry to hear of Franks passing. I retired at the end of May 2014. A couple of days before heading back home to Kansas, Frank invited me to his home. We visited for awhile and then he took me to the Regatta to eat. Drove around Lake Arthur for a while and then returned back to his house and visited some more. This was the last time I saw Frank and that will always be a precious memory for me. I have always valued our friendship. I look forward to seeing Frank in Heaven some day.*

*Pat and Melva Hoefler
Goddard, Kansas*

Pat and Melva Hoefler - January 25, 2016 at 02:11 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Harry F. Lilley Jr..*



January 25, 2016 at 02:01 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Harry F. Lilley Jr..*



January 25, 2016 at 01:59 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Harry F. Lilley Jr..*



January 25, 2016 at 01:23 PM



“ *Frank Lilley will be remembered as a kind and gentle soul. Forever grateful for his continuous support of Lake Arthur High School. Our community has lost someone very special.*
With heartfelt sympathy,
Bridget & Jimmy Thomas

Bridget Thomas - January 25, 2016 at 01:13 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Harry F. Lilley Jr..*



January 25, 2016 at 12:51 PM



“ *Bountiful European Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Harry F. Lilley Jr..*



January 25, 2016 at 11:22 AM



“ *Mr. Frank was a wonderful person. He loved his family, friends and community dearly. He was at every sports game that I can remember. He encouraged every young athlete. I grew up with him like an uncle to me. He will Be truely missed.*

Matt Fontenot - January 25, 2016 at 10:40 AM



“ *Yes, his legacy sets the standard all human beings should follow. There just wasn't any better. Proud to be his friend.*

Rolan Fontenot - January 25, 2016 at 10:11 AM



“ *One of the finest men to ever walk this earth. Whitney Duplantis*

whitney duplantis - January 25, 2016 at 10:02 AM