



William Franklin,

April 8, 1944 - June 21, 2011

FORT WORTH -- Billy Franklin succumbed to his fight with cancer and went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, June 21, 2011, at his daughter's home.

Service: Military graveside service at 9:45 a.m. Friday in Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. Visitation: The family will receive friends 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Lucas Funeral Home, 517 N. Sylvania. Billy, was a loving son, brother, dad, grandpa, uncle and friend. He touched many with his humor and was truly one of a kind who will be missed by all and we love you. A special thanks to Dana, Jimmy and Nancy, Johnny, Mark and Arthur for that extra mile. Survivors: Son, W. Cody Franklin and wife, Suzanne; daughter, Laurie L. Smith and fiance, Jason Shawver; grandchildren, Sydney L. Smith, A.J. Smith and a new granddaughter on the way; mother, Ella Mae Franklin; special love, Dana Praytor; sister, Betty E. Emory; and nephew, Chris Emory.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Bill was a great friend, co-worker, mentor, and legendary ROW agent. I told him one day I had shared one of his "stories" and he told me to be careful telling some of those tales because the statute of limitations hadn't run out on some of his escapades! He lived his life full out with no regrets. He loved his family, especially his children, with all his heart. I admired him greatly and will miss him very much.*

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