



William (Bill) French

January 7, 1942 - April 13, 2024

William (Bill) C. French passed away on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at the age of 82 in his home in GA, where he resided with his wife of nearly sixty years, Helga French. He was a longtime resident of suburban North and East Atlanta, a devoted husband, loving father, and a great man who would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it.

Bill served his country honorably in the United States Air Force from 1960 to 1971, ultimately ranking as staff sergeant, with deployments to Turkey, France and Germany. While in Germany, Bill was stationed at Tempelhof Air Base in Berlin where he wooed a feisty German woman, Helga, to marry and join him on his return to the States to be stationed at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi.

During his tenure in the Air Force, Bill trained and achieved many certifications in electronics and computer science during their 60's heyday (think vacuum tubes and transistors), moving up the ranks from working in maintenance and field services while stationed in Europe to becoming a Master Instructor at Keesler AFB. Bill continued to teach at other institutions, including Pitt and Cape Fear Technical Institutes in North Carolina. He used his computing experience to build a career in the days of transition from mainframe computing systems to minicomputers, starting with Modular Computer Systems where he worked for approximately 20 years, and moving

to Prime Computers. Always engaged to advance his knowledge, Bill continued learning the latest in computing technology and serving clients as the owner of his own information technology company.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Joseph and Dorothy Ruth (Allen) French, his brother, Thomas, and his sisters, Dorothy and Sarah (Sally). He is survived by his loving wife, Helga French; sons and daughters-in-law, Mike and Teresa French of Snellville, GA, Bill and Sonja French of Loganville, GA; son, Dennis French of FL; daughter and son-in-law, Michelle and Mark Howell of Brookhaven, GA; his brother, James (Jim) French of FL; his sister, Margaret (Margie), of FL; 11 grandchildren; and 2 great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 3:00 pm on Sunday, May 19, 2024 in the Loganville Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Disabled American Veterans or Folds of Honor.

Arrangements by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 670 Tom Brewer Road, Loganville, GA 30052. 770-466-1544. Please sign the online guest registry at www.stewartfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Tim Stewart Funeral Home Loganville
670 Tom Brewer Road
Loganville, GA 30052

Celebration of Life

MAY 19. 3:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home Loganville
670 Tom Brewer Road
Loganville, GA

Tribute Wall



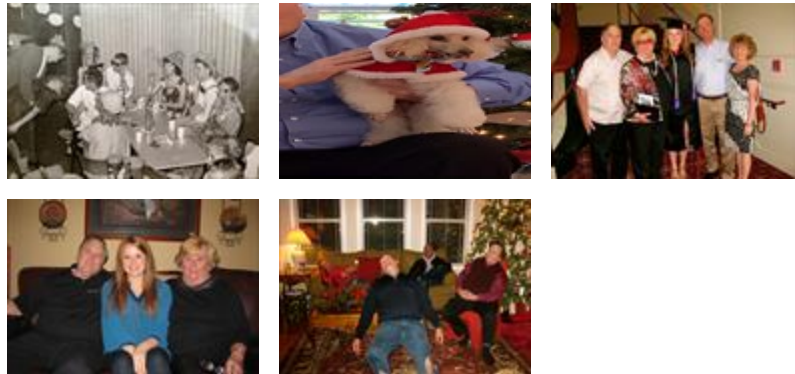
“ *Tim Stewart Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William (Bill) French*



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - May 18, 2024 at 05:42 PM



“ *Thankful for the love and kindness that Grandpa brought to our family. That is how his legacy will live on.*



Rachel Saunders - May 20, 2024 at 03:52 PM

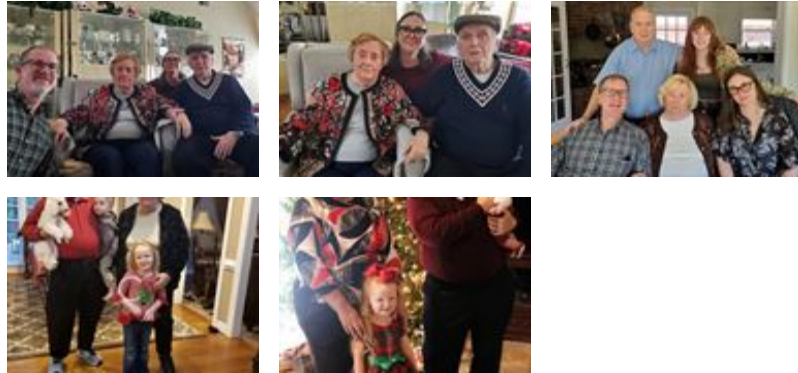
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“ *Thank you, Bill, for your selfless love. Without that, I would not have the amazing husband and daughter I have today. My family will never forget the degree of love you had for Mike and we will make sure that your legacy of love carries on in our family.*

Teresa - May 19, 2024 at 07:20 AM



“ 79 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - May 18, 2024 at 01:34 PM

AW

“ *My condolences to Michelle and her family; her father was a loving husband who exemplified caring responsibility and hard work. He was rightfully proud of his daughter, who will miss him very much. My thoughts are with all of his children and wife in this sad time.*
Ann Marie

Ann Marie Wallace - May 18, 2024 at 12:50 PM

MF

“ *Moon family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William (Bill) French.*



Moon family - May 17, 2024 at 01:36 PM

MF

“ Moon family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William (Bill) French.

Moon family - May 17, 2024 at 01:36 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William (Bill) French.



May 16, 2024 at 12:10 PM

AA

“ Angie A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William (Bill) French.

Angie A. - May 16, 2024 at 12:10 PM

BF

“ Bill & Sonja French & Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of William (Bill) French.



Bill & Sonja French & Family - May 15, 2024 at 11:12 AM