



## Milton Franklin Duke Jr.

December 21, 1945 - April 28, 2024

MILTON FRANKLIN DUKE, JR. (FRANK), WAS A GREAT MAN WHO TOOK ON THE ROLES OF A FATHER, GRANDFATHER, SIBLING, UNCLE, FRIEND, ENTREPRENEUR, AND PHILANTHROPIST THROUGH AN INCREDIBLE JOURNEY THAT BEGAN ON 12-21-1945, UNFORTUNATELY ON 4-28-2024 HIS JOURNEY WOULD END UNEXPECTEDLY AFTER BATTLES WITH HIS HEART.

HE CREATED AND RAN THE MOST SUCCESSFUL DRY CLEANERS IN BOAZ FOR DECADES.

AS A PROUD MEMBER OF MEADOWBROOK CHURCH, HE TOUCHED THE LIVES OF MANY IN HIS COMMUNITY WITH HIS KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY.

BUT AS WE MOURN THE FACT, HE HAS LEFT THIS EARTHLY PLANE TO JOIN HIS HEAVENLY FATHER THAT HE SPENT HIS LIFE SERVING. LET US REMEMBER HOW HIS ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT, FAITH, AND LOVE FOR HIS FAMILY IMPACTED US. IN MOMENTS, CHERISHED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM. FRANK'S PRESENCE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED, BUT HIS MEMORY WILL CONTINUE TO INSPIRE AND UPLIFT THOSE WHO WERE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO HAVE PKNOWN HIM WITH THE LEGACY HE LEFT BEHIND IN US ALL.

FRANK LEAVES BEHIND A CHERISHED FAMILY, INCLUDING THREE CHILDREN, (JONITA DUKE LYLE - DAVID, ERIC FRANKLIN DUKE - COLETTE AND ANITRA LIN DUKE), SIX GRANDCHILDREN, (AUBURN-

ROBERT, WILLIAM - LIANA, DAVID, HUNTER, ERICA -AUSTIN AND GRACE) AND FOUR GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN (TEAGAN, CAMILA, GABRIEL AND CARSON). HE IS ALSO SURVIVED BY HIS SISTER; ILA JEAN DUKE AND BROTHERS; LONNIE JACK DUKE AND KENNETH GLENN DUKE.

HE WAS PROCEEDED BY HIS PARENTS, (MILTON F. DUKE, SR. AND EDNA EARL SHAW DUKE), HIS BROTHERS (BILLY WAYNE DUKE AND ERNEST EARL DUKE), AND SISTER (MARY DORETHA DUKE ALEXANDER).

HIS FUNERAL SERVICE WILL BE AT 1:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024 AT ETOWAH MEMORIAL CHAPEL. HE WILL BE LAID TO REST AT MARSHALL MEMORIAL GARDENS. REV. TOMMY TURNER WILL OFFICIATE HIS SERVICE. PALLBEARERS WILL BE KEITH DUKE, LUCAS DUKE, WYATT DUKE, HUNTER DUKE, ANDREW DUKE AND CHRIS GILBREATH. HONORARY PALLBEARERS WILL BE THE BOAZ ROTARY CLUB. HIS FAMILY WILL RECEIVE FRIENDS AT THE FUNERAL HOME FROM 10:30 UNTIL THE FUNERAL AT 1:00.  
ETOWAH MEMORIAL CHAPEL DIRECTING

# Cemetery Details

## Marshall Memorial Gardens

Hwy 205  
Albertville, AL 35950

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 1. 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Etowah Memorial Chapel  
12600 US Highway 431  
Sardis City, AL 35956  
(256) 593-4994

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

BM

“ *What a kind and wonderful man. He was the epitome of a true Southern Gentleman. I hadn't known him for long, but because of his genuine and loving spirit, I felt as though I had known him a lifetime. Grief is the price we pay for love and admiration. He will be missed and thought of often.*

Becky Jones Martin - May 01, 2024 at 11:06 AM

TB

“ *Isabella loved Mr. Duke so much! She gave him a hug every day when she got off the bus. She invited him to her birthday party and he said that was such an honor for him. Isabella and Sadie loved that he came. Both my girls loved him so much and talked with him everyday. Sadie wasn't old enough to ride the bus yet, but she talked and waved at him every day. Both of our girls have waved at him since they were big enough to wave. Every year at Christmas, they were so excited to get a Christmas card and a Tootsie roll pop from him. He really loved his bus riders and it showed. He made a real impact on these kids and we are so grateful to him. We are so sorry for your loss. He will be greatly missed!*



Thrisa Brittain - May 01, 2024 at 10:58 AM

MN

“ *He was a great friend & I'm surely gona miss him & the talks we had together  
! Love u ! U are at peace now ❤️*

maxine Noojin - May 01, 2024 at 10:51 AM

WN

“ Praying for Frank’s family and friends. He was in my Life Group at Meadow Brook Baptist Church and helped me to feel welcomed when I first joined. I will miss him there and singing in our church choir. I know He’s celebrating now in his heavenly home!

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**Willene Newman** - April 30, 2024 at 09:39 PM