



Fred Ellis Cliburn Jr.

July 5, 1929 - February 12, 2022

Giving a final salute to a life well lived, Fred Ellis Cliburn, Jr. passed away on February 12, 2022 in Laurel, MS. Fred was born on July 5, 1929 in Covich County Mississippi to Fred Ellis Cliburn and Vera Bearden Cliburn and spent the next 92 plus years, traveling the world, serving his country, raising his family, pursuing several careers and enjoying various leisure activities.

After high school and further education at Covich-Lincoln Community College, Fred continued a long family tradition of military service by enlisting in the United States Navy and serving his country for 23 years before retiring with a rank of Senior Storekeeper Chief Petty Officer. His military career led him to duty posts in San Diego, Jacksonville, Milton, Pensacola, the Philippines and finally to Memphis, Tennessee. After active Naval retirement, Fred and the family moved to Orlando, FL where he continued to serve in the Navy Reserves while pursuing a second career at the newly opened Disney World. Upon his full Naval retirement, Fred and the family bought a home and moved to Pearl, MS in 1973, where he began his third career with the U. S. Postal Service. He and his wife later moved to the Langford Farms subdivision in Northeastern Rankin County where they built their retirement home with ample area for planting many fruits, vegetables and flowers. Fred used his good health during his retirement years to enjoy the outdoors, spending many hours hunting, fishing, gardening and traveling.

Fred met his future wife, Austine, while on leave from the Navy in Jackson, MS and they married on September 12th 1952, spending 64 years together before her death in 2016. They had three sons, Mark Alan, Patrick Edwin and Billy Dean, all born on military posts while Fred was serving in the Navy.

Fred was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth Austine Freeman Cliburn, one son, Patrick Edwin Cliburn, his parents, one brother, Edwin Cliburn and one sister, Louise Myers.

He was survived by his son and daughter-in-law Mark and Linda Cliburn of Oviedo, FL, son and daughter-in-law Billy and Wylene Cliburn of Laurel, MS and daughter-in-law Cathy Cliburn; grandchildren, Mark Alan Cliburn, Jr. (Sierra), Lindsey Cliburn Murphy (Kevin) and Matthew Austin Cliburn (Elizabeth); several great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law Kate Thomas and Janis Watts; brothers-in-law Beaufort Myers and John Watts; and numerous extended family members and friends.

The family will host visitation for friends and family at from 12:00 Noon until the time of the funeral service at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at Stringer Funeral Home, Hazlehurst, MS. Burial will follow at Hazlehurst City Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Hazlehurst Cemetery

Sinclare St.
Hazlehurst, MS 39083

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 16. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Stringer Family Funeral Home - Hazlehurst
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Hazlehurst, MS 39083
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Graveside Service

FEB 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Hazlehurst, MS 39083

Tribute Wall



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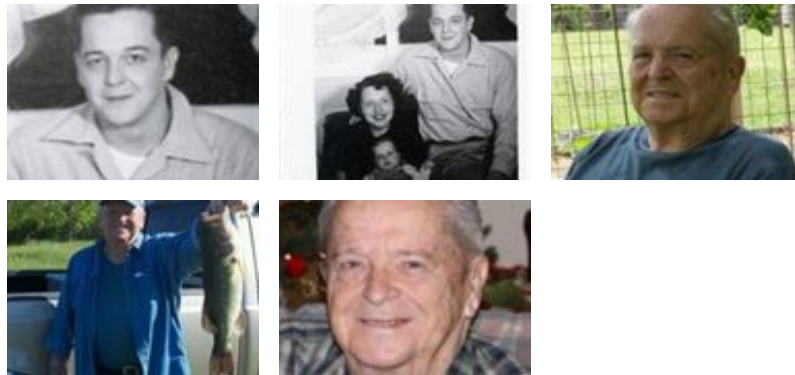


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