



Hubert Franklin (Frank) Pilgrim

August 27, 1934 - April 7, 2015

Hubert Franklin (Frank) Pilgrim passed away Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at Care Center Nursing Home after a long illness.

He was the son of the late Ruth and Charlie B. Pilgrim. Preceding him in death was his daughter, Mandy Pilgrim Godwin; son, Howard Franklin Pilgrim; granddaughter, Shanna Dickman Smith; and two sisters, Nettie Odom and Kate Fall.

Surviving him are his wife of 58 years, Judy, his daughters, Karen Pilgrim Cannon of Georgetown, DE, Susan Pilgrim Kelly and her husband, Brian of Birmingham, AL, June Pilgrim Haliloglu and her husband, Sal of Raleigh, NC; grandsons, Michael Cannon and his wife, Megan, and Stephen Kelly. His granddaughters are Kelly Hardisty, Emily and Lindsay Nichols, Madison and Megan Haliloglu. He is also survived by their great grandchildren, Ashley and Colton Smith and Taylor Mae Cannon.

Frank served two years active duty in the Army as First Sargent, Korean Assistant Command. He served as a 2nd Lt. in the Mississippi National Guard.

He attended the University of Mississippi in Oxford and obtained a Juris Doctorate degree at the Jackson School of Law. He worked as the vice president of sales at WDAM for twenty years before moving to Salisbury, Maryland. In Salisbury he worked as the general manager of WMDTV for fifteen years before he retired and returned home to Laurel, MS.

He was the past president of the Laurel Exchange Club, vice president of the

Hattiesburg Optimist Club, past member of the Advisory Board of Directors at Salisbury State University, past chairman of the Board of WSCL Public Radio, member of the Sales Advisory Committee, and a member of the TV Bureau of Advertising in New York.

A memorial service will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Laurel, MS on Friday, April 10, 2015. Visitation will begin at 1 p.m. and the memorial service at 2 p.m. Interment will follow immediately after the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to St. John's Episcopal Church, 541 N. 5th Avenue, Laurel, MS 39440 or St. Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Drive, Memphis, TN 38105.

To view and sign the family guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Tribute Wall

KT

“ Ms. Judy - I was so saddened when I learned of Mr. Frank's passing. Your family has always been so special to me; I have such fond childhood memories of spending time with you all. Please know that I will keep you all in my prayers - asking God to cover you in His comfort and peace. It was a blessing to have visited with you several years ago; I cherish the conversation we shared. Love, Kim and Dean Thomson

Kimberly Thomson - April 16, 2015 at 07:42 PM

TM

“ Susan and family I was so saddened reading about the loss of Mr Pilgrim. Please know I will keep your sweet family in my prayers as you face the upcoming days without him. Love, hugs and prayers.....Tina "Miller" Murphy

Tina Murphy - April 12, 2015 at 02:06 PM

JB

“ My sympathies go out to the Pilgrim family at this time of loss. I remember Frank with gratitude for the opportunities he provided me at WMDT back in the 80's.

Jim Barry - April 09, 2015 at 07:04 PM

NB

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Pilgrim Family. Frank helped give me my very first TV job and I'll always be grateful. I remember his laugh and his two beautiful daughters who also worked at channel 47. I hope you all find peace as time goes on.

Nancy Byrne - April 09, 2015 at 06:38 PM

CB

“ Our prayers are with Frank and his family.

Chet&Linda Bergalowski - April 09, 2015 at 03:36 PM

MG

“ Please know my thoughts and prayers are with the Pilgrim family at this difficult time. Frank was our fearless leader for many years at Channel 47 and I have the fondest memories of those days.

Mary Gropp - April 09, 2015 at 01:12 PM

JJ

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Treasure the memories. With God's help you will get through this.

Jan Jensen - April 09, 2015 at 11:48 AM

BT

“ i am so sorry for your loss. Your family will be in our prayers asking for comfort and strength.

Becky Whittington Thrash - April 08, 2015 at 06:45 PM