



William Donald Polen, Sr.

August 20, 1921 - April 22, 2015

William Donald Polen, Sr., age 93, of Laurel, passed away at Forrest General Hospital on Wednesday, April 22, 2015, surrounded by his family.

Visitation is scheduled for Friday, April 24, 2015, from 5 – 7 p.m. at Memory Chapel Funeral Home of Laurel. Funeral Services will also be at Memory Chapel at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2015, with burial to follow at Sunset Gardens.

Mr. Polen, affectionately known as Pawpaw, was born at home on August 20, 1921 in Dover, Ohio, to Frank Monroe Polen and Alice Schwab Polen, weighing one pound. Even then, God had a special plan for his life.

Mr. Polen entered the United States Army on July 27, 1942 at the age of 20. After being stationed at various locations, he was stationed at Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi on January 5, 1943. He met the love of his life, Helen Roberts in May of 1944 while at Camp Van Dorn, and they married there in the chapel on July 3, 1944. He was honorably discharged from the Army on November 1, 1945. He was a graduate of Lee College in Cleveland, Tennessee and retired as an accountant with Graham Supply Company in Laurel.

In addition to his parents and brothers, Mr. Polen was preceded in death by a son William Donald Polen, Jr.; a granddaughter Julie Katherine Polen; and a great grandson Robert Blake Robison.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Helen Roberts Polen of Laurel; daughter Sarah Polen Boody (Robert) of Calimesa, California; daughter-in-law

Pam Burleson Polen of Hixson, Tennessee; son L. Ronald Polen (Ann) of Laurel; daughter Katrina Polen Regan (Ken) of Laurel; and daughter Marcia Polen Easterwood of Laurel. In addition, he is survived by 15 Grandchildren: Tony Boody (Staci), Daniel Boody (Cindy), Amy Polen Stallings (Seth), Tripp Polen (Julie), Brad Jones (Hilary), Adam Polen, Andrew Polen, Mandy Robison (Robert), Melody Read (Grahame), Neil Polen (Dani), Heather Christian (Jason), Joel Miller (Shae), Jennifer Miller, Katelyn Regan, Matt Easterwood, and 19 Great Grandchildren: Natalie Boody, Jake Boody, Jayden Boody, Sadie Boody, Thatcher Boody, Gage Hildago, Luke Stallings, Reed Stallings, Sophie Polen, Addison Jones, Madison Robison, Morgan Robison, Meredith Robison, Emily Anne Read, Margaret Helen Read, Anna Kate Christian, Kara Christian, Emma Miller and Judah Carr. Memory Chapel of Laurel is in charge of arrangements. To view and sign the guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Tribute Wall

LJ

“ *Sending our love and sympathy. May God bless your family during this time.*

Leslie and Jim Provost Rex and Lynn Jones - April 28, 2015 at 09:39 PM

PG

“ *I am so sorry to hear of your Dad's death. Praying that each of you have comfort, peace and many smiles remembering him.*

Paula Collins Graham - April 27, 2015 at 01:07 PM

LW

“ *To each of the family member: Mr. Polen was such a kind, happy Christian person!! He will be greatly missed---cherish your memories of your father! Thoughts & continued prayers....Linda*

Linda G. Walton - April 24, 2015 at 09:12 PM

NM

“ *Loved in life. Missed always.F*

nita mcinnis - April 23, 2015 at 07:39 PM

DF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Pawpaw will be sorely missed. Sending big gentle hugs to all of you! ~Debra, David, Zachary and Hannah Fleischman*

Debra Burleson Fleischman - April 23, 2015 at 03:14 PM

DR

“ Mrs. Helen, Ronnie, Katrina, Marsha, Mandy, Melody and Neil and the rest of the Polen family, I am so sorry for your loss. Wow, "93"; that's terrific!

I could tell he was a much loved person. He was always so nice and friendly to Mickey and me. You are all in our thoughts and prayers during this period of grief. Love to you all.

Donna and Mickey

Donna & Mickey Riles - April 23, 2015 at 01:39 PM

MB

“ We did not know your Dad, Ron but we do know he was responsible for a very fine son. We also believe the Bible when it promises absent from the body is present with the Lord. We will continue to pray for you sweet Mother and your entire family. May you find comfort and peace during this difficult times.

MARK AND SHIRLEY BATTLE - April 23, 2015 at 12:50 AM

LO

“ *marcia, we are sorry to hear about you dad. Praying for you and your family*

Lewis & Pam odom - April 22, 2015 at 10:54 PM

VL

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss, bro Polen will always be remembered for his soft spoken voice. I remember him teaching sunday school because I didn't want to go to my class I wanted to be in there with mama and daddy. I can see mama, pawpaw and granny conn saying when he arrived well bro Polen it's so good to see u. Celebrating I'm sure. We know one thing for sure,,,, we will see them again.... love, the little family*

vicki little - April 22, 2015 at 10:40 PM

FF

“ *Sorry to hear hard to lose someone you love, God comfort you and keep you love you all*

Freida Fry - April 22, 2015 at 10:40 PM

MT

“ *Sending lots of hugs, prayers and love during this difficult time~*

Marlo Tipton - April 22, 2015 at 09:23 PM

RP

“ *Love you Pops*

Ron Polen - April 22, 2015 at 09:17 PM

SB

“ *Prayers and sympathy to all...*

Sandy Wiygul Bell - April 22, 2015 at 08:12 PM

JJ

“ *What a sweet, kind man. May Jesus bless and comfort his wife, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.*

Joe Johnson - April 22, 2015 at 05:55 PM