



Franklin M. "Dink" Dill

December 3, 1929 - August 11, 2025

Franklin Martin (Dink) Dill, 95, went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on August 11, 2025, surrounded by the love and presence of his devoted wife and two daughters. Born December 3, 1929, Dink lived a life defined by deep love, unwavering strength, and steadfast faith. He was a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps and served his country with honor during the Korean Crisis. His strong work ethic was evident throughout his career at Woodward Iron Company and later at Capco, where he retired. A graduate of Bessemer High School, Dink was a man of many passions. He loved dancing, horses, storytelling, and never passed up a chance to wear a good hat. His stories were legendary—woven with history, heart, and wisdom—and his presence lit up every room he entered. He was a faithful member of the Baptist Church at McAdory, where he worshipped and served with joy. Franklin is survived by his loving wife of many years, Joyce Dill; his daughters, Lori Holmes (William) and Terri Middlebrooks; and his cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Lori's children: Melissa Holmes, Joel Holmes, and Allison Stanaland (Cory), and their son Harris. Terri's children: Jessica Hogue (Michael), and their children Tripp, Noah, and Livi; Claire DeJohn (Tony), and their children Wylder and Sawyer; and Madeline Reed (Stephen), and their children Hadley, Charlotte, and Ruby. He is preceded in death by his beloved son, Chris Franklin Dill; his sister, Edna Ruth Butler Clause; and his parents, Chris and Edna Dill. A celebration of life will be held on Thursday, August 14, 2025, at Bessemer Brown Service Funeral Home, at 11:00 a.m., with burial to

follow at Highland Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until service time. Bro. Bill McCall will be officiating the service.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

AUG **14**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bessemer Brown Service Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Sarah And John Elam lit a candle in memory of Franklin M. "Dink" Dill



Sarah and John Elam - August 14, 2025 at 12:15 PM

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“ Mary A Thrash purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Franklin M. "Dink" Dill.



Mary A Thrash - August 13, 2025 at 12:41 PM

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“ Mary A Thrash planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Franklin M. "Dink" Dill.

Mary A Thrash - August 13, 2025 at 12:41 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Franklin M. "Dink" Dill.



August 13, 2025 at 10:32 AM



“ *With Love Mattie Terek and Olivia Webber purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Franklin M. "Dink" Dill.*



With Love Mattie Terek and Olivia Webber - August 12, 2025
at 12:15 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Franklin M. "Dink" Dill.*



August 11, 2025 at 04:58 PM