



Thomas Z. Stringfellow

April 25, 1928 - May 8, 2023

Thomas Z. Stringfellow, 95, of Bessemer, Alabama, passed away peacefully at home on May 8, 2023, reuniting with his beloved wife who passed a few weeks ago to their heavenly eternal home. He was born April 25, 1928 to Carlor A. and Lola (Roberts) Stringfellow. TZ, as he was known by family and friends, lived a life of service to the people of the Eastern Valley community for over 65 years where he was always distributing food, giving rides, running errands, and contributing his time in so many ways to actively help others. Just mention a need and he would be there to lend a hand in any way. He was designated as a Master Mason, and served as an active member of brotherhood outreach ministries through his church.

TZ grew up in the Oak Grove community, graduating from Oak Grove High School. Following high school, he worked as a millwright for Tennessee Coal and Iron Company (TCI) in Wenonah, Alabama. He served his country as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was recipient of UN Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge (38th Infantry Regiment), Purple Heart, Bronze Service Stars, National Defense Service Medal, and Good Conduct Medal. Following his active military deployment, he moved to reserve duty and returned as millwright and electrician to complete 35 years of

service at what became the Wenonah Ore Conditioning Plant of U.S. Steel. While there, he was elected by his peers as a union leader. For a time, he operated a small gas station business in Bessemer, AL. He worked as an usher at Legion Field for his esteemed Alabama Crimson Tide football games. He later worked as a staff member of Eastern Valley Baptist Church. After his work left him hearing impaired, his loud voice might sound at times like a big grizzly bear, yet he had the softest heart. He was a loving husband, devoted father, and proudest PawPaw of his two grandsons. He spent his life taking care of his family, especially seeing to the every need of his wife who suffered from rheumatoid arthritis. He and his beloved wife were Christian role models for us all. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife of 68 years, Ivra Colleen Stringfellow and his brother, Eugene Percy (Violet) Stringfellow. He is survived by his son, Thomas Dale (Rhonda) Stringfellow; his grandchildren, Alex (Kayla) Stringfellow, and Travis (Ashleigh Farmer) Stringfellow, along with several dear nephews and nieces. He was a father figure to many and will be missed by all who loved and knew him.

The funeral service will be at 2PM on May 17, 2023, at Bessemer Brown Service Funeral Home with burial following at Highland Memorial Gardens. Travis Stringfellow and Dr. Nic Seaborn will be officiating the service. The family will receive friends at the funeral home chapel from 1PM until service time. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to: Shades Crest Baptist Church, 452 Park Avenue, Hoover, AL 35226

or New Community Church, 751 Ross Street, Heflin, AL 36264, or place
Bibles in his honor <https://www.sendtheword.org/>

Cemetery Details

Highland Memorial Gardens

3115 18th Ave
Bessemer, AL 35020

Previous Events

Receive Friends

MAY 17. 1:00 PM (CT)

Bessemer Brown Service Funeral Home
1300 4th Avenue N
Bessemer, AL 35020
(205) 425-2424
bessemer-brown@hotmail.com
<https://www.bessemerbrownfh.com/>

Funeral Service

MAY 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MR

“ Dale and Family,
I spoke with Margaret Gentry earlier tonight, and she mentioned the sad news that both of your folks had recently passed away. Please know of our family's prayers and sympathy. My parents always thought so highly of yours, and of course we have many fond memories of our overlapping years at Eastern Valley Baptist Church. I thought the note you posted at J.D. Gentry's memorial page (about recalling those who helped raise us) was perfect, and expresses my thoughts exactly. Mom sends her love. She still smiles when speaking about "the three families who lived up the hill" (the Gentrys, Hermanns, and Stringfellows). Know of our continued best wishes in the days ahead.

Mark, Tommy, and Ann (Mrs. Joe D.) Ray
Decatur, Alabama

Mark Douglas Ray - May 22, 2023 at 11:26 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Z. Stringfellow.



May 16, 2023 at 08:39 PM

BG

“ There were times that I needed TZ and Colleen Stringfellow to Medical West Hospital to be with my husband when he (my husband) was in the hospital. TZ and Colleen were in charge of our Senior Citizen group and made sure there was a dominoes game going on. TZ even went to buy the chicken from Church's Chicken every Tuesday morning. I'm sure those that had attended (of they still have the senior citizen meeting on Tuesday's) will miss both TZ and Colleen very much. Colleen was an easy person to talk to. I am so sorry to hear of both of their passing

Billie Guthrie - May 16, 2023 at 06:00 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Thomas Z. Stringfellow.

May 16, 2023 at 06:00 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas Z. Stringfellow.



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“ The Gardner & Coffey Families purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Thomas Z. Stringfellow.



The Gardner & Coffey Families - May 16, 2023 at 05:45 PM

RB

“ RRosemary Ousley Patton(Mrs. Bill) lit a candle in memory of Thomas Z. Stringfellow



RRosemary Ousley Patton(Mrs. Bill) - May 15, 2023 at 04:58 PM

RJ

Dale, Rhonda, Alex (Kayla), Travis (Ashleigh). Dave, Mary and all Stringfellow relatives. A life well-lived who was always serving others will be missed, but is now receiving the peace and rest he deserves along with his precious partner in life - Colleen. Please know that you have been and will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. He visited out precious Bill (husband and Joseph's Father) while he was in the hospital. Precious memories of T.Z. at our annual Patton Family Christmas Gathering we have with us. T.Z. was a man of honor and showed love to his fellow man. Rosemany Ousley Patton and son, Joseph Ousley Patton

Rosemary Ousley Patton & Joseph - May 15, 2023 at 05:24 PM

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“ As a child we spent many vacations with TZ and Colleen. Many great memories of this family. I know that they are having a wonderful time seeing those that has gone on to see the ones already...we will see you in the morning!!!

Bud & Connie Ensor. (Miller) - May 11, 2023 at 03:33 PM