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William "Bill" Judson Holmes, Sr. died at his home June 7, 2013. He was born on February 19, 1923 to the late Alice Sigman Holmes and Charles Howard Holmes in Rensselaer, Indiana. He came to Ft. Jackson after being drafted for service and made his home in Columbia after his time in the United States Army.

Bill was employed with Belk Department Store in Columbia, SC for 34 years. Following his retirement from Belk, he was employed by the State of South Carolina in the Materials Merchandise Office for 7 years.

Bill was a Charter Member and Charter Secretary of the Eau Claire Lions Club (Columbia, SC) and was presented the Life Membership by Lion's International in 1992.

He was a member of the South Carolina Association of Government Purchasing Officials (SCAGPO) and was awarded the James Barnes Award for outstanding service in 1985. He served as SCAGPO Treasurer for a number of years. He enjoyed his affiliation, making many lasting friendships. Bill actively participated in his community, serving as a Baseball Coach, PTO Treasurer, and school volunteer. Bill proudly served his country during World

War II (March 1943 - March 1946). He deployed to Europe with Patton's Third Army and fought as a member of the 648th Tank Destroyer Battalion. He received 2 bronze stars, the American Theater Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal. Bill was an active member of the Presbyterian Church USA throughout his adult life. He served as Sunday school teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, Deacon, and Elder. Presently, he was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Surfside Beach, SC. Bill was an avid gardener and lover of nature throughout his life.

Bill was predeceased in death by his first wife Margaret Leviner Holmes and two sons, Earl Cameron Holmes and John David Holmes and also a brother, Earl Charles Holmes.

He is survived by his wife of fifty years, Kay Sutton Holmes of Surfside Beach; his son the Reverend Doctor William J. Holmes, Jr. and his wife Judy S. Holmes of Manning; a daughter Kimberly Holmes Frederick and her husband, Michael O. Frederick, Jr. of Surfside Beach; grandchildren: William J. Holmes, III and his wife, Summer A. Holmes of Sumter, Ashley Michele Holmes of Columbia, Adam Wilson Holmes and his wife, Sabrina S. Holmes of West Columbia and Olivia Karoline and Cameron Lucille Frederick of Surfside Beach; great-grand children: Judson IV, Ben, Conner, Kaleb, Hayes, and Sadie Holmes.

Visitation will be at Bill and Kay's home on Sunday from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Graveside service will be held on Monday, June 10, 2013 at Greenlawn Memorial Gardens at 1:00 pm., 7100 Garners Ferry Road, Columbia, SC. Visitation with the family will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to any of the following:

Honor Flight, Grand Strand/MB Chapter, P.O. Box 1212
Pawleys Island, SC 29585; Wounded Warriors, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS
66675
or Coastal Animal Rescue, 1288 Limestone Street, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576
(or any other charity of one's choice).

The family would like to thank Tideland Hospice and Griswold Home Health, specifically his caregivers Angelica McCray and Norma Thomas, and Siri Thomas with Mercy Palliative Care Partners. The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Dr. Jasen Rowles for his professionalism, compassion, and phenomenal care that he provided to Bill. Words cannot express our deep appreciation and gratitude to Dr. Rowles.

Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is handling the arrangements.

Previous Events

Service

JUN **10**. 1:00 PM.

Greenlawn Memorial Gardens

Tribute Wall

JB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May the outpouring of sympathy, the kind acts of friends and strangers, as well as your memories give you comfort to help you endure the days ahead. The Bible also offers comfort. “For God is near to those broken at heart. “ Ps 34:17,18. Our Creator promises that there will soon be a time when “death will be no more.” Revelation 21:4

J. Bell - June 29, 2013 at 05:42 PM

LT

“ Kay and family, we were so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Jonnie called me to let me know. We are thinking of you and Kim and remembering the good times we had at your house at the beach. Hope to see you the next time I am down there. In the meantime, you will be in our prayers. Linda S. Turner, Stacy T. Pearson, and Kelli T. Sullivan

Linda S. Turner - June 10, 2013 at 09:02 PM

FW

“ Kay, Kimberly and family, so sorry to hear of Bill's death. Peace be with you during this time of grieving. Missed seeing you these past yrs. Flon Graves-Wiese. Lexington, SC

Flon Wiese - June 10, 2013 at 03:55 PM

MS

“ Kay and Family, Henry and I are so sorry to hear of Bill's death. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.
Henry and Martha Sinclair
Westminster Presbyterian

Martha Sinclair - June 10, 2013 at 10:17 AM

JN

“ *Billy, I was sorry to read of your father's passing. Please know my heart is with you, Judy and the family,*

Jackie Nichols - June 09, 2013 at 11:32 PM

SB

“ *To the Holmes Family:*

As you celebrate a life well-lived, (90yrs), may your hearts be filled with joy and laughter, as you recall all the “happy” times you shared together. (Psalm 90:10)

*My condolences,
SBA.*

S. BROWN-ACKER - June 09, 2013 at 10:31 PM

KF

“ *Kay and Kimberly,
I am so sorry to hear about Bill. He and Daddy were great buddies.
He will be missed.
Karen Faris*

Karen Faris - June 09, 2013 at 07:16 PM

AL

“ *Kay, Kim and family,
I am truly sorry for your loss. He was a great man and I have thought of him often over the years. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.
Andy Luberto*

Andy Luberto - June 08, 2013 at 10:35 PM

SA

“ *Kaye and Family,
We will miss Bill's good humor and gracious presence. You are in
our thoughts.
Art and Skip*

Skip and Art - June 08, 2013 at 07:40 PM

EA

“ *Bill and Judy,
So sorry to learn of Bill's father's passing this a.m. Please accept
our thoughts and prayers during this time. We hope to see you
soon.
"Eppie", Mills and Coker Adams*

Eppie Adams - June 08, 2013 at 12:25 PM

JL

“ *Kay, Kim & family,
I am so very sorry for your loss. "Poppy" was a precious man and I
know he will be missed. Take care and know The Lindley's are
sending love and prayers to all of you!
Always,
Jennifer Lindley*

jennifer lindley - June 08, 2013 at 11:27 AM

CK

“ *We are heartbroken over the loss of a lifelong friend and mentor.
Resting in the arms of the Lord, we know he is young and strong
again, as we all remember him. Many prayers offered for his lovely
wife Kay and all of the family. Kimberly, there has never been a
prouder Daddy.*

Carla Klemy - June 08, 2013 at 09:41 AM

WL

“ It is with much saddness that I say goodbye to a wonderful and special "Gamecock" And a very special bond that we had over the years. Our special tradition of poking fun at one another over the Carolina-Clemson Football Game that dated back to 1977.

Thanks for letting my come into your life Today God has another "Angel" to look over us. Rest my friend. Your journey has been long and fruitful and you have touched the hearts of many

Kay, Shirley and I are only a phone call away. You are always welcomed. We love you .

Walter Lindler - June 08, 2013 at 08:45 AM