



## William (Bill) Lee Bobbitt

December 19, 1935 - February 20, 2021

Mr. William (Bill) Lee Bobbitt of Lexington, TN passed away on February 20, 2021 at the age of 85. He was born December 19, 1935 in Jackson, TN to the late William Luther and Ione Thompson Bobbitt. He was married to Frances (Buck) Bobbitt on September 9, 1961 in Lexington, TN.

Bill graduated from Lexington High School in 1953 and graduated from the University of Memphis with a B.S. degree. He briefly taught school in Henderson County, and later moved to Memphis where he was employed by the National Bank of Commerce. He left banking to become an insurance adjuster for State Farm and then Ohio Casualty. As an employee of Ohio Casualty in 1969 he moved with his family back to his beloved hometown of Lexington. Later in his career he returned to teaching and was employed by Henderson County and the Lexington City Systems. He was an avid sports fan and a loyal supporter of the Memphis Tigers basketball and football teams. High school football was a passion. He officiated high school games throughout West Tennessee for 50 years. He loved baseball, particularly the St. Louis Cardinals.

Bill was a member of Lexington First United Methodist Church. He served in many leadership positions, volunteered at the food pantry, and traveled with the mission team for many years.

One of Bill's hobbies was growing orchids. He enjoyed sharing the blooms from his plants with friends for numerous occasions. Upon retirement he, along with his wife Frances, became Master Gardeners with the Madison County group. Together they were selected as Master Gardeners of the Year in 2015. One of Bill's greatest joys was traveling. He and Frances traveled extensively in the United States and all over the world.

Bill is survived by his wife Frances of Lexington; two sons William (Alla) Bobbitt, Jr. of Silver Spring, MD; Robert Bobbitt of Jackson, TN; two grandchildren - Arthur Bobbitt and Olivia Lemieux; and a brother John (Linda) Bobbitt of Lexington.

Funeral services are scheduled for Tuesday, February 23 at 2:00 P.M. at First United Methodist Church in Lexington with Rev. Chris Haynes officiating. Interment will follow at Lexington Cemetery. Visitation will be at Pafford Funeral Home on Monday, February 22, 5:00 -9:00PM and at First United Methodist Church on Tuesday, 1:00 - 2:00PM.

The Bobbitt family has requested that memorials be directed to First United Methodist Church of Lexington and St. Jude Children's Hospital. Due to the continued risk of COVID 19, the family ask for everyone to please wear masks at the visitation and funeral service and respect social distancing.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **22**. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home - Lexington, TN.  
71 Monroe Avenue  
Lexington, TN 38351  
(731) 968-2544  
info@paffordfuneralhome.com  
<http://www.paffordfuneralhome.com>

## Visitation

FEB **23**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
Church Street  
Lexington, TN

## Church Service

FEB **23**. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
Church Street  
Lexington, TN

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ My name is Loretta Black I only knew Bill and Frances from the few Garden Tours I took with them and Jason Reeves. I am not a West Tennessee gardener but rather a garden enthusiast from Norris Tennessee. I was so wonderfully accepted into this travel group especially by Bill and Frances. They were so warm and friendly to me and made me feel part of the group. I even shared IBooks with Frances. When I drove to West Tennessee for the South Africa meeting at the Agricultural Center they offered to take me to lunch before I started the long 6 hour trip home. Their warmth and genuine hospitality to me was very noted and appreciated. I will miss Bill and offer my deepest sympathy and love to Frances. Many loving thoughts and prayers come from across the state to you.

Loretta V Black - February 23, 2021 at 08:26 AM

MT

“ Billy was a classmate at LHS. He always brightened the room when he appeared. May God bring peace and comfort to Frances and the entire family, and may the good memories of days gone by flood your souls. He will be missed by the class of '53.  
Mary Frances (McCollum) Turner

Mary Frances Turner - February 23, 2021 at 12:04 AM

BW

“ Barbara Willis lit a candle in memory of William (Bill) Lee Bobbitt



Barbara Willis - February 22, 2021 at 09:25 PM

BW

*Frances ,I am so sorry for your loss, Prayers for the family.*

**Barbara Willis** - February 22, 2021 at 09:27 PM

SE

“ *My heart is with your family during these tough times. I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Bobbit, Arthur and your entire family are in my prayers.*

**Simon Ernst** - February 22, 2021 at 02:15 PM

CM

“ *So sorry for your loss. Praying for Arthur and Mr. Bobbitt's whole family during these hard times.*

**Chris Mackley** - February 22, 2021 at 01:07 PM

MG

“ *Madison County Master Gardeners purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William (Bill) Lee Bobbitt.*



**Madison County Master Gardeners** - February 22, 2021 at 10:10 AM

CW

“ *Christine Warrington lit a candle in memory of William (Bill) Lee Bobbitt*



**Christine Warrington** - February 22, 2021 at 09:58 AM

SR

“ *My heart knows your broken heart, dear Frances. You are in my prayers! God Bless! ~ Sharon Reiter*

Sharon Reiter - February 22, 2021 at 09:32 AM

JT

“ *Jai Templeton lit a candle in memory of William (Bill) Lee Bobbitt*



Jai Templeton - February 22, 2021 at 03:41 AM

LE

“ *Linda Elam lit a candle in memory of William (Bill) Lee Bobbitt*



Linda Elam - February 22, 2021 at 12:24 AM

RS

“ *Rhonda Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of William (Bill) Lee Bobbitt*



Rhonda Sanders - February 21, 2021 at 09:38 PM