



Mr. Ferdinand "Fred" Hillman

December 21, 1922 - August 26, 2017

Mr. Ferdinand "Fred" Hillman, 94, of Peoria, IL passed away peacefully at 5:10 pm on Saturday, August 26, 2017 at Heartland Healthcare Center surrounded by his family. Ferdinand was born on December 21, 1922 in Earlington, Kentucky to Thomas and Jenette (Moore) Hillman. He accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Earlington, KY. He married Minnie B. Kirksey; she preceded him in death in 1988.

Ferdinand was educated in the Christian County school system. Upon his graduation from High School, Ferdinand entered the US Navy in 1942 where he honorably served in World War II. During his military tour of duty, he received many awards including The American Campaign Medal, the European-African- Middle Eastern Medal and the World War II Victory Medal. Ferdinand was a proud life member of Legion 1151.

Ferdinand leaves to cherish his most precious memories four daughters, Jacqueline Burns of Peoria, Wendy Jackson of California, Jenette (James) Hillman and Kimberly (Nero) Pack both of St. Paul, MN; four sons, Michael Kirksey of Peoria, Larry Miller of East St. Louis, IL, Edgar Thomas of Colorado and Brian Brown of Indianapolis, IN; 17 grandchildren; a host of great and great great-grandchildren; and his companion for many years, Grace Thomas. He is preceded in death by his parents and one son, Melvin Hillman.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Friday, September 1, 2017 at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church with a visitation one hour prior to the service beginning at 10 am. Pastor Joseph Cherry will officiate. Ferdinand will be laid to rest at Historic Springdale Cemetery where US Navy Military Honors will be rendered. Tazewell County Area Ceremonial Team will render honors. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at simonsmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Historic Springdale Cemetery

3014 N. Prospect Road
Peoria, IL 61603

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Sinai Baptist Church
2112 W. Forrest Hill Avenue
Peoria, IL 61604

Funeral Service

SEP 1. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Mt. Sinai Baptist Church
2112 W. Forrest Hill Avenue
Peoria, IL 61604

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Ferdinand "Fred" Hillman*



Simons Mortuary - August 31, 2017 at 04:02 PM



“ *Mr. Ferdinand "Fred" Hillman*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Ferdinand "Fred" Hillman*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Theresa 'Smith' Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferdinand "Fred" Hillman*



Theresa 'Smith' Walker - September 02, 2017 at 10:42 PM



“ *To the family of Mr. Fred Hillman my sincere condolences . Praying God give you strength and comfort during this time mourning. Jackie, Mike and Wendy stay strong and God will see you through. Shirley Abner and family*



Shirley Abnet - September 01, 2017 at 09:05 PM

SA

“ Shirley Abnet sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ferdinand "Fred" Hillman



Shirley Abnet - September 01, 2017 at 08:51 PM

MA

“ Michelle: I was so very saddened to learn about the death of your grandfather. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers! Joy sends her love and heartfelt condolences. Marya Jones & Family

MaryaJones - August 31, 2017 at 10:47 AM



“ Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Ferdinand "Fred" Hillman.



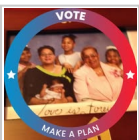
August 31, 2017 at 03:08 AM

MA

“ To Michael and Jackie, I am so sorry to hear about the lost. I wanted to send my Condolence to you, Michael, and the family. I have a lot of memories of Fred. You and Michael, trust in the Lord and he will bring you both and family through this. Love you two



Mary and Micheal Anderson-Farris - August 29, 2017 at 08:22 PM



“ Evelyn Tate-Clayton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ferdinand "Fred" Hillman



Evelyn Tate-Clayton - August 28, 2017 at 09:53 PM



“ *Prayer go out to family and friends may the blessed of Jesus be up on you all have a blessed night in Jesus name amen rip in Jesus name*



Dorotha Williams - August 28, 2017 at 08:27 PM