



## William "Bill" J. Foreman

November 13, 1936 - June 9, 2015

William ("Bill") J. Foreman, born in Gentry, Arkansas on November 13, 1936, departed this life on June 9, 2015. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ellis W. Foreman and Serena Dickson Foreman, his siblings, Kenneth Foreman, Curtis Foreman, Charles Foreman and Ollie Alfrey, and his beloved wife, Vicki Foreman.

Bill graduated from Gentry High School, served in the U.S. Air Force, and after attending John Brown University, commenced his business career first with an insurance company in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and then in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, he joined Franklin Electric Company where he worked his way up through the company, served in many management positions, and retired after 37 years as Corporate Vice President.

Bill had an active civic life. He was a member of the Siloam Springs Jaycees and served that organization as Local President and later as a member of the National Board of Directors. He was a member of the Siloam Springs Rotary Club, served on the Siloam Springs Hospital Board, the Siloam Springs Housing Authority, the Siloam Springs United Way Board, the Northwest Arkansas Film Commission Board, the Board of Directors for the Northwest Arkansas Boys and Girls Club, the Siloam Springs Chamber of Commerce, including as President, and was a long time board member of the Associated Industries of Arkansas. Never idle, Bill also served his community as Mayor of

the City of Siloam Springs, Arkansas and served Northwest Arkansas as a member, and ultimately as Chairman, of the Board of Directors of the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport Authority. Bill Foreman lived a full life devoted to family and community, adhering to the adage that to whom much is given much is expected.

Bill Foreman is survived by his daughter, Kathy Pyle and her husband, Jeff Pyle, and two grandsons, Clint Conley and Dakota Pyle.

Visitation with the family will occur on, Friday, June 12, 2015 between 6:00 pm to 8:00pm, at Wasson Funeral Home, 441 US-412, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Funeral services will be 10:00 am, Saturday, June 13, 2015 at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Northwest Arkansas or to the organization of your choice. The family wishes to express heartfelt thanks to each of Mr. Foreman's many many friends and caregivers.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

2122 W. University St.  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 12.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home  
441 U.S. 412  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761  
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## Service

**JUN 13.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

AW

“ I was in the same grade with Bill and always knew he was a great student with great grades. We were on the same student council during our senior year.

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**Alberta (Florer) Walls** - June 14, 2015 at 10:50 PM

CK

“ Bill was my husband's boss at Franklin Electric for many years! Ike said he was fair, and respected his employees enough to let them do their own jobs, without his interference, within reason, of course! Bill loved to laugh, and had a great sense of humor. He was great fun at all our Franklin parties!! I know how much he is missed!! Happy that Bill is now at peace, and with his sweet Vicki! Praying for all of his family and close friends!!

Sincerely,  
Cheryl Hill-Kenemore

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**Cheryl Hill Kenemore** - June 14, 2015 at 08:24 PM

SK

“ Susan Kenney-juillerat lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" J. Foreman



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**susan kenney-juillerat** - June 14, 2015 at 03:00 PM

SK

*Kathy,*

*Your dad was a true leader in guiding you into becoming the woman you are today. He was always so proud of you and believed in you! I am so sorry for your loss! I know how much I miss my dad, but you also lost Vicki and I know you miss her too.*

*May God bless you and your family during this difficult time. If it helps, Bill is up there listening, take time to talk to him at night when the stars are out. That is when I talk to Bob. 😭 our dads are still the best!., Continue to breathe, relax, and enjoy your kiddos, sue*

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**susan kenney-juillerat** - June 14, 2015 at 03:07 PM

KW

“ *Kathy,*

*I'm so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in my thoughts & prayers. Love you sweet friend.*

*Karen*

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**Karen Winston** - June 12, 2015 at 11:00 PM

RH

“ *Ronnie and Janet Hubbard purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William "Bill" J. Foreman.*



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**Ronnie and Janet Hubbard** - June 12, 2015 at 06:41 PM

MG

“ *MANY MEMORIES OF MY WIFE AND I SHARING OUR TIME WITH BILL IN THE JAYCESS I WAS TRULY BLESSED TO HAVE KNOWN HIM AND SEND OUR LOVING CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY*

*MIKE AND LINDA GRAY*

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**MIKE GRAY** - June 12, 2015 at 06:34 PM

DJ

“ *There's so many good things so many of us could say. I just want to say he was a great man who made work a good thing. If only everyone could work for someone so kind and good. R.I.P. Bill*

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**Diana Johanson** - June 12, 2015 at 12:22 PM

SI

“ *I want to send my condolences to Bill's daughter, Kathy. I grew up on the same street with her and loved her dearly. I lost touch after moving to Georgia. I'm so sorry for your loss Kathy. ❤️*  
*Sherry Kilgoar Ivey*

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**Sherry Kilgoar Ivey** - June 12, 2015 at 11:21 AM

SH

“ *Bill was my classmate and a great guy. May these words bring comfort*

*Sammy Hynds Harrison*

*The Power of Love*

*Sammy Hynds Harrison*

*27 August 2012*

*At the time of the loss of a loved one, many hearts turn to prayer as they should. However, I would like to think for a moment about the power of love.*

*Were words left unspoken? You have the opportunity to say those words. Love is a connection between heaven and earth. When we lose a loved one, 2 Corinthians 5:8 reminds us that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Their spirit goes to be with the Lord, but their love remains with us.*

*Their love may return to us in our dreams, when we look at a letter, picture, a personal item that you have in your possession, when you hear a song, see their favorite flower or color in a rainbow, a sunrise or sunset – the list is endless because Love is endless.*

*Love is the greatest power in the universe. It is more powerful than all of the arsenals of the worlds' nations combined. It is more powerful than the rockets that carry men and spaceships into orbit or to another planet. The atomic bomb exploded, destroying and killing all in its path. When Love explodes it draws all of mankind together. It brings smiles and laughter rather than heartache and tears.*

*The more love is used, the stronger it grows. Love is so strong that in marriage, it turns two people into one. Love is instilled in the hearts of parents for a child before birth. That feeling is too great to be described. You don't believe it could possibly be stronger until*

*you hold that new life in your arms. That's when you have a surge of love a thousand times greater than before birth.*

*Love stops war. In Matthew 5:44, Jesus Christ says, "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." If you are busy loving your enemy, you don't have time nor space for anger and hate.*

*Love is contagious. Anytime you are close to anyone who is filled with love, you catch it.*

*Love cannot be hoarded. It loses power if it is not used. Therefore the richest of men or women are the ones full of Love.*

*If anyone asks you to describe God, ask them to describe "Love" — For God is Love.*

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**Sammy Hynds Harrison** - June 11, 2015 at 10:57 PM

BD

“*Bill was definitely the best boss I ever had. I enjoyed working for him. He left me alone and let me do my job. Once in a great while he would have a question and never seemed to act like I might not know the correct answer. I was really sad when he retired. Rest in peace Bill.*

*was an Indian while he would ask*

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**Betty Duncan** - June 11, 2015 at 06:53 PM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" J. Foreman.*



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June 11, 2015 at 06:17 PM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of William "Bill" J. Foreman.*



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June 11, 2015 at 11:47 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" J. Foreman.*



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June 11, 2015 at 11:39 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William "Bill" J. Foreman.*



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June 11, 2015 at 10:19 AM

RB

“ Rhonda Blair lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" J. Foreman



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**Rhonda Blair** - June 11, 2015 at 09:50 AM

SA

“ Susan And Ruth Alexander lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" J. Foreman



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**Susan and Ruth Alexander** - June 11, 2015 at 09:34 AM

SA

*He was a great guy. My mom and dad thought the world of him. I use to enjoy seeing Bill and Vicki at Dawn Hill. Condolences to the family from Susan and Ruth*

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**Susan and Ruth Alexander** - June 11, 2015 at 09:37 AM

AT

*When thinking about Bill Foreman I think, "real, a leader, a thinker, super power of common sense, kind, and fun to be around". I met Bill in September, 1980, and remained friends and in touch until this week.*

*A great friend that gave so much back, and it was an honor to have spent time with him on business, dinners, golf, and fun trips. You left this world with many friends, and we all love you for you, and the tangibles and intangibles that you gave back to your family and friends, and the Great State of Arkansas.*

*And thank you Kathy and Jeff for being their for him. Your love of father says it all. The seed did not fall far. We all know you are so proud of a great dad and leader.*

*Albert Thompson  
Herald-Democrat in the 80s.*

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**Albert Thompson** - June 11, 2015 at 04:35 PM

RB

“*Bill was more than a boss to me, he was my friend. He was a leader of the best kind. He treated us as his equal. I remember so many times I would be working at the receptionist desk and he would say "I'm getting out of here kiddo, I'm not having any fun". I think he is having lots of fun now. I will miss my friend but I will never forget you or the impact you had on my life and so many others.*

*Rhonda Blair*

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**Rhonda Blair** - June 11, 2015 at 08:57 AM

VS

“*Bill was an amazing man, I was blessed to have had the opportunity to meet him. Prayers and thoughts go to the family and friends.* Vanessa Stanfill



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**Vanessa Stanfill** - June 10, 2015 at 05:29 PM