



Col. Albert Maxwell Mullen Jr.

August 7, 1931 - October 25, 2025

Col. Albert Maxwell Mullen, Jr., US Air Force (Ret.), age 94, died at his home on Saturday, October 25th.

Known to his friends as Maxie, his Air Force Call sign was “Moon”. His father was a long-time Newport dentist and during World War 2, Dr. Mullen served in the Army Air Corps for five years in San Antonio, TX.

Maxie attended Newport Grammar School and graduated from Cocke County High School in 1949. Following high school, he attended Tennessee Tech and enlisted in the Air Force shortly before graduation, later completing the necessary hours for his bachelor’s degree. He earned a graduate degree from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (now Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy), Washington, DC.

He entered the military during the Korean War and served a total of twenty-three years. He was stationed in Korea, Japan, Formosa, Okinawa, Philippines and Vietnam with postings in Delaware, New York, Idaho, Colorado, California, Washington, DC and Lubbock Texas. As a pilot he flew 17 different aircraft with 5300 flying hours. He flew over 200 combat missions in Vietnam, 100 of which were in North Vietnam, accruing 446 combat hours in the F-4 Phantom.

He earned the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, fifteen Oak Leaf clusters and various other medals.

One of the highlights of Maxie’s military career was piloting the lead jet in the Air Force Flyover during the inauguration of President John F. Kennedy in

1961.

Following retirement in 1976, he and his family returned to Cocke County, and he was employed ten years with Stokely-Van Camp, which later became Quaker.

At present, he was the longest member of First United Methodist Church, having joined in 1941, and he was the last surviving member of the old Methodist Episcopal Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. A.M. Mullen and Alice Cathey Mullen, Father and Mother in-law Edward F. Hurd (Newell Hooper Hurd), sister Alice Mullen Bradley (Robert D. Bradley) as well as sister-in-law Jane Ferree.

Survivors include wife Frances Mae Hurd, son Bert Mullen (wife Janie Mullen), Newport, and daughter Missy (husband Marvin Prewitt), Englewood, FL. Grandchildren Hannah (fiancé' Justin Hicks) and Emma Mullen, Kelley (husband Shannon Moore). Great-granddaughter Averley Moore, Newport. Sister Olivia Mullen White and husband Jim, Jackson, TN. Sisters-in-law Annabelle Hurd Hendersonville NC, Sandra Scott Nashville TN and many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services and burial will be held 1:00 pm Thursday, October 30, 2025, in Union Cemetery, with Rev. David Woody officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to First United Methodist Church or a charity of choice.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at: www.manefuneralhome.com.

Arrangements with Manes Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT 30. 1:00 PM (ET)

Union Cemetery Inc
420 Mineral St
Newport, TN 37821-3900
(423) 623-6918

Tribute Wall

CL

“ *Frances & family,
Condolences to all of you.
Bill & Charlotte Leibrock*

Charlotte Leibrock - November 02, 2025 at 03:31 PM

MB

“ *Melinda B. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Col. Albert Maxwell Mullen Jr..*



Melinda B. - November 02, 2025 at 06:00 AM

SE

“ *Janie and Bert, I am sorry to learn of Bert's fathers passing. Sending prayers to all the family. My deepest condolences to you all.*



Sharon Etherton - November 01, 2025 at 07:27 PM

JB

“ *A wonderful Husband and Father. He will be missed by all who had the good fortune of knowing him. Until we meet again! Jeanne Wilson Birdwell*

Jeanne Y. Birdwell - October 30, 2025 at 01:37 PM

LW

“ Sorry for your loss Frances. Prayers for your family

Iana Williamson - October 30, 2025 at 09:01 AM

DR

“ We have so many fond memories of Maxie and the family. We treasure time spent going to UT games, Thanksgiving Dinners, Christmas Caroling, the Sugar Bowl and so many more fun times. Maxie was a stand up guy and we are proud to call him our friend. Frances, Missy and Bert, prayers for you today and the difficult days ahead. Dale and Nancy

Dale Raines - October 29, 2025 at 10:47 PM

JG

“ Many memories with all of the family. Bless you Frances, Bert, Missy and family. Thoughts and prayers for you all.

Jackie Gorrell - October 29, 2025 at 01:13 PM

TM

“ Frances, I remember you and Maxie being at Tennessee Tech when I was there. It was good to have someone from Newport to talk to and I enjoyed visiting with you and Maxie during those days. God bless you.

Tom Mooty

Tom Mooty - October 29, 2025 at 12:31 PM

KE

“ Bert and Missy sorry about your father had a lot of great conversations had a lot of good conversations at rubles with him and your mother sincerely, Keith Baxter

KeithBaxter - October 28, 2025 at 09:16 PM

RR

“ Frances I'm so very sorry to hear about Maxie. You guys have always been so special to me. I'll always cherish our Fox and Hounds days because they sure was the best. You two were unmatched. May God give y'all comfort during this very difficult time. I love you lady 🥹🙏❤️

Rhonda Rice - October 28, 2025 at 08:04 PM

JS

So sorry for your loss

Janice Sexton and Gordon Sexton - October 28, 2025 at 10:45 PM

CP

“ Frances, Bert and Missy I'm so sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful person. I will miss seeing him every Friday. Praying for you all

Chandra Presnell - October 28, 2025 at 05:37 PM

MA

“ marian anderson lit a candle in memory of Albert Mullen



marian anderson - October 28, 2025 at 04:14 PM

RC

“ Losing someone so close is hard. I'm so sorry, my thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Robin Coakley - October 28, 2025 at 02:14 PM

PM

“ Prayers for all.

Patricia Mathis - October 28, 2025 at 02:06 PM

BW

“ Frances ,Bert, Missy and family, we are so very sorry to hear of Maxie's passing. We have so many wonderful memories of football trips and game days. We are thinking of you during this difficult time. Barry and Janice

Barry Webb - October 28, 2025 at 01:14 PM

SO

“ Many many prayers for the Mullen family. My mom (Ruth Perrin O'Dell) went to high school with Maxie. I can remember my mom and dad talking about how proud they were of him for serving our country for many years, and what a really good man he was. What a wonderful testimony he left behind for all his family and friends. Rest in peace Col. Albert Maxwell Mullen, Jr. You will never be forgotten sir. Thank you for loving and serving our country. 🇺🇸



Susie O'Dell - October 28, 2025 at 01:12 PM

LH

“ Prayers!



Louise & Jimmy Hux - October 28, 2025 at 11:55 AM

DG

“ Sending my Deepest Condolences to All of the family and friends 🙏🙏❤️🌹🌹🙏🙏



Debra A Gann - October 28, 2025 at 11:45 AM

MS

“ Marilyn Shelton-Jones lit a candle in memory of Albert Mullen



Marilyn Shelton-Jones - October 28, 2025 at 10:51 AM

KH

“ Jimmy and I were so saddened hearing the news about Maxie. Such a wonderful man and friend. Praying for you Francis and your family. Our memories overflow. Love you

Kathy Hatcher - October 28, 2025 at 10:26 AM

ER

“ Francis
So very sorry to hear about Maxey.
Cherish the memories.

Evelyn Brooks Reese - October 28, 2025 at 09:32 AM

LC

“ Sending many prayers for the days ahead and my deepest condolences. Maxie will be greatly missed.

Lesley Cody - October 28, 2025 at 09:22 AM

OW

“ *Maxie was a wonderful brother, husband, son, father and grandfather. He served his country well. And i am proud to call him my brother. He took care of our parents well.*

Olivia White - October 27, 2025 at 11:13 PM

BH

prayers for the family

Betty Harrison - October 28, 2025 at 12:09 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Col. Albert Maxwell Mullen Jr..*



October 27, 2025 at 10:55 PM

TB

“ *Tammy Presnell Binkley lit a candle in memory of Albert Mullen*



Tammy Presnell Binkley - October 27, 2025 at 08:53 PM

TW

“ *Sending heartfelt condolences to Francis and family. Maxie Mullen was a true legend.*

Tammy Wilder - October 27, 2025 at 08:42 PM

MC

“ *Marty Coakley lit a candle in memory of Albert Mullen*



Marty Coakley - October 27, 2025 at 05:39 PM

MC

“ *So sorry for your loss, Maxey was a very special man who served and loved his country. Had a lot of fun times talking to him. My thighs and prayers are with you during this difficult time, he will be missed 🙏🙏❤️*

Marty Coakley - October 27, 2025 at 05:38 PM

DO

“ *Our deepest sympathy*

Duay and Kay O'Neil - October 27, 2025 at 04:35 PM