



Franklin C Bible

January 17, 1923 - April 2, 2024

Franklin C. Bible, age 101 of Newport, (affectionately known as Papaw) entered the arms of Jesus on Tuesday Morning, April 2, 2024. He was born on January 17, 1923, in Cocke County on the family homestead.

He was preceded in death by his sweetheart of 66 years, Esther Holt Bible; parents Lewis and Martha Bible; father and mother-in-law, Darius and Martha Lindsey Holt; brothers Shields Bible and Carroll Bible; and sister-in-law Juanita Bible.

Survived by his loving, faithful, and caring children: daughter and son-in-law Cheryl and Jack Presnell; son and daughter-in-law David and Dyann Bible; grandsons Todd Presnell and wife Stephanie, John David Bible, Chad Presnell and wife Faith, and Dana Bible; great-grandchildren William Presnell, Elise Presnell, Jackson Presnell, Bryson Presnell, Madylyn Bible, Colson Presnell and Matisse Bible; and many nieces and nephews.

Growing up his time was spent milking cows, working the tobacco crop, raising hogs, and other farm duties. His early education began at the Bybee one room schoolhouse. He graduated in 1942 from Cocke County High School, married his sweetheart, Esther Holt Bible, on July 13, 1942, in Greenville, S.C. Esther and Frank ran Clay Creek Country store located on the family farm off Hwy 160, where they exhibited generosity in feeding families and paying their debts to make the community flourish. One of the favorite stories he shared was bartering eggs and/or groceries for chickens. There was a hole in the floor of the store where they housed chickens until he

could sell them to Mr. Hawk. He also had his career with Parks-Belk where he remained until his retirement in 1982. He was active in the community, including serving as the first president and organizer of the Centerview Ruritan Club.

Early morning 4:30 am fishing with his brother Carroll in Cherokee, N.C. was a favorite activity where they would catch many fish to enjoy family fish fries.

As a young man he attended Clay Creek Baptist Church where he accepted Jesus into his heart. He was the superintendent of Bybee United Methodist Church for many years. After joining West End Baptist Church, he immediately became active in church work. He was always generous with love and affection, and he would sacrifice things he wanted for his family and friends.

He has always been the calming voice for the family.

He was a strong witness for the Lord in all his many kind words and deeds.

He was devoted to his wife, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and his extended family, and each one of them reciprocated that love. You could see much joy on his face any day spent with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His favorite hobbies after retirement were golfing and fishing.

The family extends its sincere gratitude to his physicians and the medical professionals at Smoky Mountain Home Health for their excellent care and the Bybee United Methodist Church for supplying Frank with meals during his final years.

The family will receive friends at West End Baptist Church on Saturday, April 6, 12:00 to 2:00, with the service immediately following at 2:00 pm, with Brother Thomas E. Mooty officiating. Interment will immediately follow at Clay Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.

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

Arrangements with Manes Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

APR 6. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

West End Baptist
116 Westend Street
Newport, TN 37821

Funeral service

APR 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

West End Baptist
116 Westend Street
Newport, TN 37821

Burial

APR 6 (ET)

Clay Creek Cemetery
Newport, TN

Tribute Wall

LH

“ Prayers!



Louise & Jimmy Hux - April 09, 2024 at 03:39 PM

LS

“ My condolences to your family! I know he will be greatly missed.
Lori Brown Spurgeon

Lori Spurgeon - April 09, 2024 at 01:32 AM

CG

“ I'm so sorry. Prayers for all the family 🙏

Cheryl Grooms

Cheryl Grooms - April 07, 2024 at 09:52 PM

DH

“ To the precious Bible family-You have been in our prayers as you have suffered a great loss. Mr. Bible was such a fine man that I even remember from my childhood when we visited Parks Belk. My mother always thought the world of him and would seek out his help in the store many times. What a wonderful legacy he has left for his family and all the community. Please continue to trust in the Lord for peace and comfort during this difficult time, God bless you all.
Debbie and Ronnie Hommel

Debbie Hommel - April 07, 2024 at 09:44 PM

RW

“ I have good memories of the times Frank helped me with shopping for cloths. Thinking now that those memories go back a long time for both of us. Miss those times. My condolences to all

Randy Winter - April 07, 2024 at 09:30 PM

AN

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you....Edna Stokley

Annie lee norwood - April 07, 2024 at 01:27 PM

DA

“ sorry i didnt really know him but i know what he ment to his family and to mean so much to them i know he was someone worth knowing. i know how they feel im really sorry for their loss.

danny - April 07, 2024 at 11:44 AM

SH

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I can't remember not knowing Mr Bible. He was so sweet. I pass his home every day at least twice. Spoke to him often when he was able to be outside. He will be dearly missed. Many prayers for the family during this extremely hard time.



SANDY HURLEY - April 07, 2024 at 06:28 AM

DB

“ So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and Prayers

Dolly Blazer

Dolly Blazer - April 06, 2024 at 06:27 PM

PD

“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Bible's passing - sorry for your heartache but thankful that he is at peace and happiness forever. We have many fond memories of times spent at ballfields and remember how he and Mrs. Bible enjoyed watching all the kids play. We know you have many happy memories that will help you get through the sad days ahead. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Ronnie and Phyllis Douglas

Phyllis Douglas - April 06, 2024 at 03:10 PM

AW

“ Sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family! Love,
Brandon and Alex Welch

Alex welch - April 06, 2024 at 07:58 AM

LD

“ Cheryl and David,
Even though we all know this day is coming to all of us, it still hurts when it gets here. Sending love and hugs for your heartache now and condolences to all the family. All of you were blessed with the best, and I'm truly sorry for the void that this will leave in your life. Even though your dad won't be here with you in body, know that his love and spirit will be with you always. You will never have one day that you don't think of him, and your mom. And he was a blessed man also for having you all being so loving to all his long days. He truly lived a long, wonderful life. I feel as if I've known you all my whole life, but, of course, I only really got to know Frank from Parks-Belk. God Bless!
Matt: 5:4 Love & Prayers, Bud & Linda Dawson



Linda Dawson - April 05, 2024 at 10:59 PM

LK

“ *Sorry for your loss
Wayne & Patricia O’Neil
Lisa & Lilly King*

lisa king - April 05, 2024 at 07:28 PM

WW

“ *I am sorry for the entire family's loss Wilma
Webb*



Wilma Webb - April 05, 2024 at 12:49 PM

ES

“ *You are all in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you with many wonderful and happy memories. Frank was greatly admired for his Christian dedication to his church and community. He always showed great love for his family and friends. Frank worked hard and his home was a showcase of beautiful flowers and landscaping. Heaven has gained another precious soul who is now with his wife and sweetheart Esther. I am sure that was a grand reunion. You took great care of your father, grandfather and loved one . You definitely enriched his 101 years on earth with lots of love and family memories. Again we are praying for comfort which is promised by our Heavenly Father .*

Earlene and Julie Strange - April 05, 2024 at 05:22 AM

FJ

“ from Lee Ann and Beecher, Tom and Janice purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Franklin C Bible.



from Lee Ann and Beecher, Tom and Janice - April 04, 2024 at 09:06 PM

FJ

“ from Lee Ann and Beecher, Tom and Janice planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Franklin C Bible.

from Lee Ann and Beecher, Tom and Janice - April 04, 2024 at 09:06 PM

SR

“ Scenic Realty lit a candle in memory of Franklin Bible



Scenic Realty - April 04, 2024 at 04:21 PM

TL

“ Sorry to hear about Frank . My mother Eloise Wiley was also hired by Frank at Parks Belk in the boys department. My mother enjoyed working for Frank ; saying he was such a nice and kind man to work for . My thought are with you during this difficult time .

Tura Lawson - April 04, 2024 at 03:32 PM

JB

“ *A genuinely wonderful person! he is missed! Praying for family!*
Jeanne Y Birdwell

Jeanne Birdwell - April 04, 2024 at 12:28 PM

DF

“ *Cheryl and David and families, I'm so very sorry to hear of your dad's passing, but rejoice at his homecoming. I have many fond memories of Frank going to UT football games, fishing and car racing together. Frank was a very godly man and he made an impact on my life, I always admired and respected Frank, he was a true example of a what a man should be. Prayers ,Danny and Love Freshour*

Danny Freshour - April 04, 2024 at 10:53 AM

LG

“ *I am so very sorry to hear about Frank. I remember him from Parks Belk. I will be praying for you all.*

Lisa Giles - April 04, 2024 at 09:47 AM

CC

“ *Mr. Bible was a faithful Christian. He loved the Lord and demonstrated his love by his walk. I admired his dedication and his devotion to his church and his family. I feel honored to have known him. I rejoice that his beautiful family had so many wonderful years with him. I rejoice, now, that he is with our Heavenly Father. Praying for all the family for God's sweet comfort and peace.*

Claire Crouch - April 04, 2024 at 07:51 AM

CL

“ Frank was such a devoted Christian and a great man. He will be missed but he is now reunited with his godly wife Esther. May God give comfort to his family and friends.

Charles Lindy - April 04, 2024 at 02:21 AM

MP

“ So sorry for your loss.. He was a good man.. Praying for all 🙏🙏🙏

Mary Lynne Power - April 04, 2024 at 12:51 AM

PP

“ May His love and His bring you peace and comfort!

Pauline Proffitt - April 03, 2024 at 10:31 PM

AP

“ Cheryl and David, I am sorry for the loss of your dad. My prayers are for you and your families. Always loved your dad and mom.

Anna pearson - April 03, 2024 at 10:28 PM

GK

“ Condolences to all of the family members. I have known Frank for over 50 years, my wife worked with him when he was at Parks and Belk, she often spoke of his kindness. In all the time I have know him I only heard words of respect and kindness spoken of him. Frank was a kind generous man, a true gentleman. I know he will be missed by all who knew him.



Gary and Dorothy Kyker - April 03, 2024 at 07:27 PM

PS

“ I am so deeply sorry for your loss. I met Mr.Bible when he was a manager at Parks Belk where my Momma worked. He was a very nice man. I will be keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Pamela Suggs - April 03, 2024 at 07:04 PM

IH

“ Cheryl and David
Send our deepest condolences to you and your family. Absent from the body, face to face with the Lord! You will see him again.
Whitey & Irene Hance

Irene hance - April 03, 2024 at 06:55 PM

KC

“ Sorry to the family. He was a good man and will be missed by all who knew him.

Kathleen Campbell - April 03, 2024 at 06:43 PM

LM

“ Prayers for all of you! We are so sorry for your loss! Thinking of you!
Rob & Lisa

Lisa Myers - April 03, 2024 at 06:17 PM

LJ

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. Frank was always so nice to me and my family. Daddy would talk about Frank and Uncle Carroll and their adventures they would have. He will be missed. Prayers for the whole family ❤️

Lorie Shelton Jones - April 03, 2024 at 06:09 PM

AR

“ Please, accept my most sincere condolences for the family's loss. I was a school friend of some of his grandsons and I know his heart had to be good because those boys were the best!

Annita Rowland - April 03, 2024 at 05:41 PM

GH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. So sorry for your loss.

Gray & Janie Hurley - April 03, 2024 at 05:30 PM

DB

“ Our prayers and deepest sympathy go to the family of Mr. Bible, the elder. He will be remembered as a good and honorable man.

Desiree Bannasch - April 03, 2024 at 04:48 PM

TF

“ May God's loving Presence comfort you, His perfect peace restore you, and His promise of eternal life sustain you during this time of loss.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted"...Matt 5:4
With Heartfelt Deepest Sympathy,
Jabo & Tammy Francis

Tammy Francis - April 03, 2024 at 03:44 PM

TS

“ Such a fine man!! Thinking of all the Bible/Presnell family. You were blessed with wonderful parents!!

Tommy & Karen Smith - April 03, 2024 at 03:39 PM

TT

“ *The Wagers Family, Dallas TX purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Franklin C Bible.*



The Wagers Family, Dallas TX - April 03, 2024 at 03:02 PM

SD

“ *Deepest sympathy for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

Sherrie Dillard - April 03, 2024 at 02:47 PM

BE

“ *Dana and John David,*

We're praying for you and your family during this difficult time. May God bring peace and comfort in your time of need.

Benjamin Evans - April 03, 2024 at 01:55 PM

AH

“ *Sorry for your loss May God comfort you all*

Aggie Holt - April 03, 2024 at 01:43 PM

AH

“ *Sorry for your loss prayers for you all Evelyn and Carolyn Holt*

Aggie Holt - April 03, 2024 at 01:42 PM

AH

“ *Sorry for your loss Prayers for you all that God will comfort you all*

Aggie Holt - April 03, 2024 at 01:41 PM

AK

“ Dear Cheryl , David and respective family, my heart breaks for the loss of Frank, but it also rejoices for Frank knowing he is reunited with the love of his life. Esther and with his Lord and Savior. He was always such a gentle sweet man to myself and my family. He will be greatly missed. Prayers and love to all of all of you on Frank's home going. GOD bless you all and give you comfort. Love Ann

ANN S KROPFF - April 03, 2024 at 01:02 PM

BF

“ Cheryl, David & all the family, thoughts & prayers for all of you!

Brenda Fancher - April 03, 2024 at 12:24 PM



“ Frank Bible was always so very nice to me. He went out of his way to order Stetson hats for my dad as he wore a large size that belks didn't keep. I always appreciated his kindnesses. He was such a gentleman. His family was blessed to have him.

Penny Ervin - April 03, 2024 at 12:22 PM

GW

“ My sincere condolences.



Glenda Willis - April 03, 2024 at 11:02 AM

JO

“ To Cheryl and family and David and family please accept my condolences in the passing of Frank and I know he will be missed by all who knew him. God grant each of the family members peace and comfort at this time! Sincerely, Joan Kropff

Joan - April 03, 2024 at 10:27 AM

JB

“ Cheryl, David and family; We are so sorry for your loss. Remember the Parks Belk days and how kind your father was to my Mammaw (Isa B Wilson). I was the spoiled one that always got balloons and could clean my tennis shoes with the shoe shiner! Mr. Bible & Mr. Carroll always laughed at that with Mammaw! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family in your loss - Bea Brooks, Jan Brooks & Sydney Johnson

Jan Brooks - April 03, 2024 at 10:12 AM

RS

“ Frank was a wonderful man and neighbor, who set the standard for an upstanding community leader. Blessings to both of you, David and Cheryl.

Ray Snader - April 03, 2024 at 10:04 AM

ST

“ Sorry to the family for your loss. The community will certainly miss Mister Bible. God bless the family.

Steven and Loretta Taylor - April 03, 2024 at 09:38 AM

SO

“ David, Cheryl and all the family: I'm so sorry to hear about Frank passing away. He was a true gentleman. He was kind and caring to everyone. Mom and dad were great friends with Frank and Ester for sure. Frank and dad were the same age, and oh what history they told of Cocke County. Frank will sure be missed by all of us. God be with this precious family. I am so sorry. Rest In Peace Frank Bible. 💔



Susie O'Dell - April 03, 2024 at 09:26 AM

DO

“ Cheryl, David, and All:
Our deepest sympathy to you in the loss of your family's patriarch. Our association with him, like thousands of others, began at Parks-Belk. He was so helpful and polite when he greeted and helped the customers. In later years I was honored to do a feature about his time in the gym when he was past 90. I also was honored to take his picture with Joe Ellison, Jr., Mary Nelle Douglas, and Roella Holt at Pap's 95th. Such a gathering of Bybee's best! Thoughts and prayers to you all in the coming days.

Duay and Kay O'Neil - April 03, 2024 at 09:09 AM

BE

“ I'm sorry for your loss. Mister Bible certainly earned his wings. My prayers will include your family. Betsy

Betsy - April 03, 2024 at 09:04 AM

CS

“ David and Cheryl, Patti and I are sorry for your loss. Still remember Frank and Ester at the Little League Park watching their grandsons play!! Charlie&Patti Seehorn

Charlie Seehorn - April 02, 2024 at 09:21 PM

EC

“ I am sending my deepest sympathy. Prayers for your family. Libby Clrvenger.

Elizabeth Clebenger - April 02, 2024 at 07:48 PM

CB

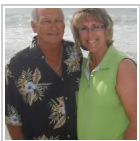
“ Our prayers are for Cheryl, David & all the family. Frank was one of the best & most humbled man I have ever known. I knew him my whole life, he & Ester were friends with Mama & Daddy & many other family members. He will be missed by so many people & a blessing to everyone 🙏

Connie, Marsha, & Amy Ball - April 02, 2024 at 07:42 PM

CB

“ I personally have known Frank my whole life, he & Ester were always friends with my Mama & Dad. Bybee was were our family lived. Frank & Ester home was always one of the most beautiful places in Cocke County. When Amy was very little baby girl she loved going to Park Belk where Frank worked. Amy would go in wanting to see Frank Bible. All my life I can only remember he was one of the best most humble man I've ever known. Cheryl & David & the rest of the family are so blessed to have a Dad & Granddad as him in their life. Praying for you all.

Connie, Marsha, & Amy Ball - April 02, 2024 at 07:33 PM



“ So sorry for your loss but such a blessing to have him as long as you have had. May God's loving arms a

Sharon Styles - April 02, 2024 at 05:20 PM

KG

“ So sorry for your loss. The family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Kay and Kim

Kim Gregg - April 02, 2024 at 04:48 PM

DF

“ Sorry for your loss. My Mom always said he was the finest boss she ever had when she worked at Parks Belk. A long life well lived.

Daniel Ray Fancher - April 02, 2024 at 01:24 PM

BL

“ David and Cheryl, So sorry to hear about Mr. Bible. I know he is with Mrs. Bible rejoicing in Heaven. Love Lynn and Becky Lane.

Becky Lane - April 02, 2024 at 10:08 AM