



William "Bill" Melvin Godfrey

July 7, 1927 - November 7, 2011

William (Bill) Melvin Godfrey, 84, passed away peacefully November 7, 2011 at Big Bend Hospice House. Bill was born July 7, 1927 in Lakeland, Florida to William E. and Nettie Terry Godfrey. He is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Charlotte Laird Godfrey, his son Jim (Kristin), grandchildren, Nancy Megan Godfrey and Spencer Bradford Godfrey, his brother, Bob (Carroll) Godfrey of Forest Grove, Oregon, his sister-in-law, Margaret Laird Hirt, and many nieces and nephews. Bill was predeceased in death by his son, Doug Godfrey and his sister, Betty Bozeman.

Bill joined the Merchant Marines in 1945 and the United States Navy in 1946 achieving the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in Civil Engineering and began work at the State Road Department (Florida Department of Transportation), retiring after 33 years.

Bill enjoyed fishing and spending many hours at St. Teresa Beach, as well as working outdoors and volunteering at his church, Calvary Presbyterian.

The family would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to our family friend and caregiver, Ethel James, and to the staff at Sterling House, and Big Bend Hospice for their love and care given to Bill. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Big Bend Hospice or a favorite charity.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 2:00 PM at Calvary Presbyterian Church, 814 North Gadsden Street. The family will receive friends at the church following the service. Bevis Funeral Home, (850)

385-2193, www.bevisfh.com, is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Service

NOV **10**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Calvary Presbyterian Church
814 North Gadsden Street
Tallahassee, FL 32308