

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Thomas P. Bush acknowledges with sincere appreciation the comforting messages, floral tributes, and other expressions of kindness during this time of bereavement.

Also, a very special thank you to the John L. McClellan Veterans Hospital, Hospice Unit 6E, for their kindness and care during his recent hospitalization.

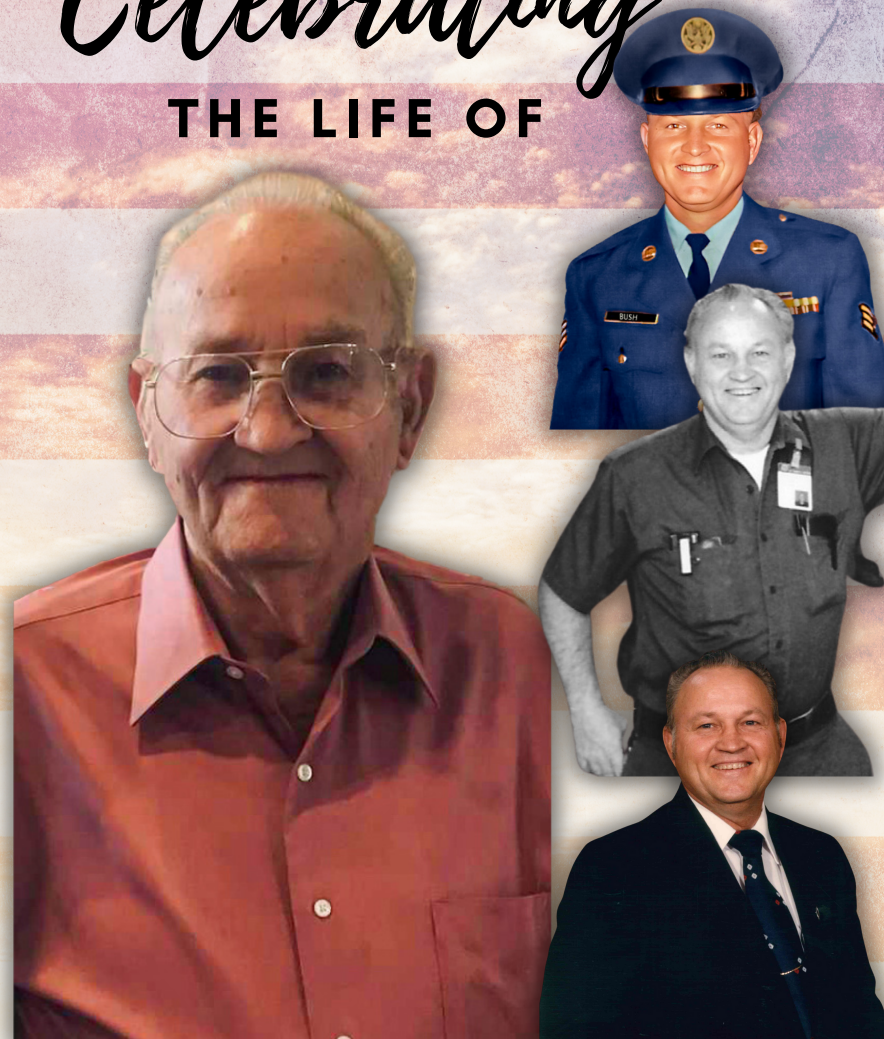
May God Bless You.



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Celebrating

THE LIFE OF



THOMAS PERRY BUSH

"BRO. BUSH"

May 8, 1941 ~ March 18, 2024

Thomas Perry Bush



VISITATION

6:00 – 8:00 P.M. Tuesday
March 26, 2024
Cornerstone Worship Center
301 Campbell Road
North Little Rock, AR 72117

SERVICE

9:00 A.M. Wednesday
March 27, 2024
Cornerstone Worship Center
301 Campbell Road
North Little Rock, AR 72117

OFFICIANTS

Gary L. Bearden
Charles Kendrick

INTERMENT

Arkansas State Veteran Cemetery

PALLBEARERS

Josh Bearden
David Bearden
Cody Bearden
Travis Bearden
Lloyd Hughey
Larry Keith

Thomas P. Bush (Sambo), (Tom), also known by many as “Bro. Bush”, went to be with the Lord on March 18, 2024, at John L. McLellan Veterans Hospital after a long battle with cancer. He was one of twelve children born to John and Minnie Lee Bush in Opp, Alabama where he attended high school and met the love of his life, Joyce Carnley, and they were married on June 20, 1959.

Shortly thereafter, he joined the United States Air Force where he honorably served his country for twenty years, including the Vietnam War. He received many distinguished awards, medals, and honors throughout his military career.

After retiring from USAF, in Jacksonville, Arkansas, he began another career at the Baptist Health Medical Center in Little Rock where he worked for 13 years before retiring. It was during this time that he became an avid “soul-winner” and began a successful Outreach Ministry in the Arkansas prisons, jails, local nursing homes, aired on a weekly radio broadcast, and ministered at local churches.

Bro. Bush became a full-time licensed ordained minister and pastored churches until the time of his death. When God called him into the ministry, he truly became a “fisher of men”. He was always witnessing; neither afraid nor ashamed to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

He never met a stranger. Many that knew him could testify of his generosity and easily identify him as a Good Samaritan. It was not unusual for him to bring someone (or even a family) home with him to feed, clothe, lodge, and help them to seek employment so they could get back on their feet again. He clearly had a heart for the lost and hurting.

When he wasn’t fishing for souls, he was fishing for crappie (or bass). He loved to hunt, but fishing was his passion. The walls of their home display some of his greatest catches.

If he wasn’t at the church, fishing on a lake, or hunting, you could always find him out in his shop “piddlin” or “tinkering”, determined to modify, re-invent, or improve something or another to meet HIS specifications. It wasn’t unusual to find him out there at 3 a.m. in the morning. He would say, “The Lord woke him up and had shown him how to fix or make something...and it couldn’t wait.” The same was true for many of his sermons. He was always busy doing something.

Out of all his accomplishments, achievements, and successes, his family was his pride and joy. No one could be any prouder than he. They were a blessing to him.

His entire life was built on the foundation of service and loyalty: first to God, his country, (which he never forgot those with whom he served until his dying day), family and others.

He was loved and respected by many and will truly be missed.

Left to cherish his memories are his wife of 64 years, Joyce (Carnley) Bush, daughters, Teresa Bearden (Gary), Debbie Evans (Reggie), and son, John Bush (Rhonda); 3 sisters, Flora Coffman, Lois May Hood, and Ann Barnes; 2 brothers, Ricky (Maria), Jimmy (Shiela), 10 grandchildren, 21 great- grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

A Final Message from Bro. Bush

Passing By

(Author Unknown)

Remember reader, as you pass by.

As you are now, so once was I.

As I am now, so you must be.

Prepare for death and follow with me (to Heaven).

If you were to die today, are you 100% sure that you would go to Heaven?

The Bible tells us that we can know that we can have eternal life.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Romans 10:9

If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shall believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.