



## James William Eggen Jr

May 7, 1946 - November 17, 2020

Frankfort – James William Eggen, Jr., passed away on Tuesday, November 17, 2020. Bill was born on May 7, 1946, and lived in Shelby County, Kentucky most of his life. He currently lived in Frankfort.

He was survived by his wife, Marguerite Johnson Eggen; son, Brandon (Erin) Eggen; grandsons, John Mansfield, Joe Mansfield, and Austin Eggen; sister, Margaret Ann Darland; and nephew, Clay Baxter.

He was preceded in death by his father, James W. Eggen, Sr., mother, Anna Ruth (Young) Eggen; and his beautiful daughter, Melissa Mansfield.

Bill was a Shelbyville High School graduate and attended Eastern Kentucky University. His favorite pastime was time spent on Lake Cumberland with family and friends. He spent over 30 years attending most basketball and football games at Eastern Kentucky University.

He worked at Winn Dixie many years and was the Store Manager in Frankfort for 10 years. He was the Owner and Operator of The Waddy Mini Mart from 1983 until 1993. After 25 years as a Sales Manager from Penrod Lumber Company in Simpsonville, he retired in 2017. Bill served on the US 60 Water Board in Bagdad for 34 years, and was Chairman when he retired. Bill was also proud of his efforts to connect the US 60 Water District with Shelbyville and Louisville Water Company transmission lines ensuring an unlimited and safe water supply for this area. He assisted in water expansion through much of South Eastern Shelby County during that time. He served on the KIPDA Regional Planning Board for 15 years. Bill was an advocate for water being

one of our most valued resources. He was a member and Past President in the Waddy Ruritan Club. He was a charter member of the Shelbyville Moose Lodge. He also served in the Kentucky National Guard for two years and was a member of Shelby Christian Church.

A private graveside service is planned for a later date.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to Bluegrass Hospice Care or your favorite charity.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

# Tribute Wall



“ *James William Eggen Jr*

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October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *You have my profound sympathy on the passing of Bill. I have a habit of saving certain phone messages, and one of them was from Bill asking how Momma was doing in the hospital years ago. Late last week I ran through all of my saved messages and the last one was from Bill. I almost called but didn't. I know Momma appreciated when he would stop by to visit with her when she wasn't getting out as much. On one visit, both he and Jane Ellen came for a visit, which Momma thoroughly enjoyed. Other memories consist of stories Momma shared about Bill and Margaret Ann when they were young. The last time I saw Bill was at Momma's funeral. Bill was a very kind and thoughtful person. You are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.*

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**Lynne Barnett Bowman** - November 24, 2020 at 05:35 PM

RS

“ I thought the world off Bill. He was my manager at Winn Dixie before Chris Long and I helped him set his store up in Waddy. He was always so patient with me while i attended Engineering School at the University of Kentucky. Many nights, coming to work frustrated from the day at school, He would always say “RT, stay with it my friend. It will be worth it “. He was so right. I loved my Winn Dixie days because of Bill. He had such an energetic smile. He was always supportive of my education and would always the schedule around my school days and final exams. I really enjoyed the one on one nights helping bill in the office. I would give anything to go back to those days will Bill. I just really cannot put it into words how i feel about his passing. I would often thing about him and the family when i would be out surveying in Shelby County. I remember the days when “little Brandon” and Missy would come in the store with their mom. Brandon running up the aisles with his cowboy suit on and Missy in her cute dresses. This was over 40 years ago and i remember like it was yesterday. What a true decent, classy, true gentleman he was. I wish i was able to stay in contact with him, but you know how it is. Just busy with family needs and before you know, the time escapes us. I will surely miss Bill. What a wonderful human being and family man he was. Really heart breaking to know of his passing. Rest in peace my wonderful friend. Tears.

*Robert “RT” Semones*

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**Robert Semones** - November 20, 2020 at 06:24 PM

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*What a nice tribute to my brother. Thank you.*

*Margaret Ann*

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**Margaret Ann Darland** - November 21, 2020 at 04:23 PM

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“ *Rest easy Bill.*

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**DeeDee** - November 18, 2020 at 10:45 AM

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“ *I don't have strong memories of James, except as a sibling if Margaret Ann when I visited. Margaret Ann, I would love to have contact with you. I think off you and your family often when I pass the old homestead traveling between Frankfort and Louisville. I am on Facebook or my email is karenhatter@gmail.com. By the way, this is Karen Kimmel Hatter. I hope you remember me! I will certainly be sending lots of love to you and your family as you work through this terrible time.*

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**Karen Hatter** - November 18, 2020 at 09:48 AM