



# Mr. Gilbert "Frank" Black

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**G**ilbert "Frank" Black, 79, of Clinton, passed away Sunday, November 15, 2020 in his home with his loving wife Marilyn by his side.

Frank was born July 24, 1941 in Knoxville, TN, the son of Gilbert Franklin and Mary Evelyn Treadway Black, Sr. Frank married Marilyn Kay Turner on February 17, 1976 in Hannibal, MO. Marilyn survives.

Frank is also survived by: Dawn Michelle (Mike) Fones of Sugar Hill, GA; Sean Micheal (Jennifer) Black of Springfield, IL; Chris (Kelly) Black of Huntsville, AL; Jaremy Black of Owens Crossroads, AL; and 7 grandchildren. Frank was preceded in death by his parents, and his sister, Sarah Frances Grogan.

Frank was a United States Air Force veteran serving from 1960-1966. Frank was a member of Laborer's Local 159 in Decatur. He was best known locally and nationally for spreading his love for Blues music as "Delta Frank the Blues Doctor" for 30 years at WGLT-FM at Illinois State University in Normal, IL. He was inducted as an inaugural member of the WGLT Hall of Fame in 2018. Frank was also a member of the Blues Blowtorch Society, AmVets Post #14 and past member of Mackinaw Canoe Club.

Frank enjoyed listening to music, especially the blues, gabbing with friends, and long car rides to get lunch with Marilyn.

A private graveside memorial service will be held at Camp Butler National Cemetery, Riverton, IL, with military honors accorded. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to WGLT-FM in Bloomington/Normal or AmVets Post #14 in Clinton, IL.

The family of Frank Black has entrusted Moran & Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation Services with his funeral arrangements. Please view his obituary, and share memories and condolences at [www.moranandgoebel.com](http://www.moranandgoebel.com)




# Events


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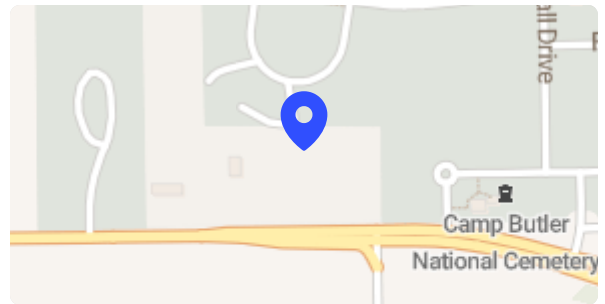
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## Graveside Ceremony


 **Friday**, December 4, 2020

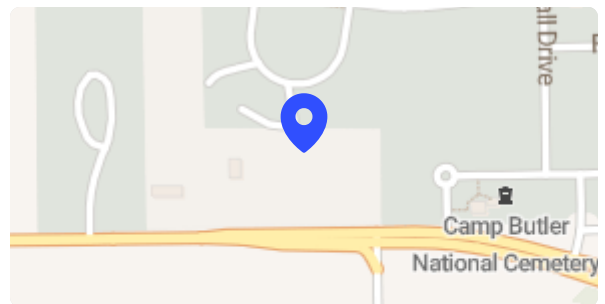
 11:00 AM CT

 **Camp Butler National Cemetery**  
5063 Camp Butler Road, Springfield IL 62707



## Cemetery Details

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# Tribute Wall

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**Wally Morse** posted:

I have fond memories of paddling rivers and creeks with Frank and Marilyn. My condolences to Marilyn and family. Wally Morse

December 8 at 7:03 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Large Basket Garden to the Black family.



December 2 at 7:42 AM



**Tracey From Ky** posted:

What a lively soul! I will miss you Frank. My deepest condolences to the family.

November 24 at 1:48 PM



**J Balmer** posted:

I spent a few hours w/ Frank in the studio, @ his home, @ Blues Blowtorch Society meetings & events & a restaurant or two. Plus enough time on the phone to flatten my ear. Always amazed at his wealth of knowledge of the blues & early rock & roll. Met many a friend through Delta Frank & we will miss him dearly. Prayers for Marilyn & the rest of the family. J Balmer

November 21 at 7:32 AM



**Myra Stroud** posted:

Having known Frank for so many years, I think at least 40, it was always special to me how he said my name, Myra, and how sometimes he got it confused with his Granddaughters. When Frank didn't see me around town he would call on the phone to see how I was doing, and of course he didn't have to identify himself, I immediately knew that voice. I visited Frank in the hospital at John Warner several times, he was always hopeful. A meal at Frank and Marilyn's home was a real celebration, so many precious memories from Bible Baptist Church, Curves, and life in general, he was one of a kind and I will miss him. My love and prayers to the family, and the children I watched grow up special love. God bless, Myra Stroud

November 19 at 6:49 AM



**Delicia Grogan Mcneal** posted:

I have many fond memories of my uncle. Most of which include his holiday visits to my childhood home. Where he came to visit my Mother and Grandfather. Uncle Frank woke up before 6am to have his morning coffee and cigarette, while my momma(his sister) cooked the family breakfast. Uncle Frank was not soft spoken and he had a voice that would carry, so sleeping late when he came to visit wasnt easy. I rather enjoyed those early mornings, the smell coffee, bacon, and yes cigarette smoke. More so, I enjoyed the stories he would tell, his smile and that infectious laugh. He often spoke with me in those later years about those visits and his fond memories of my Mommas cooking, and specifically her lemon meringue pie. He always visited with the families he bonded with on Bide-a-wee Drive, and his visit was not complete without a trip to Star Supermarket to purchase some sorghum syrup. (Something he couldn't purchase in Illinois.). I loved my uncle dearly, and I will miss listening to the blues with him, his stories, and infectious laugh. RIP Uncle Frank! We love you!

November 18 at 11:48 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Gilbert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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