



## Bro. Dave Franks Sr.

October 5, 1932 - September 2, 2024

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to  
Alabama Free Will Baptist Missions - Acts 1:8  
PO Box 14  
Winfield, AL 35594  
<https://www.alfwb.org/acts-1-8>

Welch College  
1045 Bison Trail  
Gallatin, TN 37066  
<https://welch.edu/give/>

Visitation  
Sunday 4:00 - 7:00 PM  
Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church  
6909 State Highway 253  
Guin, AL 35563

Services  
Monday 10:00 AM  
Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church  
6909 State Highway 253  
Guin, AL 35563

Burial

Mt. Olive Cemetery

Guin, AL

Bro. Dave Franks, Sr, age 91 of Gardendale, AL formerly of Guin, passed away Monday, September 2, 2024, at his residence.

Born October 5, 1932, in Marion County, AL, he is the son of the late Howard Lincoln and Autie Lillian Maddox Franks and the husband of Patricia Lee Sturgill Franks. He had served as a Foreign Missionary to Brazil with the Free Will Baptist International Missions for 43 years. He was a member of the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Lee Franks, 2 daughters, Dr. Suzanne Carla Franks (Dr. Rommel Melgaco Barbosa), and Regina Ruth Franks, a son, Dave Robert Franks, Jr. (Rebecca Lynn), 3 grandchildren, Elisabeth Anna Hargrove (Darrin), Nathan Robert Franks (Alyssa), Celeste Grace Nichols (Jasper), 6 great grandchildren, Elijah, Junia, and Matthew Hargrove, Lincoln and Logan Franks, and Abigail Nichols, a sister, Betty Sue Plyler (Robert), a sister-in-law, Iva Lee Franks and a brother-in-law, William Hogan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Francis Anne Hogan, and a brother Julius Oliver Franks.

Services held Monday, September 9, 2024, at 10:00 AM at the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church with burial in the adjoining cemetery. Bro. Mike Beckon, Bro. Mike Cox, and Bro. Clint Morgan officiating.

Pallbearers, Danny Franks, Jasper Nichols, Anthony Prichett, Keith Rhudy, Milton Rhudy, and Jason Taylor. Honorary Pallbearers, Robert Plyler and Rob

Plyler.

A special thank you to Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church, Church H2O, and the Agape Care Group Hospice.

Veal Memorial Funeral Home of Guin, AL directing.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olive Cemetery

6909 State Hwy 253  
Guin, AL 35563

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church  
6909 State Hwy 253  
Guin, AL 35563

## Service

SEP 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church  
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Guin, AL 35563

# Tribute Wall



“ *Veal Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bro. Dave Franks Sr.*



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**Veal Memorial Funeral Home** - September 06, 2024 at 02:14 PM

CM

*Bro. Davie was a true pioneer for the Free Will Baptist International Mission. Through his faithful service many people in Brazil came to know Christ. His legacy lives on through those he lead to Christ and the ones they have, and are leading, to know Him. He was a great example of faithful service.*

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**Clint Morgan** - September 08, 2024 at 02:44 PM

BS

“ *Bill and Heloisa Skelton purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Bro. Dave Franks Sr..*



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**Bill and Heloisa Skelton** - September 06, 2024 at 10:12 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bro. Dave Franks Sr..*



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September 06, 2024 at 03:31 PM



“ *We met Dave and Pat on their furlough in the late 60's. We had them over for a meal to get to know them, and to learn all we could about Brazil. We were thankful for the courage he had to go to Brazil as a single man to open that field for Free Will Baptist. We are grateful for Dave and Pat and their contributions to the work in Brazil.*

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**Tom and Nancy Hughes** - September 06, 2024 at 12:28 PM



“ *Gary And Louella Lilly and Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Bro. Dave Franks Sr..*



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**Gary And Louella Lilly and Family** - September 06, 2024 at 11:50 AM

SA

“ Back in Brazil in the early 2000's my family was blessed to be with Pr Dave and his family. That's when I learned English in the most natural Godly way, also when I could see someone who look like Christ. For that, today I live to spread the Gospel using English. May God comfort the family and bring joy knowing he is in eternal life.

Sahra - September 05, 2024 at 03:02 PM

WB

“ William Barbosa lit a candle in memory of Dave Franks



William Barbosa - September 05, 2024 at 02:41 PM

WB

“ Em abril de 1984 o Pr Dave foi até minha casa e me apresentou definitivamente o plano de salvação de Jesus. Foi sem sombra de dúvida o dia mais importante da minha vida, aquele dia que me rendi a Cristo pela instrumentalidade de Seu servo, meu irmão e pai na fé, Pr Dave. Homem de Deus, que agora descansa com o Nosso Senhor Jesus.

William Barbosa - September 05, 2024 at 02:40 PM

MW

“ It was an honor to know such a precious man of God. He loved to share his faith and make sure you knew Jesus. Truly a treasure.



Michelle Wright - September 04, 2024 at 11:00 PM