



## Donald Stilley

September 4, 1935 - April 5, 2020

Donald was called home to his Heavenly Father on Sunday, April 5, 2020 at the age of 84. He was a native of Albany, Louisiana where he was known to be a very loving and kind man to not only his family but to his community. Donald joined the United States Army in April of 1954 and proudly served his country for 3 years. Throughout his life, Donald was committed to work hard in support of American Veterans in his community. He was a dedicated member of Bethlehem Baptist Church where he taught Sunday school for many years. Donald was a well-respected educator who dedicated 44 years as a teacher, principal, and supervisor after graduating from SLU and earning a Masters Degree from LSU. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed deer hunting. Donald had a passion and love for reading and telling stories and was known to share them with everyone he knew. He was a one of a kind father, a true friend, and an honest man who will be forever missed.

He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Nona Merle Flynt Stilley; sons, Benjamin Samuel Stilley and William Flynt Stilley; brother, S. Gerald Stilley.

Donald is preceded in death by his parents, Ted and Sarah Stilley; sister, Faye Stilley Foster; brother, Douglas Arthur Stilley; brother-in-law, Elmer Foster.

Due to the current order by Gov. Edwards, the family is not able to invite the public to a visitation or funeral services as intended.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Bethlehem Baptist Church Building Fund of Albany, Louisiana in his name.

# Cemetery

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## **Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery**

Albany, LA, 70711

# Comments

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“ Such an amazing man. I have so many great memories of him and his family. It was a great day to when he came To our campus and events. You were proud he knew you by name. RIP

**Janeth Moutray** - April 11 at 02:39 PM

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“ Mr. Donald was a great guy. Always cheerful and always kind. Loved hearing his stories in the school board break room as did my boys when he would show up in their classroom to share a tale. They would always come home laughing and happy when Mr. Donald visited. Condolences to his family and prayers for comfort and strength in the coming days.

**Sharon Peak Willard** - April 10 at 05:12 PM

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“ To Nona and Flynt Stilley from Curtis and Ida'lie Varnado. Donald Stilley was a great educator and a great friend, I shall miss him greatly. Ida'lie and I send our condolences. From Curtis Varnado,a former classmate of Nona's.

**Ida'lie Varnado** - April 09 at 03:04 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you.

**Gordon Anderson** - April 09 at 10:37 AM

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“ I met Mr Stilley when I started the ninth grade at Doyle High School. Mr Stilley was just out of college and enthusiastic about teaching his Civics class. He was intelligent and compassionate. He took an active part in teaching us to be good citizens and desired that all of his students, especially us rowdy country boys, graduate from high school. He always had kind words and funny stories. He didn't mind if a student joked with him respectfully. He made a huge impact on my life through the encouragement that he gave me. Throughout my life I would run across Mr Stilley and we would have great conversations about his family, my family and the state of our community or the world. We have lost one of the greatest men around, patriot, educator and friend. I pray for comfort for his family. I know God welcomed him home. Larry Phinney

**Larry Phinney** - April 09 at 09:18 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Mr Donald was a very kind man and I will miss seeing him around Albany. He always gave me a hug and kiss on the cheek and talked about family. He never knew a stranger because he loved everyone. Prayers for his family at this very sad time.

**Frances Marshall** - April 09 at 07:49 AM

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“ Mr. Donald was one of the sweetest men I have ever met. And always appeared so dapper - a true southern gentleman. Everytime I saw him in the community, he always made time to talk with me. He will be missed.

**Mary Beth** - April 08 at 10:14 PM

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“ Mr. Donald was truly a good man. Always called me Daniel. He'll be missed by many.

**Daniel Holden** - April 08 at 09:04 PM

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“ I always loved Mr. Donald! He called me Sister Tedder, my maiden name. He always had a story to tell that would bring a smile to your face. We have lost a wonderful Christian man.

**Jan Labbe'** - April 08 at 07:19 PM

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“ I am sorry to hear about Donald passing away. I first knew his family when they lived by us on the Old Baton Rouge Hwy. I called his parents, Uncle Ted and Aunt Sister. Donald was always always a good friend to everyone and never met a stranger. He will be greatly missed be all who knew him.

**Diane Richardson** - April 08 at 11:28 PM

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“ Brother Donald, as I always called him, always put a smile on my face. He always had a hug and kind word (and, of course, a story). I am saddened that we aren't able to gather together to pay our respects because he truly deserves everyone around him telling one last story.

**Sandy Kinchen** - April 08 at 04:33 PM



“ Donald was a wonderful man...loved his family, God and church. It was a privilege to know him.

**Ruth Martin** - April 08 at 06:52 PM

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“ We have lost a great raconteur! Since we were both raised poor, I always understood and appreciated Donald's country humor. I never tired of and will miss hearing his stories. He and I used to say that we were the only people that didn't mind going to funerals. Know that I'm with the family in spirit.

**Clark Forrest** - April 08 at 12:42 PM



“ Oh mon amie monsieur !! Oh my friend Mr. Donald, now I get to tip my hat to you!! Every single time I saw you, you removed ya hat and said "bon jour " I have tears running down my. Cheeks as I write this !!! You and Mr. Gerald encouraged me to be the best educator I could be BUT to always look to our Lord 1st for guidance !!! Love you Mr. DONALD !!

**Caroline** - April 08 at 09:48 PM



“ What a wonderful man,Always had a smile every morning at the bus stop....RIP

**Lisa** - April 10 at 03:26 AM