



FRANCIS "FRANKIE" WILLIAM GRILL

September 27, 2020

Racing Legend, Francis "Frank" William Grill, was born on April 25, 1942 in Birmingham, Alabama and passed away on September 27, 2020. Frank grew up in West End and attended Blessed Sacrament Catholic School where he was an altar boy. Frank's love for racing started early in life, building and racing soap box cars with his brothers and using parts they would find or barter. Frank later attended High School at West End. Once out of school and off the boat after serving his country in the Coast Guard, Frank went to work at Millbrook Bread company in Birmingham, Alabama and it was there that he met the love of his life Eva Justice. They were married one year later on August 31, 1968. With Eva in tow and two young children they would spend many a night at Birmingham International Raceway. Frank's love of racing continued to grow and One day he decided to turn his dream into a reality and with the help and encouragement of many friends but most importantly his wife, Eva Grill, Neil Bonnett Race Cars was formed. Eventually the name was changed to Grand American Race Cars but Frank's work and dedication remained the same. Frank turned his hobby into a lifelong, successful career and although there were many days and nights filled with long hours it never felt like a job to him. It was his life and he breathed it. Despite his tough exterior, those of us that were close enough to know him, knew what mattered most, his family, his children and his grandchildren. Frankie Grill crossed the finish line....and he ran one hell of a race.

Frank is preceded in death by his wife of fifty years, Eva Justice Grill, his parents John George Grill and Luanna Josephine Tyre and brothers Augie and Johnny Grill. Frank is lovingly remembered by his brother James "Jimmy" Grill (Barbara), daughter Frances Renea Giles (Clay), son August "Augie" Andrew Grill (Courtney) and six grandchildren, Jacob, Reagan, Owen, Eva, Nayson and Josie.

The visitation will be from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM, Thursday, October 1, 2020, at Peoples Chapel Funeral Home, Hueytown, AL. The funeral service will be at 2:00 PM, Friday, October 2, 2020, at Blue Lake Baptist Church, Chipley Florida.

Tribute Wall



“ *Your friends at Transportation Concepts purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of FRANCIS "FRANKIE" WILLIAM GRILL.*



Your friends at Transportation Concepts - October 01, 2020 at 09:54 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of FRANCIS "FRANKIE" WILLIAM GRILL.*



September 30, 2020 at 07:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of FRANCIS "FRANKIE" WILLIAM GRILL.*



September 30, 2020 at 06:51 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of FRANCIS "FRANKIE" WILLIAM GRILL.*



September 30, 2020 at 06:47 PM

AF

“ Alton Jones and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of FRANCIS "FRANKIE" WILLIAM GRILL.



Alton Jones and Family - September 30, 2020 at 06:26 PM

JH

“ Frank was a special kind of guy. He told it like it was and that was the only way he knew. I have a lot of memories of Frank and Augie back from the 90's when I was traveling and racing with them. Frank taught me a lot about this business and I have always had a lot of respect for him. He has contributed a lot of knowledge to Super Late Model Racing for many years. He will be greatly missed by many.

JEFF HAMNER - September 30, 2020 at 05:52 PM

JF

“ Jeff Hamner and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of FRANCIS "FRANKIE" WILLIAM GRILL.



Jeff Hamner and Family - September 30, 2020 at 05:31 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of FRANCIS "FRANKIE" WILLIAM GRILL.



September 30, 2020 at 03:46 PM

TE

“ Texas purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of FRANCIS "FRANKIE" WILLIAM GRILL.



Texas - September 30, 2020 at 03:13 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of FRANCIS "FRANKIE" WILLIAM GRILL.



September 30, 2020 at 02:01 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of FRANCIS "FRANKIE" WILLIAM GRILL.



September 30, 2020 at 12:02 PM

JW

“ Jerrad and Nichole Warren purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of FRANCIS "FRANKIE" WILLIAM GRILL.



Jerrad and Nichole Warren - September 30, 2020 at 10:26 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of FRANCIS "FRANKIE" WILLIAM GRILL.



September 30, 2020 at 10:19 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of FRANCIS "FRANKIE" WILLIAM GRILL.



September 30, 2020 at 10:02 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of FRANCIS "FRANKIE" WILLIAM GRILL.



September 30, 2020 at 09:37 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of FRANCIS "FRANKIE" WILLIAM GRILL.



September 30, 2020 at 09:16 AM

RC

“ *RW Racing Engines: Robbie, Sid, Otto & Carroll purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of FRANCIS "FRANKIE" WILLIAM GRILL.*



RW Racing Engines: Robbie, Sid, Otto & Carroll - September 29, 2020 at 06:17 PM

DP

“ *Dubz Thermal Products purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of FRANCIS "FRANKIE" WILLIAM GRILL.*



Dubz Thermal Products - September 29, 2020 at 05:28 PM