

In Tribute

Softly As I Leave You

*When the sunlight awakens you,
I'll be there too.
When the moon shines on your pillow...
I'll be shining on you.
I'll be in the cooling breeze,
as it rustles through the trees.
I'll be in the pouring rain,
as it hits your window pane.
When darkness dims your vision,
close your eyes and look above
I'll be standing right beside you.
You will always have my love
May peace and comfort be upon you...
hold close our memories
For in our hearts we know that
No matter where you go...is where I'll always be.*

Acknowledgement

The family of Mr. William "Bill" David Fox, Sr., thanks everyone for your prayers, assistance, calls, emails, texts, and thoughtful gestures of kindness during this very difficult time. We are especially grateful for the outpouring of love and encouragement from our family, friends, and loved ones, as well as the support of Garrison Chapel Baptist Church, St. Luke CME Church, and First Northeast Baptist Church. To those who participated in this service, and to the director and staff of Collins Funeral Home, we thank you for your excellent service. To our family and friends who traveled from near and far to be with us, we appreciate and thank you. May God bless and keep you.

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A Father's Love

*A Father's love is never gone,
It lives within the heart,
Through every cherished memory,
We're never far apart.*



*Professional Services Entrusted to
Reverend Anthony J. Bracy, Jr. and the Staff of*



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Memorial Services for

Mr. William David "Bill" Fox, Sr.

*Sunrise:
July 25, 1928*

*Sunset:
September 6, 2026*



Sunday, September 13, 2026 • 1:30 p.m.

*Garrison Chapel Baptist Church
416 Markham Road
Tryon, North Carolina 28782*

Reverend Earl Alexander, II, Pastor Presiding

Life's Reflections

MR. WILLIAM DAVID FOX, SR., fondly known to most as "Bill," departed this earthly life on September 5, 2026, at the age of 98. He was born on July 25, 1928, in Tryon, North Carolina, to Ernest Fox and Iona Berry Fox. Bill was a good-natured, laid-back man who never seemed in a hurry to get anywhere.

Bill Fox attended Edmund Emory High School in Tryon. He began working at a young age, doing farm work. He often told the story of walking 3 miles to school and 3 miles back home. Bill was drafted into the US Army at age 22. He served from November 1950 until August 1952 and participated in the Korean War. Bill was honorably discharged as a Sergeant.

After returning to his community, Bill began married life with his bride, Hazel Burns Fox. He worked a variety of jobs, including farming, driving a fuel truck, and working out of town on construction projects. He managed a small café in uptown Tryon for many years and met many people through that job. Bill was employed at a textile plant, Bigelow Sanford, which later became Landrum Mills and then Mohawk. He retired from the plant after 23 years.

Bill was active in the community. He was a member of Garrison Chapel Baptist Church and coached the women's softball team, the "Tryon Allstars," for years. He was also a proud member of the Prince Hall Masons, Tryon City Lodge #518, and the Tryon Social Club. He enjoyed social events and traveling with the social group to various locations. In his younger years, he was an avid reader of western paperbacks and remained a devoted fan of classic TV westerns throughout his life.

Bill loved God and his family. He enjoyed attending family reunions and spending time together over good food. Although he was never a man of many words, he would chime in occasionally. He was very proud of his children and grandchildren.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, both sisters, and special friends.

He leaves behind his children, with whom he shares precious memories: William David Fox, Jr. (Ella), Iona Fox Graham (Sidney), Dr. Joseph L. Fox (Ben), and Jacqueline Fox Rosby. He also leaves his grandchildren: Shemaine Fox Pickens, William Fox, III, Jasmin Graham, Shona and Nickolas Martin, Aaron Rosby, and Dylan Murray; and five great-grandchildren. Bill had a special place in his heart for his first cousin, Mrs. Ruth Berry McClure, and for a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Remembering Bill...



Order of Service

Reverend Earl Alexander, II, Presiding

MUSICAL PRELUDE Mr. Bernard Brown

OPENING MUSICAL SELECTION Dr. Warren Carson
"My Soul Has Been Anchored in the Lord"

OPENING PRAYER Reverend Earl Alexander, II
Pastor, Garrison Chapel Baptist Church

SCRIPTURE READINGS
OLD TESTAMENT Reverend Carl Wanamaker
Psalm 23 *Pastor, St. Luke CME Church*
NEW TESTAMENT Reverend Priscilla Burns Allen
2 Timothy 4:7-8

PRAYER OF COMFORT Reverend Timothy Brown
Pastor, Full Proof Ministries

MUSICAL SELECTION Mrs. Shemaine Fox Pickens
"Amazing Grace"

REFLECTIONS Mr. Danny Williams
(Limit 3 minutes, please)
Prince Hall Mason

Mrs. Nancy Burns Bush, Niece
Mr. James Suber, Sr., Nephew

MUSICAL SELECTION Mrs. Shemaine Fox Pickens
"Open My Heart"

WORDS OF COMFORT Reverend Eleanor Miller
Pastor, New Zion CME Church

MUSICAL SELECTION Mr. Bernard Brown
Instrumental Medley of Music

RECESSIONAL *"Going Up Yonder"*

INURNMENT WITH MILITARY HONORS

Good Shepherd Cemetery
99 Jackson Street • Tryon, North Carolina 28782

COMMITTAL, CLOSING PRAYER & BENEDICTION

REPAST:
St. Luke CME Church
462 Markham Road • Tryon, North Carolina 28782