



A friendly smile,
a casual touch,
These are the things
that mean so much.

To know you are with us
in our time of sorrow,
Sharing our prayers,
today and tomorrow.

God gives us the comfort
in the form of great family
And good friends.
May His peace be with you,
His love never ends.

From the family of William Ballard Bess

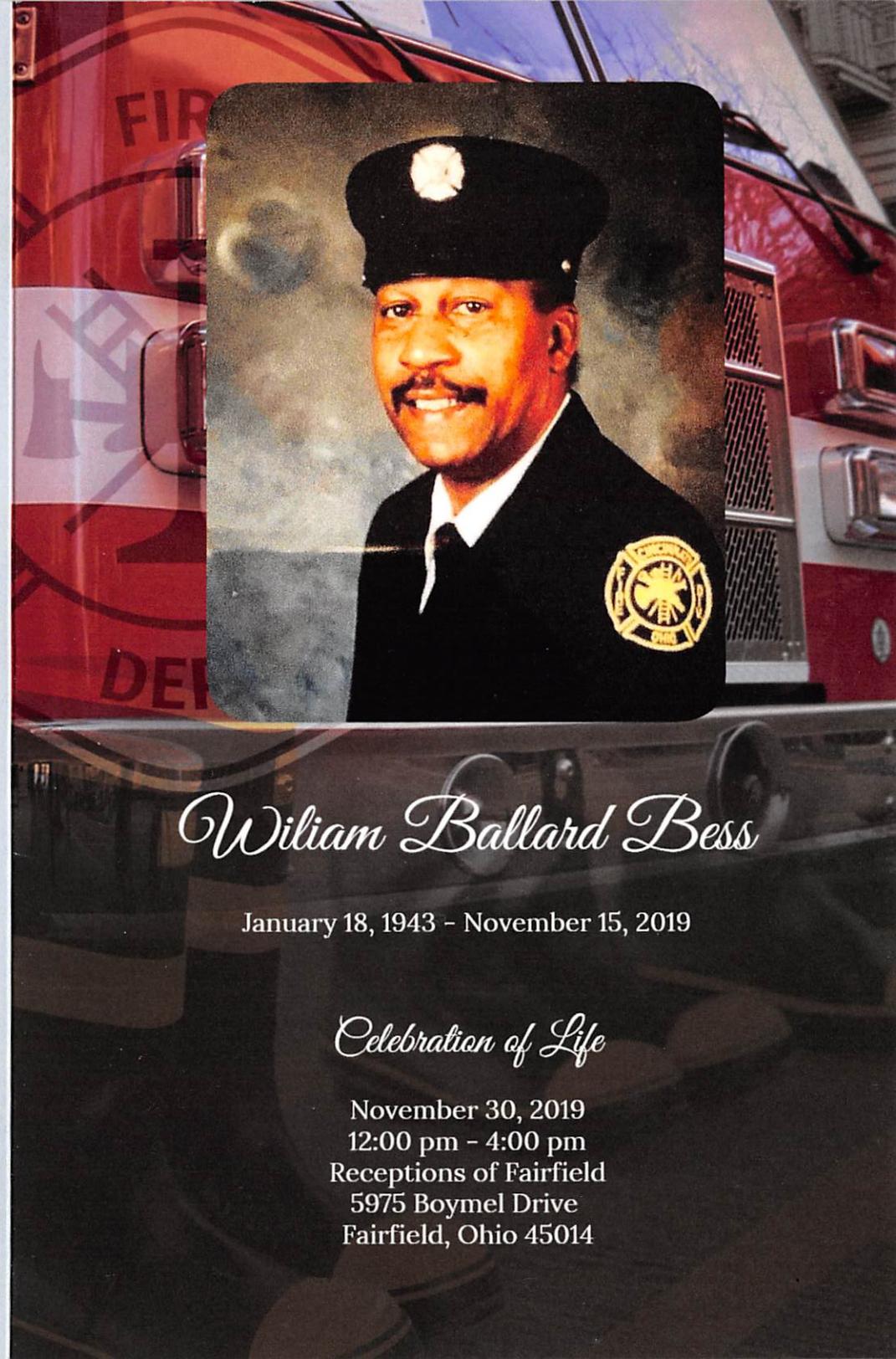
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The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.
~May God Bless and Keep You!



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William Ballard Bess

January 18, 1943 - November 15, 2019

Celebration of Life

November 30, 2019
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Receptions of Fairfield
5975 Boymel Drive
Fairfield, Ohio 45014

Obituary

On Friday November 15th, 2019 William Ballard Bess (aka Billy) loving husband and father of four children, passed away at the age of 76.

Billy was born on January 18, 1943, in Greenup, KY, a proud Appalachian, to William Daniel Bess and Peoria Catherine Bess. He graduated from Withrow High School in 1961, he held several jobs after finishing high school, but the job that he felt the most rewarding was being a Fire Fighter for the Cincinnati Fire Department, which he joined in 1974 and retired after serving 25 years in 1999, receiving numerous awards throughout his career. The Union of William Sr and Catherine, bore 6 siblings James, Bobby, Daryl, Sylvia and Michael.

Billy was the eldest amongst the six.

Billy married his first wife Beverly Jean Barber, on May 27th, 1963 and from this union, he had three daughters, Dorothy Jackson partner to his eldest daughter Dawn Yvette (who preceded him in death), Damon Yvelle and Dionne Yallon.

Billy married his beloved, second wife Theresa Ann Gaither on October 15th, 1988 from this union he became the stepfather to Theresa's daughter Cindy Gaither-Wesley. Billy and Theresa were not only a great couple they were best friends.

Billy loved life, loved his family, meeting people, and was a great conversationalist and made everyone around feel like they were one of the family. He loved to joke and was the life of the party. Billy was admired not only by friends and family, but also by all who knew him. Family and music were his great passions. He was known for his quick wit, his infectious smile, and his kind and compassionate spirit.

Billy was preceded in death by his eldest daughter Dawn Bess. He is survived by his wife Theresa Bess, 3 daughters Damon Bess, Dionne Bess and Cindy Gaither-Wesley, four grandsons who he truly adored, De' Andre, Andre, Arman and Avionne, and a great grandson, Brayden, and his youngest brother, Daryl Bess.

His Celebration of life will be held on November 30th from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Receptions of Fairfield, located at 5975 Boymel Dr, Fairfield, OH 45014.

Billy's favorite saying was "Dance like nobody's watching". His legacy will carry on and he will always be fondly remembered.

Order of Service

Opening Remarks Valerie Evans

Opening Prayer Linda Ubeko

Lunch 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Selection Tomeka Grooms-Mitchell

Poem Dionne Bess and Damon Bess

Reflections Theresa Bess and Cindy Wesley

Remarks (3 min max)

Selection Miko Woods

Closing Remarks and Prayer Karen Walker

