



Billy Glenn Sossamon

December 20, 1929 - April 25, 2018

Billy Glen Sossamon, 88, of Ozark, Arkansas. He was a successful businessman/farmer, a member of Ozark First Assembly of God Church, an Army Veteran of Korea that received the Korea Service Medal, United Nations Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and Army of Occupation Medal, and received the rank of Sergeant. He was born December 20, 1929 in Ozark to James Rufus and Oda Swearingin Sossamon. Growing up during the depression encouraged Bill to work hard and Strive for a more successful life. He started several businesses beginning with a gas station/vehicle detailing business, and finally developing/owning a chemical manufacturing business with over 300 employees. Bill always considered his employees as his extended family. During all of Bill's endeavors, his wife Vesta was always there supporting, encouraging, and praying for him. He served with the 78th AAA Headquarter Battery, Gun Battalion. After returning from Korea honorably discharged, he joined the Army National Guards. Bill achieved the Korean Service Medal and Marksmanship Medal for his contributions in the service. In Bill's later years he was active in the 78th AAA Army Reunions.

Returning to the farm in Ozark was always one of his dreams, which he accomplished in 1991 when he "retired". Family was always important to Bill, whether having gatherings and/or working together. One of his extended family members once said, "I guess Bill's business won't be growing bigger he's ran out of family members to hire". Other family members looked to Bill for guidance. Bill was a good Father, Grandpa, Uncle and Friend.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his step-mother, Lottie Smith Sossamon; his wife of fifty seven years, Vesta Shotwell Sossamon; siblings, Alma Hood McCain, Gelene Jeffers, James Earl Sossamon, Jack Sossamon, and Pauline Sossamon; a son-in-law, Jesse L. Day; and a niece, Shirley Hood Winter.

Bill is survived by a son, Bill M. Sossamon and wife Liz of Ozark; a daughter, Glenda Sossamon Day of Ozark; his grandchildren, Sarah Sexton and husband Kyle, Laura Sossamon, Billy Christopher and wife Jessica, and Adam Day; two great grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Vida Sossamon; and many nieces and nephews.

Family will visit with friends from 6:00 until 8:00 PM Monday, April 30th at Shaffer Funeral Home, 2315 West Commercial Street in Ozark.

Funeral service will be held 10:00 AM Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at Ozark First Assembly of God Church with Brother Jim McElhaney and Brother Kyle Sexton officiating and burial at Highland Cemetery under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home of Ozark.

To leave online condolences visit our website at: www.shafferfuneralhomewe.com

Serving as pallbearers are nephews, Gary Hood, Larry Hood, Ron Jeffers, David Sossamon, Richard Smith, Wayne Sossamon, Bryan Hood, Mark Bee, Jim Winter, Jamie Carty and Long-time employee and friend, Al Torres.

Cemetery Details

Highland Cemetery

Highway 64 West
Ozark, AR 72949

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home
2315 West Commercial Street
PO Box 680
Ozark, AR 72949
(479) 667-4147
shafferfuneralhome@gmail.com

Funeral Service

MAY 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

Ozark First Assembly of God Church
3701 West Commercial Street
Ozark, AR 72949

Tribute Wall



“ *Billy Glenn Sossamon*

January 30, 2023 at 02:28 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Billy Glenn Sossamon.*



April 30, 2018 at 11:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Billy Glenn Sossamon.*



April 30, 2018 at 09:21 AM



“ *Cathy Jordan lit a candle in memory of Billy Glenn Sossamon*



Cathy Jordan - April 29, 2018 at 11:48 PM

JB

“ Bill was one of the most honorable people I have ever known. A gentleman, outstanding father and dear friend. I met him one Christmas vacation in 1973 or 1974 when Bill Jr. and I were attending the University of Oklahoma. I drove to Ozark and saw Bill Jr., his dad, mom and sister. It was the beginning of a friendship with his family that has extended almost a half-century.

From that first meeting, I was impressed with the kindness and confidence that Bill Sr. displayed. Just being around him, you just knew that things were going to be successful.

Through the years, I had the pleasure of visiting Bill in Arkansas, California and Washington, D.C. Always jolly; always sharing.

He impressed me as someone who was not afraid to take a prudent risk. Not a crazy risk. But one that was thought-out. He had the courage to "roll the dice."

As evidenced by his decision to enter politics. Even though he had become successful in the poultry and cattle business, he decided in the mid-1970s to run for Franklin County sheriff. Well, as luck would have it, he lost. But as things turned, out, that was the best thing that could ever have happened to him.

He picked up and moved to California where he opened a fabulously successful swimming pool products company with three plants up and down the state. He once told me that had he been younger, he would have taken the company nationwide. But as it was, he sold the business while he was on top and returned to Ozark financially secure.

I said to Bill that had he won that race for sheriff, he might have gotten shot. Might never have made it to California and realized the tremendous success that he had there.

So things worked out. I am so blessed to have known him. He set a

high moral standard and was a role model. A wonderful human being.

*Depart, O Christian soul, out of this world...May your rest be this day in peace,
and your dwelling place in the Paradise of God.*

Jim Bradshaw - April 29, 2018 at 10:42 PM

DM

“ *David Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Billy Glenn Sossamon*



David Mitchell - April 29, 2018 at 12:29 AM