



## Mr. Franklin Elvis Byrd

October 25, 1937 - December 23, 2017

Remembering the Life and Legacy of Husband, Father, Teacher & Friend,  
Franklin E. Byrd

Franklin E. Byrd (80) graduated from his earthbound life moving onto his eternal home early Saturday, December 23, 2017. He was born in St. Louis, MO to the late Elvis and Ethel Byrd. He is a lifetime resident of Manila, AR.

Frank met, fell in love with, and married a young German girl who moved to the Manila area. They shared over 56 years of marriage together. Frank completed not only a Bachelor's Degree, but also a Masters in Biology from Arkansas State University.

Frank was best known for his zest for life, his commitment to family and friends, and indicating first hand how special a kind word and a wide smile are to those around you. He was the master of many things: teaching, fishing, hunting, and beekeeping, just to name a few. Frank was especially handy, and was the master craftsman who single-handedly (with the assistance of his family) built the beautiful home that his family still resides in today. He was always willing and eager to help those around him, whether it be capturing a swarm of bees at a neighbor's home, retrieving a raccoon, squirrel, possum or other small animal from a friend's home, or filling a need that he spotted for someone in the community.

Teaching was his career field of choice, and one that he is still cherished for today. Middle School Science was his specialty, and he is fondly remembered for “his form” of discipline within the classroom. His students not only respected him and enjoyed his teaching techniques, but they knew him to be consistent with his classroom policies and the consequences for breaking the rules.

At 80, Frank had long been retired from teaching at Manila High School. He enjoyed working outside projects with friends, deer hunting, and working his raspberries and grapes. Frank was deeply involved in the launch of the family business Tri-City LLC Crematory Funeral Home. He looked forward to, and enjoyed spending time with his family. Frank was a devoted father and husband, and was a strong pillar in the community of Manila. He had impeccable timing, whether it was his witty sense of humor or his love for pranks and practical jokes. He had a prize-winning smile and a laugh that will never be forgotten. His family adored him, and rightly so, he was and still is their hero. He was known for his wisdom and patience, among many other characteristics that allowed him to lead his family with strength, yet loving kindness. He provided an incredible Christian example for his family as a husband, a father, and a Papa, that he will always hold within their eyes.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Elvis and Ethel Byrd of Manila, two brothers Edgar Byrd (CA) and Carl Byrd (Manila), and one sister Myron Birge (WA).

Frank is survived by his wife, Charlotte Byrd, his two daughters, Rose Lindberg (David) of Memphis, TN and Susan Robertson of Manila; three grandchildren, Jared Turner (Megan) of McKinney, TX, Emily Harrison (Jordan) of Plano, TX and Jordan Robertson of Fayetteville, AR; two great grandchildren; Eli Turner & Harper Harrison.

Three nephews: Vic Byrd (Theresa) of Fayetteville, GA, Mike Birge (Kathy) of Pasco, WA, and Ron Byrd (Sharon) of Sacramento, CA; Three nieces: Mary Byrd, Shirley Tindall , Debbie Herman (Fred) of Las Vegas, NV.

To honor Frank and the life that he lived, we hope that you will do an unexpected and unsolicited act of kindness for another soul.

There will be celebration of life held at the United Methodist Church in Manila, AR at on Saturday, December 30th. Visitation will begin at 1PM and the service at 2PM.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

DEC **30**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

United Methodist Church  
209 Baltimore  
(870) 561-4936  
Manila, AR 72442

# Tribute Wall



“ *Tri-City Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Franklin Elvis Byrd*



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**Tri-City Crematory Funeral Home.** ~ Serving for over 10 Years - December 29, 2017 at 01:59 AM

AB

“ *It was such an honor to meet my Great Uncle Frankie AND play a piano concert for both him and his wife AND my Grandad at the University of Arkansas!! Frankie was so full of joy as I just saw through the pictures from his slide show! He will be missed!*

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**Adam Bowles** - December 29, 2017 at 11:01 PM

PS

“ *Dear Aunt Charlotte and family,  
SO sorry to hear about the passing of Uncle Frankie. He was such a good hearted man.  
I am so glad we got Dad, Uncle Carl and Uncle Frankie together once more before Dad passed... it was fun to see everyone...lots of childhood memories of the 3 of them together.  
Hard to believe they are now all gone... Uncle Frankie always had such great stories to tell! I will never forget his infectious laugh! ... I feel very sad for you all to lose such a special one.  
With Love and Sympathy,  
Patty*

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**Patty Stomberg** - December 29, 2017 at 12:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Franklin Elvis Byrd.*



December 29, 2017 at 10:01 AM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Mr. Franklin Elvis Byrd.*



December 28, 2017 at 05:49 PM



“ *From the family of brother Ed Byrd purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Franklin Elvis Byrd.*



**From the family of brother Ed Byrd** - December 28, 2017 at 01:03 PM



“ *2 files added to the album New Album Name*



**Ron Byrd** - December 28, 2017 at 01:02 PM

RB

*Visit by bother Ed Byrd with his son Ron & daughter Patty. Taking picture (not shown) is Sally Ross*

**Ron Byrd** - December 28, 2017 at 02:11 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Franklin Elvis Byrd.*



December 28, 2017 at 08:49 AM

YD

“ *Your friends at Bryce Corporation - AMR Department purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Franklin Elvis Byrd.*



**Your friends at Bryce Corporation - AMR Department -**  
December 27, 2017 at 12:17 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Franklin Elvis Byrd.*



December 27, 2017 at 11:00 AM

LH

“ I remember getting a ( love tap) as he would refer to them, from Mr. Byrd, as a group of girl's sat Indian style on grass at school, after the buzzer went off. He took us in the room and gave us a ( love tap) then asked " what did we have to say about this" me, being the first to speak up, I replied { we want smoke on yard anymore} his reaction was ( oh do y'all were smoking too!! ) so guess what? we got anotheranothet ( love tap) 🤔  
I just loved his class and his zest for life. I do have a few more memories with Mr. Byrd that will always be in my heart.  
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**Louise Hawkins** - December 26, 2017 at 11:31 AM



“ Mr Byrd, he was one of the kindest men you would ever meet. Always had a smile on his face. Always called me Yancey #2 and called Jodie Yancey #1. I remember when Sandy Adams(Vancley) and I got warned a couple of times about talking and on 3rd time he gave us our "love taps" in front of everybody. That's the one and only time I remember getting them. Mr Byrd was a wonderful teacher and cared about his students. He didn't make a difference in his students. We all got treated the same way. He gave respect to us and we gave him respect right back. Always one of my favorite teachers. Fly high Mr Byrd. I will see you again one day. My condolences to the rest of your friends and family.

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**Lisa Yancey Rupp** - December 25, 2017 at 02:04 PM

PM

“ I loved his class. The one and only paddling I got in school was from Mr Bryd . Lol The whole class got one lick each. We didn't follow his instruction when he had to leave the classroom from 2 minutes !! First snake I EVER held for 2.5 seconds was in Mr Byrd's class!! I hated the metric system but he made it somewhat fun !!!! Soooo many fun memories I'll cherish forever !!!!!’

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**Pam Moore** - December 24, 2017 at 09:54 PM

DC

“ Mr. Byrd was one of the finest teachers that I have ever known. He had respect for the child and a passion to teach. He taught many Manila students more than just Science. He was a gentlemen who taught us the meaning of class and honor. Mr. Byrd most certainly will be missed, but his fingerprints are all over the lives of hundreds if not thousands of Manila students. He was simply one of the best. Our hearts go out to the family! May the Lord comfort you in this time.

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**Dr. Tony Cherry** - December 24, 2017 at 05:20 PM

SC

“ Mr. Byrd was a great man and loved his deer hunting. He will be missed by many!

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**Seth Chipman** - December 24, 2017 at 04:54 PM

PF

“ Frank always had a way of making you feel warm and special. He didn't have to say a lot, just a big smile, a wink of the eye with a nod of his head, a gentle pat on the hand or back. He loved to tease, especially when it would get a rise out of Charlotte. He'd just laugh. When we were looking at places to buy a new home, he said, Manila. Well, when we bought our new home in Manila, we were so excited to tell he and Charlotte that we were now here and they could ride to church with us if they wanted to. The week before he went home to be with the Lord, we came by and visited with Frank and his precious family. We talked about deer hunting, had wonderful prayer together, he hugged me and kissed my forehead. I knew he was saying good-bye. He and Charlotte have been like parents and grandparents to us and our children for many years. They are family. Folks like Frank and Charlotte are few and far between, priceless. We will greatly miss him. Bro. Frank, enjoy the splendor of heaven. We will see you again! Charlotte & Family, we love you dearly and are right here if you need anything. May God richly bless you and comfort you. May His face shine upon you and give you peace.

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**Pastor Crystal Seward, JC, and Family** - December 24, 2017 at 08:06 AM

LA

“ You were a very special friend to the class of 1981. Our hero.

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**Liz Ashabranner** - December 24, 2017 at 07:56 AM

AD

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Mr. Byrd was and is a special person. He will be missed by many. Your family are in our prayers



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**Arlis and Carla Dozhier** - December 24, 2017 at 07:28 AM

TT

“ So sorry for your loss. He was a great man who loved his family, his friends, his work and especially God. He was always friendly and smiling. He will be missed by many but is also rejoicing with many others now. I pray Gods comfort for your family.

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**Trey Townsend** - December 24, 2017 at 06:27 AM

 Donna Boatman

“ Absolutely loved this man. Even his "love taps" were a lesson to remember. He would have us get in front of the class and say "Yancey, bend over, look Adams in the eye and don't move ". We knew we better stay still and just take our taps. He is and always will be a great man, and will be truly missed by all that got the privilege of knowing him.

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**Donna Boatman** - December 24, 2017 at 02:36 AM

J(

“ He touched so many lives, didn't matter who you where or had the right name, you where treated equal. Wonderful teacher an mentor. Never went to class that he wasn't happy to be there, an his light shined through us all. Gone but never forgotten! Fly high, heaven gained the best angel@

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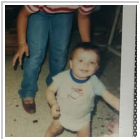
**Jeanette lasater (yancey)** - December 24, 2017 at 02:22 AM

SW

“ I worked for Mr. Byrd a few summers helping with his bees. I think I was 13, maybe 14, years old. He would run circles around me anytime we worked!! He was a wonderful teacher and friend as well. Many people have posted about Mr. Byrd and how he made science fun!! Well, I went on and graduated college with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture concentrated in Animal Science. I would have to say I am sure he had something to do with that!! We will miss you Mr. Byrd and look forward to smoking those bees out with you again someday!!!  
Scotty Watkins

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**Scotty Watkins** - December 24, 2017 at 02:20 AM



“ I still remember that paragraph that I had to write but didn't complete he had to give me a paddling but every time he would see me he would always say how you doing today Collins I sure had fun in his class he was very and will be missed dearly fly high and rest easy Mr Byrd

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**Jerry Collins** - December 23, 2017 at 11:58 PM

DH

“ A toast, good sir. Thank you for the memories.

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**Dan Hilligrass** - December 23, 2017 at 11:12 PM

NT

“ I was able to know Mr. Byrd as a student and later as a friend. He and my PaPa were friends (Sharon Carpenter). He was a great teacher. He touched many lives and will be missed. He called me by my last name in class and said, "Caban if they don't know the answer- I know you can tell us!" I felt I was a bit of a teachers pet...but really I know he just made us all fill that way.

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**Nisa Trenthem** - December 23, 2017 at 10:59 PM

JJ

“ *Mr. Byrd was a very good man he taught so many of us guys how to be men*

*How to respect our elders and ourselves he would explain the reasons for your punishment and how I earned it and he wanted us to be a better person he always called me Mr. Parsley and the day I graduated he shook my hand and told me he was proud of me and called me John and that was serious from him he will never be forgotten and he is a big piece of all of us that had his classes*

*Rest easy my friend  
Bro. John Parsley, Jr*

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**john parsley jr** - December 23, 2017 at 10:52 PM

DC

“ *Mr Byrd made an impression on me that has lasted my entire life. During that time in my life when I was in his classes, home life was hard for me. He was a father figure in my life, and the first adult I ever knew that explained that his "love taps" were necessary, but didn't mean that I was any less in his eyes. He was always there smiling and calling me Mr Carter. Even in my adult life, he took the time out to tell me he was proud of me. I will miss him.*

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**Delbert A Carter** - December 23, 2017 at 10:32 PM

MB

“ *Uncle was and always will be the voice of my family. He meant more than mere words can express. To hear that voice, was to know he was present!!*

*I'll always miss you Uncle.....  
And always love you.....*

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**Mike Birge** - December 23, 2017 at 10:01 PM

EJ

*Mr Frank, you were such a great neighbor and friend. I will miss that smile and greeting of MR Jackson. Your legacy is already spelled out by these posts of so many friends. May you be caughtup in God's arms until we meet again. Earl Jackson*

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**Earl Jackson** - December 24, 2017 at 10:51 PM

TM

*Frank, I know you are being welcomed by the friends and family who went before you. And, I am quite sure that there is singing and dancing and celebration at your arrival. By now, you are hearing those words which fit your life so totally, "well done". Your smile will linger with us; and, as your obit. mentioned, I am committed to the "random acts of kindness". You will be remembered as a dear friend who loved life and lived it well. Thanks for the MHS memories. Tapian Ellis Murray*

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**Tapian "Tappy" Murray** - December 30, 2017 at 10:04 PM

VC

*Uncle Frank,*

*You were the best of the best. Always caring, always so helpful, and always ready to help out on any project. Over the years when we would call on you and Aunt Charlotte for help, you were always there to help out when we could not get home. We thank you two so much for just being there. Our thoughts and love will always be with you.*

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**Vic & Teresa Byrd, Bria & Dave Cordova** - January 22, 2019 at 09:34 PM