



## May Bell Franklin

December 17, 1937 - April 13, 2021

May Bell (Moore ) Franklin was born December 17, 1937, in Warren County, Kentucky, a daughter of the late Clyde Washington Moore and Thelma Lee (McClung) Moore. May Bell attended and graduated from State Street High School in 1955.

At an early age, May Bell joined and was baptized at State Street Baptist Church, Bowling Green, KY under the leadership of the late Rev. J. E. Jones, she later moved her letter to Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Bowling Green, KY under the leadership of the late Rev. J. H. Taylor. May Bell retired from Best Western after 20 years, and Academy for Little People after 15 plus years of service.

In June of 1959, May Bell married the late Merritt Franklin in Warren County, Kentucky by Rev. Martin. May Bell embraced us with her bold full thoughts and quick wisdom. She never waivered unto anyone but the Lord.

On, April 13, 2021, as the moon set in the sky, May Bell joined those gone before her, husband, Merritt Franklin; son, Gary W. Moore; parents Clyde & Thelma Moore; sister, Dorothy Louise Black; brothers, Willie Frank Moore and James Carroll Moore; aunts, Camilla Morris and Mary Sarah McClung; and special cousin, Josephus Cole; grandparents, Claude Newton McClung & Effie Hayes.

To cherish the loving memory of May Bell Franklin she leaves her children, son, Keith (Jan) Franklin, San Diego, CA, daughters, Shelter S. Franklin, Glasgow, KY, Starlet L. Franklin, Bowling Green, KY; grandchildren, Douglas (Michelle) Moore, Cheona (Antonio) Webster, Shawn Franklin, Chaddrick Franklin, Jamison Franklin, Adyn Franklin and Jordyn Franklin; great-grandchildren, Mason (Yuli), Breece, Javren, Myona, Elijah, Cade, Noah, Jayla, and Jalen; great-great-grandchildren, Elizabeth Moore and Mason Moore, Jr.; sister, LaVerne Moore; several nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Sincerely,

-Your friends at Burnam and Son

# Cemetery Details

## Number Eight Cemetery

2778 Iron Bridge Road  
Oakland, KY 42159

# Previous Events

## Walk-Through Visitation

APR 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc.  
201 Center Street  
Bowling Green, KY 42101  
(270) 843-2336  
[burnamson@mw.twcbc.com](mailto:burnamson@mw.twcbc.com)

## Private Funeral Service

APR 19. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MC

“ Marilyn Cullom sent a virtual gift in memory of May Bell Franklin



Marilyn cullom - April 28, 2021 at 05:10 AM

SL

“ Sending my sincere love and condolences to her family and friends!! A beautiful lady. She always had a smile on her face and kind words..I always enjoyed seeing her!! Heaven has gained another Angel!! 🙏

Sabrina Loving - April 21, 2021 at 07:18 AM

JF

“ Jackie Ray & Family lit a candle in memory of May Bell Franklin



Jackie Ray & Family - April 19, 2021 at 06:43 PM

BC

“ Prayers for the family. I remember Mrs. May Bell from Kid's World Daycare. She was so much fun and always made me laugh !!!  
Brenda (Britt) Cason



Brenda Cason - April 19, 2021 at 05:42 PM

MF

“ *Maxine Ray & Family lit a candle in memory of May Bell Franklin*



**Maxine Ray & Family** - April 19, 2021 at 01:14 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of May Bell Franklin.*



April 19, 2021 at 06:08 AM

SF

“ *Sue Sweatt And Family lit a candle in memory of May Bell Franklin*



**Sue Sweatt and family** - April 18, 2021 at 09:41 PM

JR

“ *Jean Reid lit a candle in memory of May Bell Franklin*



**Jean Reid** - April 18, 2021 at 07:26 PM

MF

“ *Matthew 5:4*  
*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."*

*The Good News: God will never abandon us during our times of grief — he will always provide us with love and hope.*



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**Mrs. Hannah Whitney & Family** - April 18, 2021 at 05:43 AM

KB

“ *Kenetha Bryant lit a candle in memory of May Bell Franklin*



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**kenetha bryant** - April 17, 2021 at 11:30 PM

KB

“ *Kenetha Bryant sent a virtual gift in memory of May Bell Franklin*



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**kenetha bryant** - April 17, 2021 at 11:30 PM

SB

“ *Susie Beck lit a candle in memory of May Bell Franklin*



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**Susie Beck** - April 17, 2021 at 10:10 PM

MW

“ Shelter and family; It is with regrets that I must express my sincere condolences. You all are in my prayers.



Mamie Wardlow - April 17, 2021 at 06:59 PM

SI

“ Sanford And Marcia Irvin lit a candle in memory of May Bell Franklin



Sanford and Marcia Irvin - April 17, 2021 at 02:53 PM

DA

“ My Condolences to Family 🙏❤️



DONNA ANTHONY - April 17, 2021 at 02:33 PM

FG

“ Faye Gamble lit a candle in memory of May Bell Franklin



Faye gamble - April 17, 2021 at 02:25 PM



“ *Hilda Sarver lit a candle in memory of May Bell Franklin*



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**Hilda Sarver** - April 17, 2021 at 12:31 AM



“ *Chantay Offutt & Asti Offutt lit a candle in memory of May Bell Franklin*



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**Chantay Offutt & Asti Offutt** - April 16, 2021 at 11:42 PM



“ *Estella Hill lit a candle in memory of May Bell Franklin*



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**Estella Hill** - April 16, 2021 at 04:56 PM



“ *Stella Jewell sent a virtual gift in memory of May Bell Franklin*



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**stella Jewell** - April 16, 2021 at 04:29 PM

GR

“ *Gail Rasmussen lit a candle in memory of May Bell Franklin*



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**Gail Rasmussen** - April 16, 2021 at 03:27 PM

SF

“ *Sandra Ferguson lit a candle in memory of May Bell Franklin*



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**Sandra Ferguson** - April 16, 2021 at 01:11 PM

BR

“ *The loss of a mother isn't easy but God will see you through.*



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**Beverly Ray** - April 16, 2021 at 12:14 PM

MF

“ *Mrs. Hannah Whitney & Family lit a candle in memory of May Bell Franklin*



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**Mrs. Hannah Whitney & Family** - April 16, 2021 at 10:24 AM

JD

“ *Jammes H. Davidson lit a candle in memory of May Bell Franklin*



Jammes H. Davidson - April 16, 2021 at 09:05 AM



“ *Faith Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of May Bell Franklin*



Faith Mitchell - April 15, 2021 at 10:11 PM

CS

“ *Carolyn Sydnor sent a virtual gift in memory of May Bell Franklin*



Carolyn Sydnor - April 15, 2021 at 05:19 PM

BP

“ *Barbara Page lit a candle in memory of May Bell Franklin*



Barbara Page - April 15, 2021 at 04:48 PM

GB

“ Gladys M Beason lit a candle in memory of May Bell Franklin



Gladys M Beason - April 15, 2021 at 04:47 PM

SG

“ Prayers for family my heart goes out to her daughter Sheena a very good friend of mine! May belle was a great woman loved hearing her laugh. She will be missed!!

sharon Garmon - April 15, 2021 at 03:59 PM

WA

“ Wanda Anthony lit a candle in memory of May Bell Franklin



Wanda Anthony - April 15, 2021 at 03:01 PM

DW

“ Diana Wilson lit a candle in memory of May Bell Franklin



Diana Wilson - April 15, 2021 at 01:40 PM

TC

“ Tina Cooke lit a candle in memory of May Bell Franklin



Tina Cooke - April 15, 2021 at 11:25 AM

GC

“ Gwen Coats lit a candle in memory of May Bell Franklin



Gwen Coats - April 15, 2021 at 11:16 AM



“ William Walker lit a candle in memory of May Bell Franklin



William Walker - April 15, 2021 at 10:13 AM

KC

“ Kenny & Crisandra Coleman lit a candle in memory of May Bell Franklin



Kenny & Crisandra Coleman - April 15, 2021 at 10:03 AM

DB

“ *David Anna Barbee lit a candle in memory of May Bell Franklin*



David Anna Barbee - April 15, 2021 at 08:40 AM

CW

“ *Constance White lit a candle in memory of May Bell Franklin*



Constance White - April 15, 2021 at 02:29 AM

AP

“ *Angela Pillow lit a candle in memory of May Bell Franklin*



Angela Pillow - April 14, 2021 at 10:07 PM

SF

“ *Sue Sweatt And Family lit a candle in memory of May Bell Franklin*



Sue Sweatt and family - April 14, 2021 at 07:46 PM

DJ

“ Debra Jewell sent a virtual gift in memory of May Bell Franklin



Debra jewell - April 14, 2021 at 06:57 PM

CN

“ Carla Sweeney Nelson lit a candle in memory of May Bell Franklin



Carla Sweeney Nelson - April 14, 2021 at 05:48 PM



“ Berona Massey sent a virtual gift in memory of May Bell Franklin



Berona Massey - April 14, 2021 at 04:52 PM

CH

“ Charletta lit a candle in memory of May Bell Franklin



Charletta - April 14, 2021 at 04:40 PM

LW

“ Loretha Withrow lit a candle in memory of May Bell Franklin



Loretha Withrow - April 14, 2021 at 03:28 PM

MC

“ Mary Cole sent a virtual gift in memory of May Bell Franklin



Mary cole - April 14, 2021 at 01:48 PM

MC

“ Mary Cole lit a candle in memory of May Bell Franklin



Mary cole - April 14, 2021 at 01:48 PM

RA

“ Rev. Thomas And Patricia Anthony lit a candle in memory of May Bell Franklin



Rev. Thomas and Patricia Anthony - April 14, 2021 at 01:25 PM

KC

“ *Kenny & Crisandra Coleman lit a candle in memory of May Bell Franklin*



Kenny & Crisandra Coleman - April 14, 2021 at 09:20 AM

DM

“ *Diana Murrell lit a candle in memory of May Bell Franklin*



Diana Murrell - April 14, 2021 at 08:59 AM



“ *Dear Franklin Family,*

*There are few things more difficult than dealing with the loss of a loved one. We, along with our staff, are honored and humbled that you have chosen our family to care for your family during this time. It is our hope that we have been able, in some small way, to lighten your burden and give proper reverence to a life lived. Please let us know if we can be of further service.*



*Respectfully,*

*Carmen, Cedric, Claudia and Kelly  
2nd Generation Owners*

Cedric Burnam - April 14, 2021 at 08:45 AM

HB

*This is Teresa Lawrence Buck. I have lived next door to the Franklin family all my younger life, I loved Hazel too all that time. I just asked about May Bell and said she died. We were always welcomed into the Franklin family house. I was out of the state when Merit so I missed that. And I would have been there if I had known earlier. I live 2 hours away so I could not be there. Much love to all the family. I am heart broken for you. She will be gladly missed.*

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**Harry Buck** - May 27, 2021 at 06:44 PM