



## Dillard Prater

January 9, 1936 - July 13, 2017

Dillard Prater, 81 of Summerfield, FL, formally of Harlan, KY, passed away July 13, 2017 at the Villages Hospital.

He was retired from the Harlan County Board of Education.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Otis and Katie Prater of Hueysville, KY; sisters Norma Boone, Gloria Jean Prater; and brother Curtis Prater.

He is survived by his wife, Frances Prater; son Michael (Suzanne) of Georgetown, KY; grandchildren Jacob Prater and Kaitlin Prater; sister Minnie Conley of Hueysville, KY, Augusta Prater of Mount Sterling, KY, John Prater (Freida) of Barbourville, KY, Ray Prater (Dollie), Longs, SC, Otis Prater of Berea, KY, Hascal Prater (Elvie) of Hueysville, KY.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 from 10:00AM-11:00AM at Immanuel Baptist Church, Oxford, FL. Funeral will be immediately following with Pastor Mike Dameron and Pastor Emeritus Jerry Montgomery presiding. The service will be streamed online at [www.ibctv.org](http://www.ibctv.org). The graveside service will be at 1:00PM at the Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL.

In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the Immanuel Baptist Church, 8015 SE 180th Street CR 102, Oxford, Florida 34484.

# Tribute Wall

KO

“ I am saddened to learn of Dillard's leaving us. Growing up across the creek from you all was a good life. Loved all of you and enjoyed your friendship with "Hoss". My deepest sympathy to all of you; to all of his family and friends and those whose lives he touched. I know what it is like to lose a brother. May God bless you all and give you comfort. Rest in peace, Dillard.

Karen Shipman Osborne-Geismar - July 19, 2017 at 01:54 AM

AB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for your family.

Alyson (Hogue) Bowen - July 18, 2017 at 09:04 PM

BR

“ So sorry for your loss.

*Peggy, Aretta and Brenda*

Brenda Richter - July 18, 2017 at 11:30 AM

DK

“ So sorry, prayers for the family



Doug Bailey, Langley KY - July 18, 2017 at 06:53 AM

KB

“ Mr. Prater was my History teacher in the 7th and 8th grades at Benham Ky. He treated all the kids the same no matter the color of your skin, no matter if your family had money or not, no matter if you were the brightest or the slowest student in his class. He was at the top of all my teachers from 1st thru 12th. Mrs. Prater my prayers are with you and your family. (I had you at Cumberland High School Class of 69)

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**Kathy Davis Bussell** - July 17, 2017 at 11:12 PM

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**Kathy Davis Bussell** - July 17, 2017 at 11:12 PM

JB

“ So sorry to hear of Dillard's death. Praying for you, Mike and family. He was a wonderful friend and will be missed by all of us. May you draw comfort from the Lord and from the wonderful memories you have. Love you.

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**Joyce J. Berger** - July 17, 2017 at 10:23 PM

RB

“ *Mr Prater was my principal at Cumberland High School. He was a great guy and a great influence in the education system. Our school was blessed to have him. Many of us were fortunate to have known him. May God Comfort and Bless his loved ones. You will will be in our prayers, Sincerely In Christ, Pastor Robert Bailey*

Robert Bailey - July 17, 2017 at 01:39 PM

TS

“ *We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your loved one. You are in our hearts and prayers during this difficult time. May God give you comfort and peace ~*

Takie & Mary Saragas - July 17, 2017 at 07:28 AM

OD

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Orell and Lydia Dykes - July 16, 2017 at 10:24 PM

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Orell and Lydia Dykes - July 16, 2017 at 10:23 PM

JG

“ Dillard was a great guy, and I learned a lot from him through our conversations about education over the years. He always seemed to me to be the embodiment of what it meant to be a gentleman. Glenda and I send our heartfelt sympathies to Frances, Mike, and the family.

James Greene - July 16, 2017 at 07:27 PM

PH

“ Sending our condolences from Lexington, KY



Paul & Yvonne Hall - July 16, 2017 at 02:19 PM

PH

“ I am saddened to learn of Dillard's passing. We attended elementary school and high school together and were on the Maytown High School basketball team together. My sincere sympathy to all of his family.

Paul Hall - July 16, 2017 at 02:15 PM

BS

“ My Dear Mrs. Prater: I saw your husband's obituary notice in the Lexington newspaper this morning, and wanted you to know how very sorry I am to learn of his passing. You were one of my very best teachers at Cumberland High School and I remember you with great fondness. Please accept my most sincere condolences. Betty

Betty Bowling Spohn - July 16, 2017 at 12:59 PM