



Buddy Buckler

November 4, 1930 - February 28, 2024

Buddy Buckler passed away peacefully with friends by his side Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at Bourbon Heights Nursing Home, Paris, Ky. He was born November 4, 1930, at Hooktown in Nicholas County to Beatrice and Edgar Buckler. After graduating from Nicholas County High School, Buddy enlisted in the Air Force, serving during the Korean Conflict. He married Erma Dee Frederick of Bourbon County in 1960. They were married 59 years when she passed away. For over 42 years Buddy worked for Ford dealerships, beginning with Harper's Garage in Carlisle for 21 years. In 1948 he began designing hand-lettered signs of all types, using computer technology in more recent years. His business slogan was "Painting signs since before I could talk". He was very proud that he created signs displayed in 22 Kentucky counties, 8 states and 1 other country Venezuela. He continued creating signs until the age of 89. Buddy enjoyed hunting deer and turkey in Kentucky and North Carolina with his friends William Earlywine, Richard Emmons, and Jeff Vice. He got a 28-pound turkey last April, his final hunt. Buddy was also a talented candy maker and baker. For many years, Buddy made over 600 pieces of bourbon balls, buckeyes, peanut clusters, and chocolate coconut balls to give as Christmas presents; his last candy batch in 2022 was still pretty as it was tasty. He often took blueberry muffins to his doctors and to the nursing home staff when visited Erma. In addition to his parents and wife, Buddy was preceded in death by his sister Ester Purvis, He is survived by his nephew Michael Purvis, his "adopted children" Debbie and Jeff Vice, and

many other friends. For fourteen years he enjoyed sharing his home with his cat, BenJoe. The visitation will be Monday, March 4 from 5 – 7 pm. At Carlisle-Clark Funeral Home followed by the funeral service Tuesday March 5 at 11 am, Pallbearers are Bill Bridges, William Earlywine, Richard Emmons, Brad Lennox, Jeff Vice, and Kevin Wells. Honorary bearers are Jerry Applegate, Fred Burnaw, Billy Mac Gaunce, Paul Treadway, and Bob Wagoner. Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. John Smith of Ruddles Mill Methodist Church. Buddy will be laid to rest in Carlisle Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Nicholas County Senior Citizen Center 2323 Concrete Road Carlisle, Ky 40311 or the Animal Shelter of Nicholas County Concrete Road Carlisle, Ky 40311. All arrangements for Mr. Buckler cared for by Carlisle-Clark Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Carlisle Cemetery

361 West Main Street
Carlisle, KY 40311

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Carlisle-Clark Funeral Home
203 Eastern Ave
Carlisle, KY 40311
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Service

MAR 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Jackie And Cindy Watkins lit a candle in memory of Buddy Buckler



Jackie and Cindy Watkins - March 02, 2024 at 07:30 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Buddy Buckler.



March 01, 2024 at 08:54 PM