



Buddy Austin

August 25, 2019

James H. Austin, known to everyone as 'Buddy', departed this life on Sunday, August 25, 2019. He is survived by his father, John Austin; wife, Sandi; son, Leonard and daughter-in-law, Sheila Austin; daughter Dr. Jennifer Austin and son-in-law Dr. Ioannis Angelakis; granddaughters Crystal (and Bret) Benton, Mandi Austin; great granddaughters, Bailey and Braelyn Benton; many cousins and dear friends.

Buddy was born in Anniston, Alabama, but spent most of his youth in New Bedford, Massachusetts, where he made life-long friendships. It was there he developed a love of ice hockey. When he moved to Atlanta, he played semi-pro hockey with Atlanta's first hockey team, the Atlanta Knights.

Residential construction was his calling as a young adult. He started in trim work and later founded San Bud Builders, where he built homes throughout the greater Atlanta area for over 40 years. Buddy created lasting friendships with many of his homeowners due to his work ethic, honesty, and kindness. He was a master craftsman and continued remodeling homes into the last months of his life.

In addition to his skills as a builder, Buddy was an avid Harley Davidson rider, an accomplished horseman, and a master collector of memorabilia from the 40's and 50's. He made friends wherever he went and was always available to lend a hand to family and friends. He will be sorely missed by everyone who knew him.

Buddy's Funeral Service will be held Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at Scot Ward's Green Meadow Chapel in Conyers, immediately followed by a gathering of family and friends. He will be buried beside his mother, Gladys Austin, in Anniston, Alabama. A Graveside Service will be held at Forestlawn Gardens at 11:00 a.m. (CST) on Wednesday, August 28, 2019. Condolences may be submitted on-line at <http://www.scotward.com>. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Rd., Conyers, GA, 770-483-7216.

Comments



“ Dannie and I have fond memories of seeing and running into Buddy mostly at Lowes and similar stores. He so enjoyed telling us about his collection of jute boxes and his newest purchases of the jute boxes. He always had a smile and was so friendly and nice to talk to. Remembering going through his new construction homes when he was actively building. We are very sad for his passing and wish you our sympathy. We don't live far from you and ask if you are ever in need of our help please let us know. Our condolences, Ginger and Dannie Hudgins



Ginger & Dannie Hudgins - August 29, 2019 at 09:28 AM



“ Sandi, Jennifer and Lenny,
Buddy's service today was exactly what he would have wanted. Even the presentation mess up was a blessing (lightened up our mood) and Jennifer's way of handing the situation was perfect. Buddy would have laughed along with us!
Anything any of you need I am just a phone call or text away.
Beth Boone

Beth Boone - August 27, 2019 at 05:04 PM



“ Sandi & family, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts, prayers, memories & love are with you.
Brenda

Brenda Waldrop - August 27, 2019 at 02:07 PM



“ Buddy built my house on Dartmoor Lane twenty five years ago. His work ethic was impeccable and his attention to detail made him a good builder. My deepest sympathies Sandi May God comfort you in this time.

Dena Hampton - August 27, 2019 at 10:33 AM



“ I will miss our conversations and visits, and you letting me play the juke boxes. You were one of my biggest Hero's. You will be greatly missed by all. Continued prayers for Sandi, Willis, Jennifer and Lenny. I love you.

Donna Thomas Hashman - August 27, 2019 at 09:55 AM



“ Buddy was a joy to talk with, I would always see him in the yard, going to the mailbox, or doing something at the entrance way of their driveway. I could always ask him about yard work, or fixing something at the house. He always gave good advise. When I didn't see him for a while I did call to check on him and he didn't return my call I knew something was wrong, but didn't have any idea it was with him. He will be greatly missed by the Sullivan family. Rest in peace Buddy. Love you

Audrey Sullivan - August 26, 2019 at 07:11 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Buddy Austin.



August 26, 2019 at 06:48 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Buddy Austin.



August 26, 2019 at 05:48 PM



“ Jeff, Talisa and Makayla Taylor purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Buddy Austin.



Jeff, Talisa and Makayla Taylor - August 26, 2019 at 04:48 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Buddy Austin.



August 26, 2019 at 03:38 PM



“ The Crossley Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Buddy Austin.



The Crossley Family - August 26, 2019 at 02:32 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Buddy Austin.



August 26, 2019 at 01:45 PM



“ 60 files added to the album LifeTributes



Scot Ward Funeral Services - August 26, 2019 at 01:12 PM



“ “Born in Anniston but spent most of his youth in New Bedford, Massachusetts where he made life-long friendships”. I am one of the many New England friendships he made, and I am a better person for it. Buddy never lost touch with his Northern friends. He even dragged Sandi and the kids up here to meet many of us. Several years ago, I travelled to Conyers, rented a Harley and spent 3 days riding with Buddy. Then he came North, rented a Harley and we travelled 3 days in these parts. A friendship I will always cherish and phone conversations that I will miss. Everyone should be so lucky to have a friendship like ours where time and distance did not matter. Love ya Austin!



David & Jean Rumney - August 26, 2019 at 01:12 PM



“ We will miss Mr. Buddy. He was a great craftsman and a hard worker. He was also a good friend to our family. He will be missed.
Ken and Barbara Boone.

Ken Boone - August 26, 2019 at 06:40 PM



“ Betty W Roberts purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Buddy Austin.



Betty W Roberts - August 26, 2019 at 01:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Buddy Austin.



August 26, 2019 at 11:56 AM



“ Paul & Donna (Thomas) Hashman purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Buddy Austin.



Paul & Donna (Thomas) Hashman - August 26, 2019 at 11:23 AM



“ Kostas & Sofia Angelakis purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Buddy Austin.



Kostas & Sofia Angelakis - August 26, 2019 at 11:01 AM