



Buford Youngblood

July 21, 1937 - September 3, 2016

Mr. Buford Youngblood, 79, of Conyers passed away on September 3, 2016. Mr. Youngblood is a native of McMinnville, Tennessee. He graduated from Middle Tennessee State University and retired from DeKalb County School System as an elementary school teacher.

Mr. Youngblood was preceded in death by, Pauline and Eldridge Youngblood of McMinnville, TN.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Geraldine Kirkus Youngblood; son and daughter-in-law, Doug and Erin Youngblood; daughter and son-in-law, Dawn and Al Ansley; grandson, D.J Youngblood, wife, Anna; grandchildren, Caroline and Spencer Ansley.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church Conyers; family will receive family and friends Tuesday, September 6, 2016 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to First Baptist Church Conyers Debt Reduction Fund or Rockdale Retired Educators Association Scholarship Fund (Attention: Bitzi Potts, 1680 Walker Road; Conyers, GA 30094). Condolences may be submitted on-line at www.scotward.com. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Rd., Conyers, GA, 770-483-7216.

Cemetery Details

Green Meadow Memorial Gardens

677 American Legion Road
Conyers, GA 30012
(770) 483-4457
<https://www.scotward.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Scot Ward Funeral Services at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens
699 American Legion Road
Conyers, GA 30012

Service

SEP 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Conyers
2100 Highway 138 NE
Conyers, GA 30013

Tribute Wall

KB

“ Offering condolences for the loss of Mr. Youngblood and praying you are comforted by Jesus' words found in the Bible at John 11:25.
Regards, K. Banks

Kay B. - September 17, 2016 at 09:55 AM

HP

“ Buford Youngblood was a caring and thoughtful man and teacher. I had the honor of working with him at Columbia Elementary when I was a newbie. He was so helpful and I saw how much he cared about his students. and wanted them to succeed. I know he will be missed but now his suffering is over and he is with God.
Leon and Hedy Piper

Hedy Piper - September 14, 2016 at 07:02 PM

JY

“ great person and great teacher. during a tough time in my life, he took the time (while passing out graded tests) to praise me individually in front of everyone . it was an act of grace that i remember and try to mimic.

he was also the greatest eraser tag player in the world (flat top haircut was unfair advantage!)

condolences.

john yarbrough

john yarbrough - September 09, 2016 at 09:59 AM

BK

“ Sorry for loss. I remember Buford when I was a boy visiting Aunt Pauline's.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

Barry Knight, McMinnville, TN

Barry Knight - September 08, 2016 at 03:17 PM

TJ

“ I have many, many fond memories of Mr. Youngblood. I was one of his students at Columbia Elementary School in the early 70's. He left a lasting impression on me and my two older brothers whom he also taught. I had the pleasure of running into him in Loganville in 1999 and he had not changed one bit! He was an excellent teacher and I will never forget him. My prayers are with the family.

Traci Thompson Johnson

traci johnson - September 07, 2016 at 12:23 PM

AH

“ Al Holmes lit a candle in memory of Buford Youngblood



Al holmes - September 07, 2016 at 12:25 AM

DA

“ When I moved to my new school Murphy candler with only a few months of 5th grade left, I had no idea what impact those short weeks would have on the trajectory of my life. Mr Youngblood encouraged me! He believed in me! He told me as a matter of fact-not opinion--that I was a poet. That I was an ar-tiste! He was very specific. He loved his daughter Dawn so much, I got extra points for my name spelling. He expected punctuality and truth but he had surprising capacity for deep compassion. No one could say who I would be without his influence but I know-as a matter of fact--I am grateful that in the tender days of my youth he planted seeds of character that yielded fruit in due season. And though he didn't get to know the fullness of that harvest, all who see the best in me, owe souls such as these for the benefit. My heart is with you Dawn. He loved you so much.

Dawna - September 06, 2016 at 11:53 PM

AJ

“ *Geraldine and Family,*
My thoughts and prayers are with you as Heaven has gained another True Gentleman.
God has you in his hands as you work through this difficult time.
Know Buford is smiling down on us all.
Allan Jones

allan jones - September 06, 2016 at 10:45 PM

SL

“ I'll always remember Mr. Youngblood's sweet hugs, and how he would call me over when I passed him in church, to whisper something funny to me. I loved his laugh . . . and his smile. I also remember as a child Dawn talking about how he would always eat a bowl of ice cream before going to bed at night . . . and, I thought that sounded like a wonderful habit! He was such a kind, gentle spirit, and he loved his family so beautifully. He was a joy to be around here on earth, and I know he has carried that joyful spirit on to heaven. I know tomorrow will be a beautiful celebration of his life! Much love and all my condolences,
Susan Gauling Laiche

Susan Laiche - September 06, 2016 at 10:43 PM

JJ

“ One of my favorite teachers. I remember him asking me about a ruckus in the back of the class and, when I didn't know what he was referring to, he praised me for my attention to my classwork. He showed me that concentrating on one's tasks and doing your best was a virtue. Something that I have tried to pass on to my own children.

Josh Jones - September 06, 2016 at 07:10 PM

TM

“ Geraldine and Family,
May God keep and comfort you as Heaven gained another angel. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. He will be missed by many.
Tracy Hicks Moore, Zachery, & Tanner



Tracy Moore - September 06, 2016 at 01:04 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Buford Youngblood.*



September 06, 2016 at 01:02 PM



“ *Geraldine and family. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you. May you feel the presence of God's arms around you during this difficult time. John and Terri Burnett*



Terri Burnett - September 06, 2016 at 10:48 AM



“ *Dear Geraldine, Doug, Dawn and family,*

My heart is with you. To this day, I remember his warm smile and kind spirit. May he rest in eternal peace.



Much love,

Amy Yearwood

Amy Yearwood - September 06, 2016 at 08:20 AM

EN

“ Although I did not get a chance to know Buford well, the few times I was in his presence, he was very tender and kind. I know he will be missed by many, but he doesn't have to be in pain anymore...he is with our Lord.



Elaine Harvill Nix - September 05, 2016 at 10:24 PM

Melissa Page

“ Growing up wouldnt have been the same without my sister & I walking to The Youngbloods house. Many trips to Hard Labor creek, laps around the house on the go-cart, playing on snowdays, football games with the youth group ...many more. Praying for the whole family!



Melissa Page - September 05, 2016 at 07:10 PM

FF

“ Freeman's Mill Elementary Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Buford Youngblood.



Freeman's Mill Elementary Family - September 05, 2016 at 05:37 PM



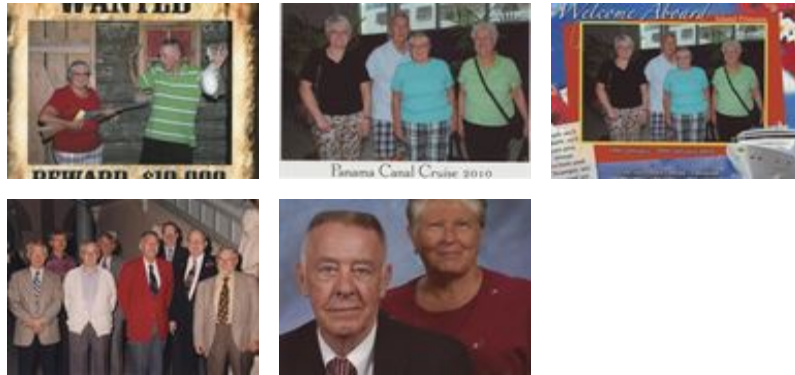
“ Love, Dawn Huiet Hinkle purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Buford Youngblood.



Love, Dawn Huiet Hinkle - September 05, 2016 at 04:57 PM



“ 45 files added to the album Life Tributes



Scot Ward Funeral Services - September 05, 2016 at 03:04 PM

DL

“ I have thought of this sweet man many, many times throughout the years as he was one of the most influential teachers ever at Columbia Elementary. He taught me 5th grade science the 1972-73 school year (and my sister six years earlier) and was the first teacher who ever made me feel "smart." I recall his pointing me out in front of the whole class one day saying, "Look at Denise Jordan. She's taking notes on my lecture. That is how you learn and get good grades." He told stories of fictional characters with funny names to make his points. Probably the most feared and yet remembered challenge from Mr. Youngblood's class was having to learn the names of the human skeletal system from head to toe and stand up one-by-one and recite them. As a result, ever since I was ten years old I've been able to spout out: cranium, mandible, clavicle, scapula, sternum, etc., which has proved itself helpful time and again. For setting a good example of character, challenging young minds, and teaching us to be our best, I'm grateful for those early days long ago in Mr. Youngblood's class. Blessed to have been but a small part of his story. May he find even greater rewards in heaven.

Denise Jordan Lane - September 05, 2016 at 12:21 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Buford Youngblood.



September 05, 2016 at 09:42 AM

JS

“ I knew Buford for many years. When I was a principal in Dekalb County, he was one of the most outstanding teachers I ever had. He taught 5th grade Science at Columbia Elementary in Decatur and Murphy Candler in Lithonia. He was always very personable with each and every student.

Buford was always cooperative with officials and parents, and he was always loved by his students.

He was especially personable with extra duties for the school and system.

Sincerely,

Ted Smith, Loganville, GA

Jonathan Richard Smith - September 05, 2016 at 08:27 AM

EC

“ So sorry for your loss. Mr. Youngblood was a wonderful person and admired by many that he touched. May the Lord bring you peace knowing that he is celebrating in heaven with our Lord and Savior. My children still speak of him often with fond memories of him at church and the softball team. Danny Bartello, Mary Ann Bartello Collie, Roddie White, III, and Eleanor White.



Eleanor White & Children - September 04, 2016 at 10:35 PM

WL

“ Praying for your precious family. Buford meant so very much to me and my family. A true Saint of God and one of God's choice servants. I know he will be missed by all who knew him. Heaven is richer and we have an empty place here in our midst.

Wes and Janet Lawson - September 04, 2016 at 03:06 PM

SM

“ I attended Columbia Elementary in the 70's and had not thought of Mr. Youngblood until last week when I was reminiscing with a dear friend. We shared a story we remembered about a cold day in November during an election year. We had what we thought was a "fire drill" and all the students were send outside to wait for the "all clear". The cafeteria was being used for voting and the fire drill turned out to be a bomb threat. We were standing outside for what must have been an hour in the cold. I remember Mr. Youngblood entering the school and coming out with armfuls of our winter coats. He passed them out. As an mother and grandmother now I can see what a heartwarming gesture that was and showed the affection he had towards his students. I hope this small story brings a smile to your family.

Sincerely,
Stacy Earon Milner

Stacy Milner - September 04, 2016 at 12:15 PM

LA

Condolences to Geraldine and family. Buford was always friendly and kind to me. He fought a good fight. No more struggles in heaven for him. - Lana George Alexander.

lana george alexander - September 04, 2016 at 01:37 PM

JF

Were so sorry to hear about Buford. He was a very good man, and will be missed. - Joe and Elaine Farmer

Joe and Elaine Farmer - September 06, 2016 at 08:01 AM

SO

“ *Sonya lit a candle in memory of Buford Youngblood*



Sonya - September 04, 2016 at 11:28 AM

DP

“ *Geraldine and family,*

I am so sorry for your loss. Buford was such a good man, and will be missed by many.

Buford was full of wisdom, and we had great conversations about God. I know he is celebrating in heaven!!!

You are in my thoughts and prayers. May the Lord comfort you during this difficult time.

Debra Paden

Debra Paden - September 04, 2016 at 07:35 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Buford Youngblood.*



September 04, 2016 at 06:52 AM

TY

“ Tom Yarbrough lit a candle in memory of
Buford Youngblood



Tom Yarbrough - September 04, 2016 at 06:40 AM

AN

“ Mr. Youngblood was my 5th grade teacher at Murphey Candler
Elementary school. He was a wonderful teacher!! I have many fond
memories of him. So sorry for your loss. I pray the family will be
comforted during this difficult time by the peace of our Lord.

Angel - September 03, 2016 at 06:54 PM

LB

“ You're in our thoughts and praying that our
Lord will comfort you with His peace. So glad
we got to know the Youngblood family when
we lived in Conyers. God' blessings to all.
Linda and Earl Brinkley



Linda Brinkley - September 03, 2016 at 06:32 PM

 Frank
Brinkley

“ Frank Brinkley purchased the Sentiments of Sere
nity Spray for the family of Buford Youngblood.



Frank Brinkley - September 03, 2016 at 06:30 PM

KA

“ Kathy lit a candle in memory of Buford Youngblood



Kathy - September 03, 2016 at 05:40 PM

KA

“ Sending prayers for the family at this time and always Sorry for the loss of Buford
Kathy and Deborah

Kathy - September 03, 2016 at 05:40 PM

 Frank Brinkley

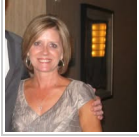
“ The Youngblood family always welcomed me into their home no matter what. I was always treated as just another member of the family. I have wonderful memories of serving Mr. Youngblood on his many visits to McDonald's on West Avenue. My prayers are with Mrs. Geraldine, Doug, Dawn and extended family. I Love You guys.

Frank Brinkley - September 03, 2016 at 05:26 PM

 Leon Porter

“ I was literally just talking to my 11 year old daughter about Mr. Youngblood. I admired him. I respected him. I will always remember him. To his family and friends...know that the he touched many many lives in a positive manner.

Leon Porter - September 03, 2016 at 04:33 PM



“ Geraldine and family, I am saddened by the news of Buford's passing. He was a great man and meant so much to me. Buford, "Tooterbell" loves you. I will think of you every tiime I see a yellow rose. All my love and prayers.

Jackie Upchurch - September 03, 2016 at 04:26 PM



“ He was a great teacher. He was a great man. His soul will live in those he touched throughout his precious life. I remember him being serious about teaching the youth of yesterday. Great man great teacher great human being. Mr. Youngblood you will be missed. You taught me in the early 80's.



Chuck Delane - September 03, 2016 at 03:38 PM



“ Richard Vonderheide lit a candle in memory of Buford Youngblood



richard vonderheide - September 03, 2016 at 02:34 PM

KI

“Geraldine and Family, we are deeply sorry for your loss of Buford. He was always such a sweet, kind, gentle, friendly man when we would be in his presence (lastly at the Waffle House on West Ave.).



No doubt you all will find comfort knowing Buford is forever healed and rejoicing in the presence of our heavenly Father.

Sorry we will be away during your services for Buford but know you all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Peggy and Ernest Kirkpatrick

Kirkpatrick - September 03, 2016 at 02:29 PM

BG

Words are so hard to express the real gentleness of Buford. His love and respect for Geraldine showed in everything he shared. Never a stranger crossed his path and his Christian love was so true in his every word he ever spoke. Peace has come to Buford now after such a long hard fight and my prayer is that the family will find comfort in knowing that. I am with you during this difficult time even though I am miles away. Please know your friendship will forever be cherished. Buford will rest in God's care now and my dear friend Geraldine I pray God will give you peace and love of family and friends until you meet once again. Barb and Tom Gossard

Barb Gossard - September 06, 2016 at 07:47 AM