



Edward L. "Buddy" Shaffer Jr.

September 19, 1947 - May 11, 2023

Edward "Buddy" Shaffer Jr., 75, of Swamp Run community, departed to his Heavenly home on May 11, 2023, at the Louis A Johnson VA Medical Center after a hard-fought battle with pulmonary fibrosis. Born September 19, 1947, in Buckhannon, WV; the son of the late Edward Shaffer and Mildred Guthrie Shaffer Mullikin.

Buddy graduated in the class of '65 from BUHS. Immediately after, he joined the Army. He served in Pittsburgh, Germany, and Vietnam. On June 28, 1969, he married Sheila Smith. He graduated with Honors from WVU in 1972. He was employed with Manpower in Petersburg, and served 30 years with the Health Departments in Randolph and Barbour counties. He was a member of the American Legion and Buckhannon VFW. He was a dedicated member of the Honor Guard. Buddy was a 4-H leader in Grant County and has been a Sunday School teacher for many years. He was appointed Deacon at Sand Run Baptist Church on December 18, 2011. Fulfilling his lifelong dreams, Buddy became a farmer and loving Dad to his cattle and four children. He enjoyed cultivating fruits and vegetables, and forestry. Buddy is survived by his wife Sheila Smith Shaffer, their four daughters Rebecca Wamsley (Steve) of Mill Creek, Jamie Mcle (Kevin) of Fairmont, Julia Simmons (David) and Janis Shaffer both of Charleston, nine grandchildren, Devon and wife Courtney, Hunter and fiancé Mary Grace, Nathan and girlfriend Dani, Anlyne and fiancé Elijah, Zachary, Linken, Sophie, Edward, James and soon-to-be great grandson, Mother Mildred Guthrie Shaffer Mullikin (Jerry), three brothers

Kenneth Shaffer (Clarcie), George "Bill" Shaffer (Carol), John "Rick" Shaffer (Joey), one sister Sharon Kay Burr (David), and several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

In addition to his father, Buddy was preceded in death by his grandparents John and Abby Guthrie, Francis and Florence Shaffer and Grant Bennett.

Thank you to everyone who has helped the friends and family with this transition. A special thanks to the compassionate professionals at the VA Medical Center and Hospice.

Friends will be received at Sand Run Baptist Church in Excelsior on Monday May 15, 2023, from 4pm until 7pm. The funeral will be held Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 11am with Pastor Greg Miller officiating. Burial will follow at the West Virginia National Cemetery in Grafton. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project at <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org>

Cemetery Details

West Virginia National Cemetery

Pruntytown, WV

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **15**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Sand Run Baptist Church
2296 Vegan Rd
Buckhannon, WV 26201

Funeral Service

MAY **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Graveside Service

MAY **16**. 1:00 PM.

West Virginia National Cemetery
Pruntytown, WV

Tribute Wall

DF

“ To Buddy's Family and Loved ones, I'm so sorry to hear of Buddy's passing. He was a Great man and Friend and will be sadly missed by us all Potts-White's. Love and Hugs to you all.

Darlene Potts White and Family - May 18, 2023 at 09:49 PM

BJ

Sheila and family: I am so sorry to hear of your beloved Buddy passing. He joined many Angels in Heaven. No longer in pain. May God help you through this period of grief. Prayers for you and your family. Love you Bev Jeskie

Bev Jeskie - May 19, 2023 at 05:23 PM

KC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I remember that Buddy and his brother came to VA Hospital to visit my husband, Junior Cobb. I never forgot the kindness. Karen Cobb

Karen Cobb - May 17, 2023 at 12:44 PM

TM

“ On behalf of the Kelly family (Anna Jean, Brenda, Johnny, and Tina) we send our love to Sheila, Mildred and all of the Shaffer family. We are all saddened to hear of the loss of Buddy. Praying for all of you. I think each of us have very special memories of Buddy.

Tina Mason - May 16, 2023 at 10:14 PM

JH

“ Sheila and family, Penny and I are so sorry to hear of the loss of Buddy. He definitely will be missed by everyone who knew him. You and the family are in our thoughts and prayers. 🙏🙏🙏🙏

John Haymond - May 15, 2023 at 10:58 PM

LP

“ Sheila and family, I am so sorry for the loss of Buddy, but I know God welcomed him with open arms. Buddy was always so kind to me when I would see him and would engage in a meaningful conversation. He certainly did love his kids. I remember the times he came to read to the students in my first grade class. We all enjoyed those times. To have him serve in the honor guard at the burial of our son was special to us, too. May God hold you close in the days to come.

Lynne Petrosky - May 15, 2023 at 09:42 PM

BC

“ On behalf of the Carpenter family from the Excelsior community we extend our love and prayers for your family. Growing up together over the years I shared fond memories of Buddy in our home, school, church and lots of fun activities in the community. Billy Carpenter

Billy Carpenter - May 15, 2023 at 09:21 PM

RG

“ We are saddened by the death of Buddy and extend our deepest sympathy. We thought so very much of Buddy and he will be missed.



Robert and Shirley Gower - May 15, 2023 at 08:45 PM

PM

“ He was one of the sanitarians that interviewed me for the sanitarian position in Upshur in 1986.



penny mangold - May 15, 2023 at 04:08 PM

RS

“ Sheila and family, I was so very sad to hear of Buddy's passing. You all have been a part of my family for a very long time and I have some very special wonderful memories of him. Sending lots of love, hugs and prayers to all of you. Regina "Toad" Simmons

Regina Simmons - May 15, 2023 at 02:21 PM

Sherry Singleton

“ Sheila and family, so ber sorry to hear about Buddy passing away. I enjoyed it when he would come in at the shop (Sherry's Hairport) and get his hair cut. Had a lot of good conversations. He was a super guy. Love and prayers for you and your family ❤️🙏



Sherry Singleton - May 14, 2023 at 09:36 PM



“ Roger Poling lit a candle in memory of Edward L. "Buddy" Shaffer Jr.



Roger Poling - May 14, 2023 at 05:40 PM



Shiela, Me and Patty send our deepest condolences for your loss. Like other boys in the neighborhood, we congregated and explored Excelsior and the surrounding area. Always liked Buddy and later on he worked with me on health inspections while I was at Hardee's on new and remodeled units. I ran into him at the VAMC periodically, we would chat and bring up each other up to date on our lives. He will be sorely missed. I give Buddy Shaffer a slow hand salute and a high toast. 'See you on the other side!'

Roger and Patty Poling

Roger Poling - May 14, 2023 at 05:55 PM

JW

“ *Sheila and Family: I grew up with Buddy just across the hill in Excelsior. As children we played together, and I can't remember fighting with him the way boys do. Buddy loved laughing at a good joke and I felt honored to have participated in Buddy and Sheila's wedding and will miss him. God's speed my ole friend, I'll see you again. Jim Wright*

James Wright - May 13, 2023 at 06:51 PM

PA

“ *Sheila and family so sorry to here of Buddy's death. Love to you all. Mike and Pam Childers*

Pam - May 13, 2023 at 07:48 AM

SP

May God Bless and be with the family at this time! My thoughts and prayers are with you all! Buddy was such a great Christian man and friend to all that knew him, Gary truly enjoyed all of his visits thru his illness! I'm sure they are now rejoicing together in their heavenly home! RIP Buddy!

Sherry Powers - May 15, 2023 at 11:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edward L. "Buddy" Shaffer Jr..*



May 12, 2023 at 11:28 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Edward L. "Buddy" Shaffer Jr..

May 12, 2023 at 11:28 PM



“ *Sheila & Family,*

I'm sorry to hear of Buddy's passing. He was such a wonderful Sunday school teacher when Joey Cobb & I attended their years ago. May God comfort you all during your journey. Amen

Terry Lynn McDaniels Fraser - May 12, 2023 at 10:42 PM



“ *I have fond memories of when Buddy made time at work to see me when I was attending Alderson-Broaddus College. He was always kind and it was a comfort to know my "cousin" was right down the hill. Uncle Bud, Aunt Millie and family will always have a special place in my heart. I pray God bless and comfort you all through this time. Sincerely, Susan Bennett (Gay/Joanne)*

Susan Bennett - May 12, 2023 at 10:20 PM



“ *Buddy was a wonderful friend fellow church member and a great deacon. He will be missed so very much. Our thoughts go out to his wife and all the children he raised over the years. god certainly has a special Angel in Heaven. Blonda and I both thought so highly of him and will miss him a great deal. A wonderful man of God. rest in peace our very special friend deacon and someone very special in our lives.* ”



Hilda Dawson - May 12, 2023 at 10:11 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Edward L. "Buddy" Shaffer Jr..* ”



May 12, 2023 at 04:35 PM



“ *Thinking of my family. Buddy is a wonderful brother who is very loved. Prayers & love to everyone.* ”

Sharon Burr - May 12, 2023 at 02:10 PM



“ *Karen & Gary Elbon lit a candle in memory of Edward L. "Buddy" Shaffer Jr.* ”



Karen & Gary Elbon - May 12, 2023 at 01:27 PM