



Buddy Freeman

May 29, 2020

James Austin Freeman II, we called him “Buddy”, died Friday, May 29, 2020. A private graveside funeral will be held in the coming days at the LDS Cemetery in Society Hill. Todd Hardee will bring his eulogy, Chuck Black and Jimmie Hardee will sing. His family will be at Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home Sunday afternoon from 2 until 5, and invite friends to stop by for a visit.

Buddy was born in Darlington County. He was the son of the late Ray A. and Patricia Freeman. He was a 1982 graduate of St. John's High School. After high school, he worked for his family's logging company, Freeman Logging, for many years, eventually becoming the owner. As time passed, Buddy decided the profession of his father was no longer his forte, so he sold the logging company and went back to school. He soon graduated from Florence-Darlington Technical College with a degree in Nursing, and would follow the professional path of his mother for the rest of his life. Buddy was good with his hands and could fix practically anything. He said it was a trait he picked up working with junk in the logging business! His skills were many, and he chose not to pay others to do things he could do himself. He was tight! He loved to fish, and in his younger days he fished often. This slowed down as he got older, but the desire was still there.

Buddy was funny as hell! He had a sense of humor that kept his friends entertained, and made his patients feel at ease when surgery was just ahead. He was quiet, reserved, he was a thinker, he loved photography, and was

good at it. He loved the beach, especially the Georgia beaches. He said they made him feel a sense of calmness he never felt anywhere else.

Buddy cultivated old friendships. Once his friend, always his friend. There are a few of us that will walk away with a hole in our hearts that will leak until we too, enter the church triumphant. A hole filled with memories of Buddy Freeman that will shake occasionally with uncontrolled laughter, a leak a time or two with the tears of sadness. He was one of the good ones!

His pride and joy were his children, Mallory, and husband Travis, Austin and wife Kirstie, and the apple of his eye, Fulton, his one and only grandson, who hung the moon.

He is also survived by his brother, Teddy and wife Jennifer, and his sisters, Mona, Marcia, and Melanie. His brother David preceded him in death.

If you so choose, we suggest memorials be made to the American Heart Association. Buddy had Cardiac By-Pass surgery a few years ago and healthy hearts were important to him.

Tribute Wall

Joy
Harris

“ I am so deeply saddened to hear this news today!! I cut Buddy's hair for 6 or 7 years and always always looked forward to his appointments as he always had a story to tell me, whether it be work, his children, his house or farm equipment he was working on. I have wondered over the past 4 months as to what had happened because he was peculiar about his 2 week hair appointments and he missed his in May and I was unable to reach him. Devastating news! He was always a delight and so funny!! I pray for his family and I know how much he loved them. May he rest in peace and he will be missed!!



Joy Harris - October 09, 2020 at 07:19 PM

JE

“ Mona and family, I'm so sorry for your loss! I worked with Buddy of course In the CVOR at McLeod and I was a fairly new RN and he along with everyone else welcomed me with open arms. Buddy was the kindest, sweetest person, and loved to joke and have a great time. He was very smart and was awesome to work with!! He loved his job and taking care of his patients. Will miss his hugs and his warm smile.

Jill Eaddy - June 04, 2020 at 04:13 AM

NS

“ Mona and family - we are covering your family in prayer - may God's strength, peace and comfort surround you all at this time.

Nina Stone - June 01, 2020 at 09:12 AM

EO

“ Elizabeth Odom lit a candle in memory of Buddy Freeman



Elizabeth Odom - May 31, 2020 at 09:23 PM

DC

“ DeeDee Brett Chisholm lit a candle in memory of Buddy Freeman



DeeDee Brett Chisholm - May 31, 2020 at 02:27 PM

DD

“ Donna & Gary Dabbs lit a candle in memory of Buddy Freeman



Donna & Gary Dabbs - May 31, 2020 at 01:16 PM

DD

RIP Buddy. A classmate. May God be with all his family.

Donna & Gary Dabbs - May 31, 2020 at 01:17 PM

BL

“ We will miss you Buddy Freeman!!! You sure gave us some laughter at work!!! To your family, y'all will be in our prayers!

Beverly Lambert - May 31, 2020 at 11:12 AM

BW

“ *Mallory, my thoughts & prayers go out to you and your family. May God bless you and be with you through this difficult time. 🙏🙏*



Becky Wiggins - May 31, 2020 at 08:46 AM

JA

“ *You will be greatly missed Buddy! RIP friend💙*

jamie - May 31, 2020 at 07:03 AM

DB

“ *Dear Mallory & Austin...My prayers & thoughts are with ya. I know how close ya were to your Father....and I know how much he loved you. Love & hugs to you....*



Dale Butler - May 30, 2020 at 10:21 PM

AN

“ *I went to school with Buddy. He was so funny and he was always making people laugh. So sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*



Angie Wilkerson Neal - May 30, 2020 at 10:17 PM

LA

“ You will be missed. Rest In Peace.



Lisa A - May 30, 2020 at 09:13 PM

AL

“ RIP Buddy



Alpha - May 30, 2020 at 05:08 PM

TJ

“ Tina Jordan lit a candle in memory of Buddy Freeman



Tina Jordan - May 30, 2020 at 04:52 PM

EG

“ Earl And Debra Grooms lit a candle in memory of Buddy Freeman



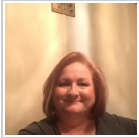
Earl and Debra Grooms - May 30, 2020 at 02:45 PM

JM

“ *Jessica Mcrae lit a candle in memory of Buddy Freeman*



Jessica mcrae - May 30, 2020 at 01:21 PM



“ *Patricia Gainey Rhodes lit a candle in memory of Buddy Freeman*



Patricia Gainey Rhodes - May 30, 2020 at 12:31 PM

GO

“ *FAREWELL TO A FELLOW CLASSMATE, BUDDY WAS A FRIEND AMONG FRIENDS. HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO LOVED HIM. TO THE FAMILY YOU ALL WILL BE IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS THAT GOD WILL SEND YOU COMFORT. ALWAYS REFLECT ON THE MEMORIES YOU CHERRISHED WITH BUDDY, THEY WILL LAST A LIFE TIME. SINCERELY GRADY ONEAL ST JOHNS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1985*

Grady O'Neal - May 30, 2020 at 12:20 PM

AC

“ *So sorry to hear of Buddy's death.....he had a heart of gold. Sympathy goes out to all of his family. I have known his family all of the children's lives, and am saddened to hear of his death....Buddy would hug me anywhere he saw me....precious soul....Ann Council....*

Ann Council - May 30, 2020 at 10:47 AM

DS

“ Sending hugs and prayers to your precious family Mallory. Bighthouse and Dawn

Dawn Sumner - May 30, 2020 at 10:32 AM

MT

“ Buddy was my neighbor one of the best we ever had I will miss him daily on his walks by the house stopping to say good morning so sorry to hear of his passing

mildred todaro - May 30, 2020 at 09:36 AM

AO

“ Angel Branham Odom lit a candle in memory of Buddy Freeman



Angel Branham Odom - May 30, 2020 at 09:12 AM

VP

“ I haven't seen Buddy in quite some time but he was a treasured classmate, kind and funny guy who I was blessed to be friends with! My Thoughts and Prayers are with his siblings and friends. Heaven Is Shining Much Brighter!

Vicki Conyers Pettigrew

Vicki Conyers Pettigrew - May 30, 2020 at 08:48 AM

MT

“ Mallory, we are so very sorry for your loss. Praying for you, Austin and all of your family.

Mike and Loretta Tiller - May 30, 2020 at 07:50 AM

SG

“ Buddy and I graduated together from St. John's High. He was a sweet, kind and funny guy. So very sorry for your loss. Prayers for his family and friends



Sonya Garris Gandy - May 30, 2020 at 03:38 AM

TM

“ I went to school with Buddy. He was funny. Prayers for all the family.



Tammy Suggs McKnight - May 30, 2020 at 12:32 AM

SB

“ Sharon Byram lit a candle in memory of Buddy Freeman



Sharon Byram - May 29, 2020 at 10:21 PM

SR

“ Susan Rollins lit a candle in memory of Buddy Freeman



Susan Rollins - May 29, 2020 at 09:57 PM

SH

“ I went to school with Buddy & he was a good friend! Prayers for each of you now & in the days to come!

Sheila Garris Howle - May 29, 2020 at 09:51 PM

TR

“ TobieAnn Reynolds sent a virtual gift in memory of Buddy Freeman



TobieAnn Reynolds - May 29, 2020 at 07:34 PM

KR

“ Marci, My heart aches for you and your entire family. I Pray for you guys as you go through this difficult time. Your family has always been good to me. Buddy will be missed by many.

Kelley Rudisell - May 29, 2020 at 05:12 PM

SH

I went to school with Buddy & he was a good friend! Prayers for each of you now & in the days to come!

Sheila Garris Howle - May 29, 2020 at 07:04 PM

KL

Thinking and remembering all of you in my prayers! Love and Hugs!
Kathy Lawhon

Kathy lawhon - June 01, 2020 at 11:24 PM

LM

My sympathies to Buddy's family. He was a family friend since grammar school. Buddy always had a great sense of humor and he was fun to be around because he had a strong passion for helping others. He will be missed.

Lane McRae - June 06, 2020 at 06:25 AM