



Mr. Wallace "Buddy" Truman Mullis

March 11, 1940 - May 3, 2020

Wallace "Buddy" Truman Mullis was born on March 11, 1940 in Atlanta, Georgia to Wallace and Sarah Mullis. He was the third oldest of eight siblings, that included his younger brother Donnie, two older sisters, Virginia and Margaret, and 4 younger sisters Connie, Tina, Lucille, and Susie. Due to his father's work, Buddy and his family spent parts of the 1940s and 1950s in Norfolk, Virginia and North Augusta, South Carolina but later returned to Atlanta where Buddy graduated from Fulton High School in 1960 and married his life-long companion and sweetheart, Carolyn Mullis. Having spent his high school years working at Big Apple grocery stores, Buddy first considered a career in the grocery business. However, ultimately following in his father's footsteps, he decided to pursue certification as a Master Plumber by completing the 5 year plumbing apprenticeship program. His skill as an apprentice and plumber was formally recognized when he won the Patterson award in competition with other apprentices throughout the United States of America. In 1961, Buddy and Carolyn were blessed with their first son, Randy. Moving forward in the 1960s, Buddy completed his apprenticeship and began establishing himself in the plumbing industry. Serving first as a journeyman, foreman, and later, a job superintendent, Buddy worked on projects of local, national and even international importance. Included among the many projects he helped to complete during this time was the Atlanta-based headquarters for the U. S. Centers for Disease Control. Following the birth of their second son, Ronnie, in 1969, Buddy's ambitions led him build his own

Atlanta-based plumbing business. Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, Buddy's plumbing company, A&M Plumbing and Heating, employed hundreds of plumbers and laborers and completed work on some of the most well-known structures in Atlanta, including the expansion of the Hartsfield-Jackson International airport and Atlanta's World Congress Center, among many others. Importantly, in partnership with Carolyn, all these accomplishments were simultaneously performed while also providing his family with a safe, loving, and stable household that was surely unmatched by his peers. So successful was he in the plumbing business, he achieved what most can only dream of – a retirement before age 50. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, Buddy and Carolyn moved to Orange Beach to begin the next chapter of their life. Never one for idle time, Buddy decided to forego retirement to build a successful plumbing supply business in Orange Beach. During this period and going forward, Buddy also built a reputation in the commercial real estate market where he both invested personally and sold commercial real estate. Known for his unique instinct and business sense, he was sought out by many investors within and outside the local community for advice, planning and partnership. Some of his properties have served as the South Baldwin county footprint for such prominent national brands as Cracker Barrel and Sherwin-Williams. His investment partners have included such prominent figures as a past United States Ambassador to France. Despite all his past achievements and success, perhaps what Buddy is best known for by those who truly knew him was his integrity, generosity, and sincere consideration for others. Without a sense of arrogance and his own brand of common-sense, what he truly did was project humility, appreciation, and love to those who knew him. His impact is timeless. He provided inspiration to those who preceded him in his passing, and those who remain behind, as he so bravely passed away on May 3, 2020. Wallace "Buddy" Truman Mullis was preceded in death by his parents, Wallace Raleigh and Sarah Elizabeth Mullis and his siblings, Donnie, Virginia, Margaret, and Lucille. Those he preceded in death include his loving wife, Carolyn Gatch Mullis, his oldest son Randy and his wife, Tina, his youngest

son, Ron and his wife, Michelle and his grandchildren, Adam, Cody, Colton, Daniele, Christi, Abbey, Courtney and Brittney.

Cemetery Details

Pine Rest Memorial Park

16541 US Hwy 98
Foley, AL 36535
(251) 943-5667
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Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Wallace "Buddy" Truman Mullis*

October 04, 2023 at 01:12 PM



“ *Mr. Wallace "Buddy" Truman Mullis*

November 08, 2022 at 06:34 PM



“ *Carolyn Mullis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Wallace "Buddy" Truman Mullis*



Carolyn Mullis - October 09, 2021 at 03:53 PM



“ *Carolyn Mullis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Wallace "Buddy" Truman Mullis*



Carolyn Mullis - August 23, 2021 at 12:42 AM

CM

“ Carolyn Mullis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wallace "Buddy" Truman Mullis



Carolyn Mullis - August 23, 2021 at 12:39 AM

CM

“ Carolyn Mullis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Wallace "Buddy" Truman Mullis



Carolyn Mullis - August 23, 2021 at 12:30 AM

AM

“ Adam Mullis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wallace "Buddy" Truman Mullis



Adam Mullis - July 31, 2020 at 04:09 PM

DH

“ Buddy and I worked several jobs together when we were young out of local 72 in atlanta.I liked buddy and respected him a lot, and he was fun to be around. I am saddened to just now hear about his passing..rest in peace buddy...your old friend..doug head

Doug head - July 15, 2020 at 08:24 PM

CM

“ There’s so many memories I have with my grandpa that will never be forgotten. Most of all I’ll never forget the love he had for me and my sisters.

Rest in paradise Grandpa Buddy.



christina mullis - May 07, 2020 at 12:16 PM

SF

“ Susie Duke and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Wallace "Buddy" Truman Mullis.



Susie Duke and family - May 06, 2020 at 08:25 PM



“ 69 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pine Rest Funeral Home and Memorial Park, LLC - May 06, 2020 at 05:54 PM



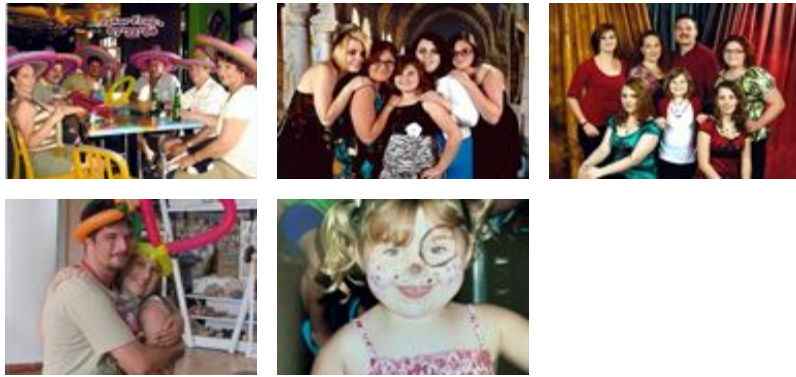
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Wallace "Buddy" Truman Mullis.*



May 06, 2020 at 04:05 PM



“ *6 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Pine Rest Funeral Home and Memorial Park, LLC - May 06, 2020 at 02:19 PM



“ *All our love, Ronnie, Michelle, and the girls purchased the Sweet Remembrance Spray for the family of Mr. Wallace "Buddy" Truman Mullis.*



All our love, Ronnie, Michelle, and the girls - May 06, 2020 at 12:59 PM



“ *We will miss Buddy so much! Having worked with him several years was a blessing. Our prayers are with the family.*

Bill Lagman - May 06, 2020 at 09:47 AM

BL

“ *Barbara and Bill Lagman purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Mr. Wallace "Buddy" Truman Mullis.*



Barbara and Bill Lagman - May 06, 2020 at 09:40 AM

LV

“ *Our deepest sympathies for the passing of Buddy. He will be greatly missed. You and your family will continue to be in our prayers. We can only imagine what he and my Daddy are doing in heaven. Carolyn, we love you!*

Lori Varnadoe - May 06, 2020 at 09:27 AM

CM

*My precious husband
We had 60 wonderful years together
GOD blessed us with 2 wonderful sons. I will be forever grateful for
sharing my life with Buddy
He was such a blessing to me and my family*

Carolyn Mullis - August 23, 2021 at 12:37 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mr. Wallace "Buddy" Truman Mullis.*



May 06, 2020 at 09:19 AM

LM

“ Love, Adele, Michael and Michelle purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mr. Wallace "Buddy" Truman Mullis.



Love, Adele, Michael and Michelle - May 05, 2020 at 10:11 PM

CD

“ I so enjoyed Buddy's great sense of humor and insight on life. He was always such a joy to our real estate office. He had a special way of giving advice without being intrusive. I will always remember him as a special friend.

Sincerely,
Cathy DeBell

Cathy DeBell - May 05, 2020 at 09:12 PM



“ Blessed Heart was purchased for the family of Mr. Wallace "Buddy" Truman Mullis.



May 05, 2020 at 07:06 PM

TF

“ The Caribe Family purchased the *Serene Reflections Bouquet* for the family of Mr. Wallace "Buddy" Truman Mullis.



The Caribe Family - May 05, 2020 at 03:40 PM

LW

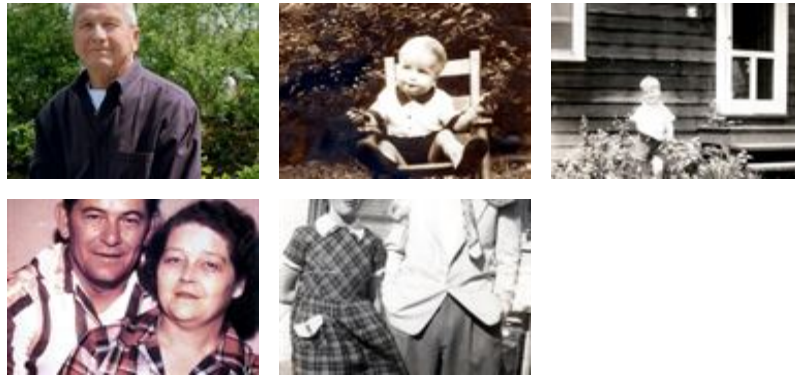
“ Linda & Adam Mullis/Jim Watson purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Mr. Wallace "Buddy" Truman Mullis.



Linda & Adam Mullis/Jim Watson - May 05, 2020 at 02:21 PM



“ 43 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pine Rest Funeral Home and Memorial Park, LLC - May 05, 2020 at 11:10 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Wallace "Buddy" Truman Mullis.



May 04, 2020 at 07:37 PM

GJ

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Uncle Buddy was my favorite Uncle. I loved him so much!! My favorite memory was of him and I singing “ Oh Donna”. You will be missed terribly.

Gay Jenkins - May 04, 2020 at 07:25 PM