



Elmo "Buddy" Feazell

December 31, 1933 - December 8, 2007

Elmo Cyril "Buddy" Feazell, Jr. was born December 31, 1933 in Nacogdoches, Texas to Dorothy Bullard Feazell and Elmo Cyril Feazell. He died December 1, 2007 from complications of a brain hemorrhage. He was preceded in death by his father. Survivor's are mother, Dorothy Bullard Feazell of Nacogdoches; wife, Patsy Davis Feazell of Huntsville; sister Patricia Feazell Kendrick of Nacogdoches and husband Paul Kendrick; son, Bradley Feazell and wife Rhonda of Cypress; daughters, Melody Barnes of Centerville, Wyndi Whitehead and husband Joe Pat of Huntsville, and Felicia Aceves of Ft. Worth. Grandchildren include Kelli McClendon, Stephen Curran, Charli and Landon Barnes, Ross and David Feazell, Caitlyn Whitehead, Sydni, Lexi, Jon Paul and Micah Aceves. Great children are Chase and Hailey McClendon. He was a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served as Minister of Education and Music at Calvary Baptist Church of Lufkin and Minister of Music at Calvary Baptist Church of Huntsville. He was a member of University Heights Baptist Church of Huntsville where he taught an adult Bible Study Class and was a member of the choir and orchestra. His love for singing for the Lord was always evident in his expressions. As a young man he served in churches in Nacogdoches, Groveton, Rusk, Marshall, Houston, Channelview and St. Charles, Illinois. He became a resident of Huntsville in 1980 when he became Principal of Scott Johnson Elementary School. He later was the first principal of Huntsville Elementary School. He retired in 1994 after being an educator for 30 years.

Buddy's love of music began in high school where he played the trombone in the band. He later earned a degree in music and had several award winning choirs. He encouraged his students to pursue their love and talent for music. He mentored several accomplished musicians and performers. Buddy had a great love for horses and raised and trained them until he became ill. Buddy accepted the Lord as his Savior as a boy and spent his life sharing his faith. He passionately studied the Bible and was a respected and gifted teacher who zealously shared his wisdom and understanding with others. His love for the Lord showed in his almost constant, beaming smile. He praised God until the last days of his life as he would mouth the words "Glory!" and "Hallelujah!" from his hospital bed. Many have shared what a difference he made in their lives. Buddy was well loved and will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him. His greatest dream has been fulfilled as he is now singing in the Heavenly choir. He will be missed but we know that we will see him again and spend eternity praising our Lord and Savior. Services will be held Saturday December 8, 2007 at 10 AM at the University Heights Baptist Church with Dr. Richards Rogers officiating. Interment will held at 2 PM at the Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Nacogdoches, Texas under the direction of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 PM at the funeral home on Friday December 7, 2007. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Elmo "Buddy" Fezell*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *We were out of town when mr. Fezell died. You probably don't remember me but my daughter Marsha was at Scott Johnson Elementary School when Mr. Fezell was principal. He always remembered to speak to me and ask about her. He was always so happy and helpful. we will always remember him. The children at Scott Johnson loved him. We will be praying for your family.*

Billye Muecke - December 21, 2007 at 03:10 PM

DL

“ *As I drove to Huntsville on Sat. for Bro. Buddy's Memorial Celebration Service, I thought about the many ways he was GREAT.*

G...he was a true giver...i'm sure he donated many hours he was never paid for to rehearse and put up with some crazy teenagers.

R...he was "righteous," not in a "holier than thou" way, because he was also "real"...but he showed us the "right path" and pursued it personally all his days

E...he was emotional, exuberant, excited, expressive, his smile and laugh said it all! what passion!

A...he was affirming...man, how much we all need affirming, but especially teens, and especially during such a culturally explosive time as the 60's and early 70's..he believed in us!!!

T...he was teachable...even the last time i saw him, he was talking about what he'd been learning about God

Bro. Buddy was a true gift to many of us, that showed us a bit of Jesus in the flesh...he will be missed, but we'll celebrate again one day! dave lee

dave lee - December 10, 2007 at 06:49 PM

BL

“ *My heart rejoices over the magnificent service today for Bro. Feazell. Several times I could almost hear him shouting Hallelujah and Glory! I could feel that beautiful smile looking down on all that was being said and done to represent the Christian life he lived. How blessed we all are to have had him touch our lives! I look forward to the day that we will all be together once again. Wow! What a blessing this day has been.*

There are not enough words to tell you how he touched my life. Even after all these years, he was never more than a phone call away. What an inspiration he was! He believed in us when we didn't believe in ourselves - and he would never let us quit.

Thank you Feazells for sharing him with all of us! Betty

Betty Lewing - December 08, 2007 at 08:21 PM

LL

“ *Pasty & Family,*

I had the privelege of singing with Buddy for many years in the UHBC choir. Even though I have not sung in the choir lately, I always loved seeing Buddy enjoy worship. I know that he has touched so many lives. He will be missed. Love and prayers to you & your family.

Lorri Lehman

Lorri Lehman - December 07, 2007 at 08:16 PM

JD

“Kaaren and I had the privledge of attending Buddy's Sunday School Class, what a grand experience. I never will forget one special class 7-8 years ago. Our discussion meandered to, "What is the first thing or person you would do/meet in Heaven?". After all of us spoke, Buddy had this huge grin on his face. He said the first thing he would do is crawl up in the Lord's lap and call Him Daddy. Once again we were speechless. The power of the Holy Spirit was coming out of Buddy every minute of every day. We have been Blessed, now it's our turn to "go and do likewise". Thanks Buddy!

John Dunphy - December 07, 2007 at 10:32 AM

ES

“I can't think about Bro. Buddy without picturing that beatific smile he would give a choir/band when they nailed it before turning around to face the congregation. Passion and support of Buddy's level is rare. Through the years, it has become even more precious. Buddy gave that to hundreds perhaps thousands of young people. As I grow older, I begin to grasp some of the grief he must have endured to let a bunch of hippie-wannabees into a church to make music of praise (and volume). Thanks to you always, Buddy, for letting us into the sanctuary.. and that smile. Ed Swan, Dallas, Texas.

Ed Swan - December 07, 2007 at 08:32 AM

ST

“*Patsy and Family*
I was saddened to hear of Buddy's passing. I have fond memories of a wonderful, christian principal that believed nothing was impossible.He truly let his light shine as he smiled and whistled his way into the hearts of students and teachers alike at Huntsville Elementary School. His ever positive attitude and awesome leadership set the ambiance for many years of success.May God bless and keep you through this difficult time.

Sondra Turner-Hightower - December 06, 2007 at 09:11 PM

GL

“ I am so glad to see the recent pictures, but I am more glad to have the memories of Buddy with jet black hair, shining eyes and the fervency of his love for the Lord and us young people. Just imagine where some of us might be if it were not for his ministry? Praise be to God that Buddy responded to His love and shared it with us. Family, our prayers and thoughts are with you. What fantastic memories you and this fine man created for all of us. The Lord bless and keep you in this difficult time. Isa 43:19

Gary Luce - December 06, 2007 at 05:53 PM

DB

“ Patsy and Family, My prayers are with you all during this difficult time. My entire family was so blessed that you and Bro. Buddy were a part of our Christian and Spiritual training and church life. I have such wonderful memories of that time in my life - "Spirit of Truth", "Glorietta" and our youth group sing alongs. Bro. Buddy's excitement for the Lord and His music is the best memory of all. Can you imagine the praise songs being sung in Heaven today. May God Bless you and your family. Diana (Ford) Barak.

Diana (Ford) Barak - December 06, 2007 at 12:46 PM

DS

“ Dear Feazell family,
My prayers are with you all at this difficult time. Knowing that Brother Buddy is HOME will give you comfort. I am grateful for the way this entire family impacted my life when I was in the youth group at Calvary Baptist. Much love comes your way.

*David Stewart
Toledo, Ohio*

David Stewart - December 06, 2007 at 08:40 AM

MJ

“ Patsy and Family, Buddy was my principal for 10 years and a joy to work for. He was an inspiration to all of us because there was never any doubt that he was a man of God. My family was also privileged to attend church with you and Buddy and hear him sing so beautifully. I can only imagine the singing he is doing right now. Our prayers are with all of you. Love, Mike and Sue Jones

Mike and Sue Jones - December 05, 2007 at 02:56 PM

RG

“ Patsy, My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I can't tell you how much fun I had working with Buddy. He was always so kind to me and taught me so much. I have lots of great memories of those days at Scott Johnson. God bless.

Regina Ginsel - December 05, 2007 at 01:41 PM

AS

“ please accept our sincere condolences to the family. Agnes and J.T.Smith, Lufkin

Agnes and J.t. Smith - December 05, 2007 at 12:31 PM

BC

“ I will always remember Mr. Feazell from Scott Johnson elementary school. He always had a bright smile. Please be comforted during this time of sorrow, but rejoice that Mr. Feazell was a man of God and he's suffering no more. May God bless your family.

Bridget (McGinty) Carr - December 05, 2007 at 12:18 PM

LS

“ *Melody and family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at the very
difficult time.*

Love, Ralph and Lori Savage

Lori and Ralph Savage - December 05, 2007 at 12:07 PM

KM

“ *Fezell Family
My thought and prayers are with you at this time. It is such a
blessing to have know Bro.Buddy and to see how many lives he has
touched. He will surely be missed but he gave us lots of wonderful
memories to share with others.*

Kim (Ford) Moulder - December 05, 2007 at 09:27 AM

SC

“ *Fezell family, I will always remember Mr. Fezell at Scott Johnson,
UHBC, and Calvary. Mr. Fezell and your family have always been
dear to my heart. He will be greatly missed, and I am sorry for your
loss, but I am so glad to know that he is now in the arms of his
Father singing praises. My thoughts and my prayers are with you
all. God bless, Sarah (Bell) Chatfield*

Sarah (Bell) Chatfield - December 05, 2007 at 12:42 AM

JR

“ *To The Fezell Family,*

*You are All in my Thoughts and Prayers at this time. I remember
Mr.Fezell from when i was in Elementry school. He was Always so
very kind. Please know you are all thought of...*

Jayne Rainer-Alverson - December 04, 2007 at 11:37 PM

NM

“ Feazell Family, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Mr. Feazell will certainly be missed by so many people - I will always remember him leading the music at Calvary. What a tremendous love for the Lord he had! How wonderful to know he is now "singing in the Heavenly choir" as you so lovingly said. I am praying for all of you during this most difficult time. Love, Nikki (Jones) Martin

Nikki (Jones) Martin - December 04, 2007 at 11:27 PM

KR

“ Patsy and family,
I always remember Buddy's smile and radiance. He was a great Christian man who always showed his love of the Lord.

Buddy was a great mentor to me in the field of school administration. When I served as Asst. Principal of Huntsville Elementary with Buddy, he was a constant encourager and teacher. We prayed together over several situations that occurred. There are few people who would do this but Buddy lived his faith.

I will cherish the fond memories I have of him. I pray for peace and comfort at this time for your family.

Love,
Karen (Henderson) Rhynard

Karen Rhynard - December 04, 2007 at 10:38 PM

PE

“ *Patsy and Family,
All of those who knew Buddy are going to miss seeing his beautiful smile. You could tell by looking he was so full of joy and happiness. I saw him just before he became ill and he had a big grin and hug for me. He was a very special part of my teaching career. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Pam Erskine - December 04, 2007 at 01:32 PM

MS

“ *Many fond memories I have of Mr. Feazell when I was growing up. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family during this time.*

Michael Schroeder - December 04, 2007 at 10:24 AM

JM

“ *Patsy,*

Our thoughts and prayers have been with you and Buddy through these trying times and we wish for you the peace that comes with remembering the good times you had together. He was a good man and was respected by those who knew him.

Joyce and Jimmy Merchant - December 03, 2007 at 01:35 PM

CB

“ *Dear Feazell Family - I am so very sorry for your loss and will be praying for you during the days and weeks to come. I will so miss seeing Buddy in the choir each week. His love for the Lord was so obvious. He was an inspiration for me to see.*

Crystal Brittain - December 03, 2007 at 12:43 AM

DT

“ Pat and family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. I can remember many fun times we had at Scott Johnson Elementary and Huntsville Elementary. Take care and let me know if there is anything I can do for you. Dorothea Tarver

Dorothea Tarver - December 02, 2007 at 10:58 PM

MH

“ You all have my prayers during this time of sorrow. Buddy was liked by many of us and we all have a lot of memories we can be blessed with.

Marvin Hyvl - December 02, 2007 at 08:43 PM