



## James C. "Buddy" Reynolds

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"I sure do love you..."

James C. "Buddy" Reynolds was born on July 20, 1951 in Midway, Texas to Milton and Annie Reynolds. The youngest of fourteen brothers and sisters, Buddy reveled in time spent with his siblings and reminiscing on his childhood on the farm. Tradition was important to him—from Reynolds Family and Friends mission trips that he and his brothers orchestrated, to leading the family in caroling at the Reynolds Christmas—he knew the importance of family, and in return, his family knew the importance of him.

On July 31, 1980, Buddy married the love of his life, Sharon Sterling Reynolds, who he fondly referred to as "Baby." Together, they built a life of love on the east side of Huntsville and raised their three children: his "sweet sons", James Carroll Reynolds II and Murphy Milton Reynolds, and his "baby girl", Annie Lee Reynolds. Buddy was well known in his professional career as county commissioner for Precinct 3 in Walker County. In his twenty years serving the community, Buddy helped usher Walker County into the modern era. He was one of the founding members of Walker County Proud, and he was instrumental in building the Robinson-Reynolds Bridge, which connects Walker County from across the Trinity River. Buddy was also an active

member of University Heights Baptist Church. Because of this and his roots to the area, Buddy never knew a stranger.

Buddy Reynolds was known by everyone and for all the right reasons. He was a man of God. A man of integrity. A man who stood behind his community and truly believed in pouring good into the world. Acts of service and quality time were his “love language.” Buddy was especially fond of his old classmates from Madisonville High School, the Class of 1969, and enjoyed staying in touch with dear childhood friends. In his later years, he spent his weekday mornings at the local McDonalds having coffee with his close friends and brothers. He spent his days keeping busy on the property or helping a friend in need. He spent his afternoons picking up the grandchildren from school and taking them on adventures to the state lake to hike the trails or to the pond for some fishing. One thing was certain—he was fully invested in each moment of his life and lived it to the fullest.

Buddy is preceded in death by his parents, Annie and Milton Reynolds; his siblings, sister Sunshine Greer and brother-in-law Roy, sister Beth Spiller and brother-in-law Marvin, brother Walton Reynolds, sister Marie Lohner, brother Jack Reynolds, sister Grace Wall and brother-in-law L.C., and sister Rita Davis; father-in-law, Virgil Sterling, sister-in-law, Carolyn Flores and husband Manny.

Buddy is survived by his wife, Sharon Reynolds, of Huntsville; son James Reynolds and wife Jamie Reynolds of Huntsville, son Murphy Reynolds and wife Candice Reynolds of Huntsville, daughter, Annie Reynolds and Ronnie Khou of Huntsville; and three beautiful grandchildren, Paislee Reynolds, James C. “Trace” Reynolds, and Milton “McCoy” Reynolds; mother-in-law Janice Sterling; sister-in-law Janey Reynolds of Midway, brother-in-law Billy Davis of Midway, sister-in-law Barbara Reynolds of High Island, brother Reed Reynolds and wife Betty Ann of Midway, sister Betty Ann Neal and husband

Les of Midway, sister Vada Robertson and husband Lee of Azle, sister Rebecca “Becky” Harrell and husband Jim of Midway, brother George Reynolds and wife Betty of Huntsville, brother Glover Goodman “G.G.” Reynolds and wife Nita of Midway; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and greats that he loved dearly.

James C. “Buddy” Reynolds passed away at the age of 69 peacefully in his home, surrounded by his wife and children on July 23, 2020. A celebration of his life will be held on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at University Heights Baptist Church in Huntsville, Texas. Burial will follow at Allphin Cemetery in Midway, Texas. In lieu of flowers, the family would like you to consider donating to the Support Our Troops Foundation.

Memorial condolences may be made to the family online at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Allphin Cemetery

Midway, TX

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 29. 10:00 AM (CT)

University Heights Baptist Church  
2400 Sycamore Avenue  
Huntsville, TX

## Graveside

JUL 29 (CT)

Allphin Cemetery  
Midway, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ James C. "Buddy" Reynolds

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ Sharon, Murphy, James and Annie

*I just learned of Buddy's death over dinner with a friend in Huntsville yesterday. I won't reiterate the attributes that have been enumerated here, but I was blessed to get to know him and his extended family on numerous mission trips that I was privileged to be invited on. May our Heavenly Father give you peace and hope in the days to come.*

Clifford Barnett - April 08, 2021 at 08:31 PM



“ Today Buddy, you have been so heavy on my heart. Me, Carolyn, your first niece out of many, we grew up together just being one year apart almost to the day. We made many memories during our childhood and shared our birthday celebrations. I would visit in the summers, and you would also stay with us in Austin. Mama, Sunnie, your sister loved you very much even if she 25 years older than you. I watched you grow up from finding Jesus to the love of your life, Sharon. When I think of warm watermelons, you will always be in my memory. We had fun busting them open in the fields. Our long walks in the woods and discovering hundreds of varieties of flowers will be memories I will treasure forever, but the most fun I had were the summer revivals at the Midway church. I will always remember when you shared your testimony. Your faith did make an impression as a teenager. I miss you and wish I could have said good-bye. You will always be in my heart.

Carolyn GreerSmith - January 13, 2021 at 09:46 PM

 Linda Wiley

“ Dear Sharon, I just saw the news about Buddy and am deeply saddened. The world has lost a great man and a beautiful soul. I always admired Buddy for his down-to-earth yet highly intelligent personality. I was just going through photos the other day and found the ones where Buddy and Ray Cheek were building what would become my music studio. Those were good times. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sending you hugs,  
Linda Wiley

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**Linda Wiley** - August 20, 2020 at 09:57 AM

HJ

“ My prayers and condolences to the Reynolds family. Mr. Buddy was a true gem. He never met a stranger. Thank you all for sharing Mr. Buddy with Walker County. He will truly be missed 🌈🙏



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**H Jones** - July 29, 2020 at 01:17 AM

SL

“ When we encountered Buddy, we always knew it was genuine and positive. An encounter with Buddy left you smiling and feeling known. We will all miss him. My heart goes out to Sharon, his kids, grandkids, friends and family.

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**Susie Lyle** - July 28, 2020 at 10:18 PM

VP

“ Wayne's and my sincere condolences to you, Sharon, and to your family. We are saddened at your loss and at the community's loss. Prayers for you and your family.

Wayne and Vicki Prentice

Vicki Prentice - July 28, 2020 at 07:15 PM

KL

“ Buddy was one of the best men I have known. He always had an encouraging word and an infectious smile! I will miss seeing him on Sunday mornings making and serving coffee and cookies at UHBC Higher Grounds. “Go rest high on that mountain, your work on earth is done.” You did good, my friend.

Kent Lucas - July 28, 2020 at 07:04 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James C. "Buddy" Reynolds.



July 28, 2020 at 07:00 PM

GC

“ Mr. Buddy was a true Man of God. Never had a bad thing to say, always had encouraging words. Spend many times with him in the woods with a bunch of boys listening to his stories about the area and nature. You always knew when he was in the room. The world is a better place because of him and his love. We are sorry for the families loss. We will visit again later my friend.

Gerald Curtis - July 28, 2020 at 05:56 PM

Vicki  
Easley

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Buddy. He always had a smile on his face and a hug. He was a friend, a man of God. He always had a way to bring a smile to your face and had not in hid step to help others. May God keep your family in his living arms during this time. Too my friend Buddy.



Vicki Easley - July 28, 2020 at 05:30 PM

CN

“ Dear Sharon and family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and all your family at this difficult time. I pray God will give you strength and peace as only He can.  
Blessings,  
Carol Nichols

Carol Nichols - July 28, 2020 at 04:40 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Reynolds, James, Murphy, and Annie,  
I am so sorry for the loss of Mr. Buddy. He truly left a mark on my live as did all of you. Our time in the UHBC youth group was some of the best times in my life. Mr. Buddy always greeted me with a smile and hug, he prayed for me and with me and was truly a mentor. In fact the day I accepted Christ he was there. I will never forget that! Thank you for sharing your sweet husband and father with all of us. I truly cherish my time in youth group, mission trips and camps with you all.

Tara Barbieri - July 28, 2020 at 01:32 PM

MS

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Mark Smith** - July 28, 2020 at 12:59 PM

CW

“ You could always tell from the laughter of a group that Buddy Reynolds was in the middle of the group. He loved being with people and sharing their triumphs and lending support in their troubles. He was truly a man with compassion built in from the time of his birth. He knew no stranger. His love of the Lord was evident to everyone in everything did for others and especially for his family. If the Lord needs a model for a man to do good, think good and be ready on a moments notice to help others, Buddy Reynolds is the best model He could use.

*There will be a big blank in the lives of those of us who knew him from this day forward. Charles Wagamon*

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**Charles Wagamon** - July 28, 2020 at 12:09 PM

SR

“ Dearest Sharon and family,  
I am so very sorry for your loss. Wherever a beautiful soul has been there is a trail of beautiful memories and I know your heart and soul will find peace and comfort in those memories. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Susan Retzlaff** - July 28, 2020 at 06:22 AM

SB

“Buddy introduced my son Jeff to the mission trips that the Reynolds family would take out of state to help churches that were in need of help (building, repairing, etc.) Buddy was a Christian who showed his love of his Lord by helping others. This man will be missed by many people. His family is in my prayers for peace and strength during the coming days, weeks, months and even years. He will never be forgotten. Sara Hardy Bartee

Sara Hardy Bartee - July 27, 2020 at 10:54 PM

RK

“Richard K. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James C. "Buddy" Reynolds.



Richard K. - July 27, 2020 at 05:17 PM

RK

“Buddy was as good as a man gets. I first met Buddy in 1978, he was loading giant tree stumps by himself. I stopped to help him and we became instant friends. I remember when he told me about Sharon, this amazing girl he had met. "I think she's the one" he said. He sure called that right. Although I moved away to California my love for Buddy and Sharon never waned, I always knew that if I showed up at their door, they would welcome me. The few times we managed to get together over the years are some of my fondest memories. Buddy will be missed by all that loved him and that's just about all that knew him. It was a privilege to have known Buddy and my love a sympathy go out to Sharon and the kids.

Richard Kojak - July 27, 2020 at 04:57 PM

MJ

“ Uncle Buddy, always with a smile and hug. Your family learned well from you! Thank you for being His light. ❤️

Mary Jenke - July 27, 2020 at 04:26 PM

BC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Sharon and Buddy’s family. Buddy was warm, friendly and always smiling. I know he will be missed by all that knew him. We pray that God will bless and comfort his family during this difficult time.  
Byron and Janice Cooley

Byron Cooley - July 27, 2020 at 03:30 PM

JJ

“ My prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

Jeannine Jacoby - July 27, 2020 at 01:58 PM

DH

“ One of the good guys. God bless the family.

David Henderson - July 27, 2020 at 01:35 PM

CW

“ Cliff and Brenda Williams purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of James C. "Buddy" Reynolds.



Cliff and Brenda Williams - July 27, 2020 at 01:06 PM

TA

“ *What a Great man, always a smile ( just like the one in the photo), hug and how have you been, each time I saw him. I worked with Sharon at MPMS and each time I saw them together there was no question the love they had for one another. Sharon you and your family are in our thoughts & prayers. Hold on tight to all those SWEET MEMORIES.....*



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**Terry Artherholt** - July 27, 2020 at 12:16 PM

NV

“ *Thoughts and prayers are lifted for the entire Reynolds Family.*

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**Nicole Venette** - July 27, 2020 at 11:15 AM

CW

“ *Cathy Hayman Warren lit a candle in memory of James C. "Buddy" Reynolds*



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**Cathy Hayman Warren** - July 27, 2020 at 11:13 AM

CS

“ *Claude & Linda Smith lit a candle in memory of James C. "Buddy" Reynolds*



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**claude & Linda Smith** - July 27, 2020 at 11:03 AM

CS

“ Cowboy and I can't tell you how much we loved buddy cowboy is 81 and still looked up to Buddy. He was so knowledgeable and wise beyond his years at an early age. We have been honored to watch his family grow up and his grandchildren come along We love you all please call on us for any of your needs. He was a wonderful man and will be missed.

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**claude & Linda Smith** - July 27, 2020 at 11:03 AM

PO

“ Patricia Rigby Ondras lit a candle in memory of James C. "Buddy" Reynolds



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**Patricia Rigby Ondras** - July 26, 2020 at 02:42 PM

KW

“ So very sorry for your loss. Buddy was a fantastic person and always so friendly and kind. He will be missed by all who knew him. God needed him to be an angel to help watch over His earthly flock. Prayers and thoughts for the family. May God bless all of you and help you thru this difficult time. Ken and Theresa Westbay

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**Ken & Theresa Westbay** - July 26, 2020 at 10:00 AM

AR

“ Buddy Reynolds was a good man. Condolences to his family members and many friends. He will be missed.

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**Allan Rushing** - July 25, 2020 at 11:19 PM

GM

“ Gene/Rhonda Mauldin lit a candle in memory of James C. "Buddy" Reynolds



Gene/Rhonda Mauldin - July 25, 2020 at 06:16 PM



“ Jamie Sue Brinegar sent a virtual gift in memory of James C. "Buddy" Reynolds



Jamie Sue Brinegar - July 25, 2020 at 03:48 PM



“ Sharon & family, I am so very for your loss of Buddy. He was always wanting to help others and always with a big smile on his face! Even after over 40 years of being together, I still thought of you two as "honeymooners" when I saw you together!!

Jamie Sue Brinegar - July 25, 2020 at 03:40 PM



We have been good friends since forever. I wish there was something I could do to lessen the pain and heartache you are going through today and in the future. I hate that I am unable to attend Buddy's service, but I know you understand about my health situation. I love you forever, my cherished friend and you are always in my thoughts & prayers!! God Bless & RIP, Buddy... 🙏❤️

Jamie Sue Brinegar - July 25, 2020 at 03:46 PM

PF

*Yes, I agree... you two always looked like honeymooners , I do love you too,  
Penny*

penny fowler - July 26, 2020 at 03:45 PM

JR

*Buddy and I went to school together in Midway when we were very young, he was my friend and remained a friend all these years. He will be missed.*

Jackie Buckhaults Rogers - July 27, 2020 at 01:01 AM

LM

*Paul and Linda Marsalis. Praying for your family. Buddy always brought kindness and a smile into every place. A true servant of God. He has surely blessed many across this world. He has flaming legacy. He will be missed*

Linda Marsalis - July 27, 2020 at 10:06 AM

MH

“ M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of James C. "Buddy" Reynolds



M. Hyvl - July 25, 2020 at 12:18 PM