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"Buddy" was one of the lucky ones. He attended his own life celebration four years ago, just prior to moving with his wife, Glynda Turner, to her hometown of Huntsville, TX. Friends in Addison, TX, having watched his progression into dementia, invited people from all chapters of Buddy's life to toast and pay tribute to his contributions to Addison and the many organizations he gave his time and talents to.

Buddy's parents, Marvin P. Frazer, Jr. and Elaine Yarborough Frazer (who preceded him in death) had deep Nashville, TN roots, but Buddy was born "nine months and 15 minutes after the war" in Dallas, TX. After first grade at Stephen Foster elementary the family moved to Lubbock, TX in 1953.

Lubbock may have been the home of Buddy Holly, but that did not matter to Buddy Frazer. He had his eye on all aspects of emerging technology. From his Lubbock bedroom, he set up and ran a radio station, interviewing kids walking home from school for his "Patio Party" program.

In November 1963, he was recording a pep rally at Monterey High School when the principal stopped the cheering to announce President John F.

Kennedy had been shot in Dallas. (He was pleased when the Sixth Floor Museum ask him to donate the recording and microphone to their collection.)

While attending Texas Tech, he managed a small radio station in Abernathy, TX, and when he graduated in 1969 with an Electrical Engineering degree, Buddy returned to Dallas and began a career with Texas Instruments where technology nerds reigned. He stayed with Texas Instruments 27 years transitioning to their defense division, Raytheon. To avoid a transfer to Albuquerque, NM, he opted for an early retirement package.

Buddy had embraced those years of world travel and all the technology challenges involved in communicating throughout the world. After retiring, Texas Instruments contracted with him to train other “road warriors”.

Finally, back home in Addison, he volunteered to serve on the WaterTower Theater board, where he was introduced to his future wife at a season preview party. The Texas State Fair was opening the next day, and Glynda mentioned she was anxious to see the featured exhibit — HDTV. Buddy was only too happy to invite her to go with him.

The pair were inseparable from September 1997, staying involved in civic activities. Buddy served multiple years as Chairman of the WaterTower Theatre board, chairman of Addison Planning and Zoning, chairman of the Dallas County Historical Commission, and board member of the Sixth Floor Museum and Dallas Historical Society.

In February of 1999, Buddy and Glynda were clearing their schedules to get married and moving into their new Addison home — three closings in a week — his, hers, and ours. The phone rang, the Addison Mayor apparent called Glynda to say it was her time to run for city council. Buddy grabbed the phone and said, “Yes, she’d love to, and I’ll be her campaign manager.” It was

probably the only Addison council campaign ever to have a full-time videographer.

Their activities only escalated from that point throughout the next decade and in 2011 Buddy and Glynda were honored to receive the Community Builder award from Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas.

Buddy used their civic responsibilities to pursue his real passion — all things that plugged in or had batteries, especially cameras — still and video, related devices, and editing. Does it get any better than a garage and office full of cords, cameras, batteries, computers, and tripods?

In the midst of the Addison and Dallas involvement, Buddy was accompanying his wife down to Huntsville to visit her aging mother. They used this time to record video oral histories, events, and family gatherings on those trips. Buddy's legacy will be those oral histories.

In 2019 Buddy and Glynda moved to Huntsville. Buddy's dementia progressed on a path that required nursing care since January of 2020.

A huge thank you to the staff at Creekside Methodist Retirement Center for their care since early 2020. They remained caring and professional through the COVID pandemic and the ice storm of 2021. Despite icy roads, power and water outages, they were there for him. For three years these heroes worked behind tightly fitted masks as if it were normal.

A word of gratitude to Oasis Hospice for their loving care and to Chaplain Wayne Norman for the comfort, companionship, and communion given a reluctant friend.

Buddy is survived by his wife, Glynda Turner; his brother-in-law, Milton Henry Steffen, in Houston; and cousin, Randy Frazer and wife, Jennette, in Nashville, TN.

A private life celebration will be held at a later date. Tributes and remembrances may be made at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home: www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall

MF

“Glynda, I'm so sorry to hear of Buddy's passing. He was always so eager to help DFWAE and also the association I worked with to preserve history and develop great marketing ideas. He will be missed.

I'd love to get together when you are ready, Marcie Funchess

Marcie Funchess - May 23, 2023 at 01:22 PM

GT

Thank you. (Just now saw this.)

Glynda Turner - June 30, 2023 at 11:23 AM

SM

“20 years ago when we opened the restaurant in Addison Buddy and Glynda became our biggest cheerleaders. Buddy with his cameras and relevant toys became our videographer, always ready to jump into action. We loved his dry sense of humor and kind personality. We will miss him.

Sherry and Mansour - April 16, 2023 at 11:36 AM

GL

Thank y'all so much. I so enjoyed your visit to Huntsville. Another soon.

Glynda - April 16, 2023 at 07:28 PM

KO

“Glynda, I share your loss. Buddy was such a gentle, caring man. I will never forget him and all he and you did for WaterTower Theatre and the Town of Addison. I will be thinking of you and keeping you in my prayers as you get accustomed to your life without Buddy.



Karol Omlor - April 12, 2023 at 01:11 AM

GL

Thank you, Karol. He loved and enjoyed his WaterTower Theatre family.

Glynda - April 12, 2023 at 05:03 PM



Buddy was my best friend from junior high thru high school and I spent many hours practicing to be a broadcaster in his home studio. To say that I am devastated goes without saying. It's a great loss to all of us.

Glen Ivey - April 12, 2023 at 06:57 PM

GL

He always talked about you and "Patjo Party". Thank you. He even enjoyed hearing me tell his hospice nurses about the radio station in his home studio. I even found a picture of it . . . somewhere.

Glynda - April 13, 2023 at 03:59 PM

PJ

Glynda--you have been a great caregiver for years, but I suspect that you will go about your various local tasks beneficial to us all with a lighter step now. PAUL

Paul Meredith Culp, Jr. - April 13, 2023 at 10:08 PM

GL

Thank you, Paul.

Glynda - April 13, 2023 at 10:30 PM

OS

But for Ann Cain, Ross and I wouldn't have been in company of both Buddy and Glynda. We felt pretty 'thoughty' and honored to be around them both. They were so darned perfect as pards, in pretty much everything to do with their community.

When I saw the photo of Buddy holding the cat (name starts with an A!) it made me smile. What a dear Bestest Buddy you were blessed with!

With caring love, Onie and Ross

Onie Simmons - April 18, 2023 at 05:45 PM

GL

Thank y'all. I miss you both. Best party hosts ever.

Glynda - April 21, 2023 at 09:14 PM

PS

“ *Glynda, I'm so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*



Pat Sprott - April 11, 2023 at 10:21 PM

GL

Thank you.

Glynda - April 12, 2023 at 12:15 AM

MM

“ *My sympathy on the loss of your husband and friend, Buddy. May he rest in peace, and you find comfort in fond memories.*

Melanie Marshall - April 11, 2023 at 05:48 PM

GL

Thank you.

Glynda - April 11, 2023 at 08:37 PM

BL

“ We had such a short time with you and Buddy here in Addison. We always enjoyed the conversations with Buddy on the history of Dallas and life in general.
Lana & Allen Weatherford

Booher-Weatherford Lana - April 11, 2023 at 05:24 PM

GL

Yes, wish we could have met y'all sooner.

Glynda - April 11, 2023 at 08:37 PM

RT

“ *Glenda, you've had to do so much; there's more yet to do. Wish I were there to give you a hug and encouragement. Buddy was a wonderful man! So sorry he's traveled on.*

Ruth Trudeau - April 11, 2023 at 05:16 PM

GL

Thank you -- my birthday twin.

Glynda - April 11, 2023 at 08:38 PM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl lit a candle in memory of Marvin Payne "Buddy" Frazer, III*



M. Hyvl - April 11, 2023 at 04:39 PM

SS

“ Glynda, I'm so very sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. 💕🕊️



Sue Sprott - April 11, 2023 at 02:09 PM

GL

Thank you.

Glynda - April 11, 2023 at 08:39 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - April 11, 2023 at 12:10 PM



Oh Glynda, I did not realize his passing would be so soon. I'm sorry. I hope at a time good, you could come back here for our class to have a dinner gathering to celebrate the time we had with this kind and wonderful man.

Renee Anderson-Cowen - April 11, 2023 at 03:04 PM

GL

Renee, sounds like a good plan.

Glynda - April 11, 2023 at 08:40 PM

MB

*Glynda,
What a wonderful and talented man Buddy was! I remember him also as gentle, soft-spoken, and charming at our many Happy Hours. You are in my thoughts, and I wish you strength in the coming months. Hope you can come back to visit us up here before too long!*

Margareta Benser - April 12, 2023 at 03:27 PM

JM

Glynda, I am so sorry for your loss of Buddy. I am so thankful that you found each other and had so many wonderful adventures together. I love how your face lights up when you talk about him. What a bright and caring man he was. Love, Jan Holloway Micklo

Jan Micklo - April 12, 2023 at 06:39 PM

GL

Thank you.

Glynda - April 13, 2023 at 03:56 PM

VM

I enjoyed talking with Buddy about Texas Instruments when The Rough Writers met at Arthur's. Good memory. Big loss, Glynda. I'm here for you. Hugs, Vangy

Vangy Marino - April 14, 2023 at 04:59 PM

JB

Glynda, I am so sorry for your loss. Buddy was such a sweet and caring man. The love between You and Buddy was so beautiful. So glad God put you two together...A perfect Match!! I'm here for you. You are in my prayers. Love You!! Judy Hunt Bouyear

Judy Bouyear - April 18, 2023 at 09:44 PM

KJ

We are so sorry for your loss, and we have really missed you both since your move to Huntsville. Buddy was fun and very smart and perfect for you. We were so glad that you found each other! May your wonderful memories provide comfort at this most difficult time. Love, Kathy and Dennis

Kathy and Dennis Jones - April 20, 2023 at 09:17 PM

GT

Thank you.

Glynda Turner - May 07, 2023 at 06:10 PM

SS

*I thought of Buddy on his birthday yesterday and decided to Google him. I am so very sad to see this. And to see that he had dementia. He was always smart, witty, sweet, and gentle. I am happy that you and he had each other, Glynda, and that he had so many more years than his father. I wish you comfort in the good memories in the days to come. ---
Shirley Steele*

Shirley Steele - May 19, 2023 at 12:08 PM

GT

Thank you, Shirley. I wish I could have known his dad.

Glynda Turner - October 22, 2023 at 10:31 PM