



Archie Lane (Buddy) Bell Jr.

September 16, 1935 - August 12, 2024

Archie Lane (Buddy) Bell Jr. was born on September 16, 1935, to the late Archie Lane Bell Sr. and Lavern Proctor Bell. He passed away on August 12, 2024, at North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo, Mississippi. Archie was a 1956 graduate of Walnut High School, where he competed for several Grand Slam Basketball Championships and was a member of the 1954 Grand Slam Championship team. After high school, Archie married Jane Ellen Shackelford on October 12, 1956, to which he was a faithful husband for 53 years.

In his early years, he was a cattleman, self-employed business owner, and contract mail carrier for over 25 years. Later in life, he worked full time at Tomlinson Hardware. He served on the board of the Tennessee Valley Regional Housing Authority for 47 years, serving as chairman. He was a faithful member and deacon of Tiplersville church of Christ.

In his spare time, he enjoyed working in his yard and compiling family research. He took numerous trips all over Tennessee, Mississippi, and South Carolina. He was proud of and loved to talk about the Bell Family living along the northern region of the boundaries of the Alcorn and Tippah County line since 1829. One of his most favorite trips each year was attending “The Diana Singing” every June and September.

Known as “Granddaddy” by his grandchildren and “Buddy” by his close friends

and relatives, he enjoyed most of all spending time with his friends and family.

Archie is preceded in death by his parents; four siblings: Mary Jean Hodum, Dorothy Lee Meeks, Jo Ruth Reed, and Wallace Lane Bell; his wife, Jane Bell; and one son in law, Danny Meeks. Blessed with a loving family, he is survived by one son, Lane Bell (Lynn) of Chalybeate, Mississippi and one daughter, Lisa Meeks of Tiplersville, Mississippi. He is survived by five grandchildren, Libby Meeks Crum (Zack) of Falkner, Mississippi; Leigh Bell Gafford (Austin) of Brighton, Tennessee; Landon Meeks of Tiplersville, Mississippi; Laurie Bell of Memphis, Tennessee; Larson Bell of Chalybeate, Mississippi; one great granddaughter, Hayven Gafford; one brother, Fred Bell of Walnut, MS; one sister, Nora Pickens of Walnut, MS; special caregiver and friend, Erica Hampton; a host of nieces and nephews; and family and friends.

Serving as pallbearers are Larson Bell, Zack Crum, Bishop Davis, Austin Gafford, Landon Meeks, Evan Yancey, and Logan Yancey.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to:

Rucker Cemetery

137 Shackelford Road

Ripley, MS 38663

or

Tiplersville Church of Christ

24441 Hwy 15

Tiplersville, MS 38674

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

McBride Funeral Home, Inc.
206 N. Commerce St
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Tribute Wall

LF

“ Lane, Lisa & Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Thought alot of Mr Bell. You are all in my thoughts & prayers. May God grant you peace and comfort in the days ahead.



Lisa Ragan Foster - August 15, 2024 at 06:40 PM

TM

“ Sorry for your loss. Prayers from us here at Houston CTE for comfort and peace.



Teresa Moore - August 14, 2024 at 04:50 PM

SA

“ Mr. Buddy was a good man and a good neighbor. I always looked forward to those mornings when he would ride his mower across the yard for a chat! He will be missed!

Susan Alsup - August 14, 2024 at 01:43 PM

SH

“ My condolences to the family



Shirleen - August 14, 2024 at 10:56 AM

TM

“ Lane, Lisa and family. I’m so sorry to hear about Buddy. He was a very respectable gentleman and a friend to all! You all will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Tim Markwell - August 14, 2024 at 09:57 AM

JD

“ Joan, Rudy, Erica, Andy, Bethany, Drew planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Archie Lane (Buddy) Bell Jr..

Joan, Rudy, Erica, Andy, Bethany, Drew - August 14, 2024 at 09:47 AM

JD

“ Joan, Rudy, Erica, Andy, Bethany, Drew purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Archie Lane (Buddy) Bell Jr..



Joan, Rudy, Erica, Andy, Bethany, Drew - August 14, 2024 at 09:47 AM

GM

“ Buddy was a good man and loved his family and that’s what I liked about him. Prayers for your deep loss. God bless

Garry Martin - August 13, 2024 at 03:55 PM

YF

“ Your Build MS Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Archie Lane (Buddy) Bell Jr..

Your Build MS Family - August 13, 2024 at 02:25 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Archie Lane (Buddy) Bell Jr..*



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