



## Bud Huddleston - The BlueGrass Legend

June 26, 1930 - September 20, 2012

Ripley, Mississippi--- Mr. James Milton "Bud" Huddleston - The BlueGrass Legend 82, passed away September 20, 2012 at the North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo, Mississippi. Bud was born on June 26, 1930 to Robert Burton and Mamie Faye Whitten Huddleston in Tippah County Mississippi. He was a mechanic for Farrow Ward Ford before retiring. He was a very well known bluegrass musician throughout the South. He was a long time faithful member of Whittentown Baptist Church, where he had served as a Deacon for many years.

His survivors include: His wife: Bonnie Orman Huddleston of Ripley, MS: One son: Jimmy Huddleston (Tanya) of Ripley, MS: One daughter: Renaye Burks (Danny) of Ripley, MS: One sister: Alta Meadows of Ripley, MS: Three grandchildren: Tina Shelton (John) of Blue Springs, MS: Mandy Brock (Stanley) of Ripley, MS: Tarhyn Ohler of Ripley, MS: Two step-grandsons: Lee Parks and Zach Johnson both of Ripley, MS: Five great-grandchildren:

He was preceded in death by: His first wife: Hazel Lee Paul Huddleston: One grandson: Luke Ohler: Two sisters: Mable Sanderson and Mildred Sanderson: Three infant brothers:

Pallbearers will be: Stanley Rolfe, Zach Johnson, Jerry Sanderson, Ron Sanderson, Bro. Bob Trotter, Bro. Stacy McKee:

Honorary Pallbearers will be: Lee Parks, Bro. Doc Shelton, All Bluegrass Musicians:

To send flowers to the family of Bud Huddleston - The BlueGrass Legend, please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bud Huddleston - The BlueGrass Legend*

October 05, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ *Bud and Hazel were wonderful friends and neighbors in Whittentown, and so important to our community. Mr. Huddleston was never without a smile or kind word, and he will be missed by many. My prayers are with his wife and whole family, that memories and God's love and ease your pain.*

**Emily Shelton Holliday** - October 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jimmy & Renae,  
Mr. Bud was a true "Legend" and he will be greatly missed. You and your families will be our prayers.*

**Jeff & Monica Green** - September 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *My first memory of Mr. and Mrs. Huddleston was at 'Country Junction' in the old school building in Ripley. When I was about 5 years old we were there one Saturday night. My mom couldn't find me and began to panic as she looked all around for me. She soon found me in the back of the stage 'practicing' with Mr. and Mrs. Huddleston to sing with them. :) I couldn't carry a tune in a bucket, but they were too sweet to tell me that. I have thought of that many times through the years. You had sweet, sweet parents. Thinking of you all during this time.*

**Joy Cook Brown** - September 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ My first job outside of mowing my grandparents yard was at Kudzu 102. I met Mr. Bud and Ms. Hazel early on and loved them immediately. I was always impressed with his ease on the air. There was some quality of the old world of radio that found its way to his audience between his word and the microphone. He had a familiarity with anyone who might call in for a request or even just to say hello. I heard him fiddle only a handful of times but it didn't take long listening to Mr. Bud to appreciate his talent. Scott Peters was always excited to show off whatever new piece of Kudzu equipment Mr. Bud had deftly crafted in his shop - microphone stands and amp boxes, shelves and all kinds of what-all. Though of all these qualities - ease, talent, and craftsmanship - what always struck me about Mr. Bud was his happiness. He must have been one of the happiest people I ever knew. It was no small feeling to get a smile from Bud Huddleston. And I will miss him. With love for him and his family, I offer my sincere condolences. - Chauncey

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**Chauncey Mauney** - September 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Anyone who knew Mr. Bu and didn't love him (if any such a person exists) - I don't think I would ever want to know them. He was truly one in a million.

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**Tammy Rainey** - September 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Rembering Bud from the time I was his pastor in the late 1970's. Debboe amd I will be remembering his family in our prayers.

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**Bro. Mike Bridges** - September 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Bud, Thanks for the wonderful memories and your friendship through the years. I will miss you.

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**Ronnie Hopkins** - September 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ We were so saddened by the loss of Mr. Bud. He will be greatly missed. We never saw a frown on his face and we know there is not one there now. He built up his treasures in heaven and now he is getting to enjoy them. Our loss is heaven's gain. Our prayers will be for the comfort of all the loved ones he left behind. It will be a great joy to see him again someday in heaven.

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**Johnny & Brenda Hopkins & Ottawa Dawkins** - September 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Keeping you all in prayer in your time of sorrow.  
Bonnie M. Bell and Joyce Mullikin

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**Bonnie Mullikin Bell** - September 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Jimmy and Renae, I am so sorry to hear about your Dad's passing...I will always remember his smile...He always wore a smile regardless of how his day was going...As Daddy (G. W. Lindsey) would always say-- He was the best fiddle player ever...May God wrap his arms around you to give you the comfort you need during these difficult days...Jesus sure picked a beautiful flower to add to Heaven's bouquet...May God bless and love to both, Beverly Lindsey

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**Beverly Lindsey Brown** - September 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ My utmost sincere sympathy to family & friends. I've known the Huddleston family for over 40 years & I greatly admired Mr. Bud. He was a fantastic musician, singer & a D.J. He has Blessed many many people with his music & wonderful personality. Rest in peace, my friend.

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**Tommy Hunt** - September 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you, since I have suffered the loss of both a husband and father, I know what sadness you'll be experiencing. The short time that I had the honor of knowing Mr. Bud, he could see that he was a kind and loving person. Just rest assured that he is in a better place today. I there is any way that I can help either of you just let me know.

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**Brenda Hilliard** - September 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Oh, the wonderful memories we will always have of this man. My mother has the memories of growing up with Mr. Bud. I have the memories of Mr. Bud and Ms. Hazel graciously bringing their band to the Kudzu Corner Cafe and sharing their music with all of us. He was a gift to all of us and will be missed.....Janet

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**Madaline and Janet (Jones) Cunningham** - September 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ I have known Bud for almost fifty years and am deeply saddened to learn of his passing. I had the privilege of sharing the stage with him and Hazel many times when with the Johnny Jumper band we played County Junction and other places. I will never forget those happy days.

*Bud was a fine Christian man and talented musician and he will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family in this time of sorrow.*

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**Joan Cissom Turner** - September 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ My thoughts & prayers go out to Bonnie and the family. I didn't know Bud well, but met him at various bluegrass festivals, and have enjoyed listening to him on Kudzu Radio for the past several years. I will greatly miss him. God Bless Bonnie and Huddleston family

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**Sue Smith from Michie TN** - September 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Bud, you will be greatly missed by all the bluegrass fans in the area. You were truly a bluegrass legend. Like the song says, "Is the grass any bluer on the other side?" Rest in peace.

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**Jimmy Flake** - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM