



## Claude Ellis "Buddy" Akins Jr.

November 5, 1929 - January 16, 2022

Claude Ellis "Buddy" Akins, Jr., a resident of Ripley, departed this life at the age of 92 on January 16, 2022 at the Tippah County Hospital.

Mr. Akins was born on November 5, 1929 in Tippah County, MS to Claude Ellis Akins, Sr. and Luna Miller Akins. He was a member of Community Baptist Church. His passion was being outdoors which showed through his love of farming, logging and hunting. He enjoyed the friendship of the many people he came in contact with through the sale of various vegetables, especially tomatoes.

He was preceded in death by his wife: Mary Belle Roberson Akins; his parents and six sisters. Those left to cherish his memories include one son: Ellis Akins (Beverly) of Ripley, MS; two daughters: Vivian Hall (Jackie), Sharon Griffin (William) all of Ripley, MS; six grandchildren: Mark Hall, Jason Mauney, Neva Richardson, Kristi Shelton, B.J. Mauney, LeeAnn Hurt; fifteen great-grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; one brother: William Akins (Sue) ; one sister: Sue Jean Duncan of Ripley, MS.

Officiating will be: Bro. Robert McKee. Pallbearers will be: Mark Hall, Jason Mauney, B.J. Mauney, Patrick Shelton, Shane Richardson, Preston Hurt.

# Cemetery Details

## Antioch Cemetery

CR 419  
Ripley, MS 38663

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 18.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McBride Funeral Home, Inc.  
206 N. Commerce St  
Ripley, MS 38663  
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## Service

**JAN 19.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Claude Ellis "Buddy" Akins Jr.

October 05, 2023 at 12:14 PM

JB

“ Jane Simmons Berry purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Claude Ellis "Buddy" Akins Jr..



Jane Simmons Berry - January 20, 2022 at 10:11 PM

LB

“ Uncle Buddy and Aunt Mary Belle were a big part of my Childhood. I loved them both Dearly. I would spend my whole summers at their house. They both had many laughs and tales to tell about this "city"girl, as they called me lol. He was one of the greatest Men I have ever know. The way he lived his life should be a model for all Boys growing up. He was a true Man. Hard working, honest, Great Husband and father, God loving wonderful Man. He will missed by so many. Hugs and prayers to Ellis, Vivian and Sharon and all the Grands. I am sure he is truly happy in his new life now and with the Love of his life. RIH Sweet Uncle Buddy.  
Lisa (Young) Barbieri

Lisa Barbieri - January 19, 2022 at 01:45 PM

BH

“ Johnny and I were so sorry to hear of your loss. May the Lord give you comfort as only He can. You are in our prayers.

Brenda Hopkins - January 18, 2022 at 06:32 PM

GS

“ I first met Buddy and Mrs Marybelle in 1970.  
They were always very friendly and people I enjoyed being around.  
Best said: They were: GREAT AMERICANS  
Gary K. Swain

Gary K. Swain - January 18, 2022 at 10:57 AM

CE

“ Christina Elder lit a candle in memory of Claude Ellis "Buddy" Akins Jr.



Christina Elder - January 18, 2022 at 08:17 AM

MH

“ Marty And Carmen Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Claude Ellis "Buddy" Akins Jr.



Marty and Carmen Hubbard - January 17, 2022 at 08:40 PM

JM

“ Jlm And Tammy Miller lit a candle in memory of Claude Ellis "Buddy" Akins Jr.



Jlm and Tammy Miller - January 17, 2022 at 08:14 PM

TG

“ My prayers are with you...Sharon, Ellis and Vivian... Your Daddy was surely "one of the good ones"



Tami Roberts Glissen - January 17, 2022 at 05:11 PM

TG

“ Terrye Grisham lit a candle in memory of Claude Ellis "Buddy" Akins Jr.



Terrye Grisham - January 17, 2022 at 01:58 PM

WL

“ 4 yrs. ago I notice a gentleman with a grocery list in his hand. That list lead to a friendship that I will forever cherish. Every Thursday morning was “our time”. For 20 minutes or so we would walk, talk and shop off his list. Our visits was so nice. When I left the store our visits was few but we still had them. My last visit was 2 days before Christmas, we sat together and talked of mostly things we had already talked about, his my family and of course his garden. As I got up to leave the hug we shared was a hug I won't forget, gentle yet firm...I will miss my friend! Till we meet again, God bless.

Wanette Lindsey - January 17, 2022 at 01:30 PM

VH

Thank you for your sweet words and for being so sweet to my Daddy and for asking about him every time I saw you after I started getting his groceries for him. Daddy told me just the other day that you had come to visit him. He cherished all the visits from all his friends.

Vivian Hall - January 17, 2022 at 10:15 PM



“ Lois Watson lit a candle in memory of Claude Ellis "Buddy" Akins Jr.



Lois Watson - January 17, 2022 at 09:33 AM

HR

“ Homer and Sara Richardson Lit a candle in memory of C.E.AKINS JR.



Homer and Sara Richardson - January 17, 2022 at 07:51 AM

WC

“ West Ripley Baptist Church sent a virtual gift in memory of Claude Ellis "Buddy" Akins Jr.



West Ripley Baptist Church - January 17, 2022 at 06:40 AM

JH

“ *Jamie Howard lit a candle in memory of Claude Ellis  
"Buddy" Akins Jr.*



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**Jamie Howard** - January 17, 2022 at 12:03 AM

JH

“ *He finished his race he's home with Jesus rejoicing amen*

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**Jamie Howard** - January 17, 2022 at 12:02 AM