



Clyde A. "Buzz" Morrison

June 18, 1935 - November 21, 2024

Clyde A. "Buzz" Morrison, age 89, born 6-18-1935, entered into the presence of Jesus at 11:15pm Thursday, November 21, 2024. Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Anyone who believes in Me will live, even though they die." Buzz indeed trusted his salvation to Jesus, knowing the Righteousness of Jesus was His, and that his eternity was secure.

There are many details of a life of 89 years, and the most important details for Buzzy (as I called him) were his faith, church family, music, (especially Hymns), hugs, and friendship.

Buzzy grew up in the church and met the Lord as his savior in his early years. Always in choirs and Sunday school, his mother guided his study of the Bible. He had a beautiful tenor voice and some of his favorite memories were of singing in the Messiah Choir, the Mikado and the many church choirs he was in. He loved harmonizing to Hymns. He was a most faithful member of Sunday school, Church, Choir and Fellowship groups. Born in the front room of the home of Kattee and Clyde Morrison of 1729 27th Avenue, Bessemer, AL, he was welcomed by his sister Carolyn (Morrison Griffin) and named Buzzy after trouble saying brother. Growing up, Buzz and his younger cousin Flo, tried to keep up with the older Cason girls and Carolyn, playing in streams and near the pipe shop. One family story was when Buzz and Flo couldn't tag along with the big girls, so they went to Valley Creek and Flo lost a shoe. They were petrified of the ramifications, Families could NOT afford extra shoes! Buzz graduated from Hueytown high school in 1954. And because of his deep

respect admiration of his uncle Hank (Henry) Cason, a Navy pilot, he enlisted in the Navy in September of 1954. Buzz served in the Pacific during the Korean conflict with Amphibious training and signaling on the USS Calvert until he contracted tuberculosis and was in the naval hospital in San Diego, close to death for months. His mother lived with strangers that became friends, as she cared for him during his long battle. He was later transferred to a Naval hospital in Memphis and then released from the Navy with honorable discharge in 1958. He worked various jobs including Big Apple in south Atlanta, where he moved to live near his sister, Carolyn, and her husband Jerry, with their five children. (Kathy, Buddy, Mark, David and Mimi) for about five years. During this time attended Newnan Presbyterian Church, where he and sang in the choir with Carolyn. He loved the Dillard family, and they adopted him as well.

He moved back to Bessemer and worked at Liberty National Insurance until he retired. He was the soul caregiver to his mother as she aged, and they were long time members of Third Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, after years at First Presbyterian Church in Bessemer, Alabama. Buzz's last years at Third Presbyterian were especially fun with the Young at Heart group and spending the day at church on Sundays, since the drive back to Bessemer was a bit long. He made fast friends, and gave the best hugs!

His last five years at the Veterans Home brought new friends and also friends that kept up with him and loved him well. I know I will leave many people out, so please forgive me!!

Buzz was grateful for the calls, visits and care of Brenda, Reshina, Vivian, Betty, Gwen, Candace, Rose, Dale, Mary, Linda, Susan, Sandy, Dr. Simon, Aaliyah, and especially Kathy and Jim, who took care of all of his needs. Buzzy was a faithful prayer warrior and supporter of the Uhora Ministry in Tanzania. He loved seeing pictures of sponsor family and hearing how fast the young ones become adults! He is survived by his niece and nephew, Kathy and Jim Stewart of Cumming, GA, Niece Mimi (and Jeff) York of Foley, AL Nephew David (and Georgia) Griffin, Nephew Mark (and Cheryl) Griffin of Ft

Pierce, FL

His brother in law, Jerry Griffin of Cumming, GA, Cousins, Flo Brown of Louisiana, Mary Lou Hood of Bessemer, AL , Gail Coupland of Trussville, Marlene Gordon of Bessemer, AL, Faye Marie Brown of Bessemer, AL, Gail Lantrip of Springville, AL, Janet Crawford of West Blockton
And others, as well as many great nieces and nephews, and COUNTLESS friends!

A graveside service will be held at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Bessemer, AL on Tuesday, November 26th at 10 AM, Richard Trucks, Officiating.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE to be held at Third Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, Sunday, December 15th at 10:15 during the Sunday school hour, Hunter Twitty presiding, along with his niece, Kathy Griffin Stewart. In lieu of flowers, donations are welcomed to support the medical emergency fund for the widows in Karansi, Tanzania.

<https://uboratz.kindful.com/?campaign=1340653>

Buzz moved to the Veterans Home in Pell City in November, 2019.

He passed away at the hospital across the street from the Veterans Home in November, 2024.

The Lord is my light and salvation, of whom shall I fear?

Cemetery Details

Cedar Hill Cemetery

650 Circle Heights Cir
Bessemer, AL 35020

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV **26**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Celebration of Life

DEC **15**. 10:15 AM.

Third Presbyterian Church Of Birmingham