



Hughie Lee "Buddy" Darnell

February 21, 1948 - July 28, 2023

Mr. Hughie Lee "Buddy" Darnell, age 75 passed away on Friday, July 28, 2023, at Alive hospice in Nashville, Tennessee. He is a native of Normandy, Tennessee and the son of the late Thomas K. Darnell and Minnie Lee Swoape. Along with his parents he was preceded in death by his wife and the mother of his children, Judy Lawson, second wife, Janet Hambrick and third wife, Geneva Fischer. Mr. Darnell was also preceded in death by two brothers, Horace and Gene Darnell as well as one niece, Renee Walls.

Buddy knew everybody and at some point, probably did some kind of work for them. Normandy was his home, and he was known as an honest and fair man. He would challenge any hill with his tractor. He always had a toy tractor for his grandkids to play with. He did everything his own way and would be considered a jack of all trades. If you needed work done, everyone knew that Buddy was the man to call. He was also a generous man; he donated the land for the Normandy Fire Department to be built on.

He was raised in the Emmanuel church of Christ in Tullahoma where Brother Emmett Allen was his pastor. Although he may have lost his way, he eventually found it again. He loved his family, and he loved God. He was a great dad, father-in-law, grandpa and brother, and he will be forever missed. Buddy is survived by his children, Johnny (Regina) Darnell, Lonnie (Cindy) Darnell all of Normandy, Teresa (Carol) Bliss of Ramer, Alabama, and Thomas Darnell also of Normandy.

He is survived by one brother, Jimmie (Tina) Darnell of Normandy,

grandchildren, Tiffany Brandon of Manchester, Tracy Darnell of Normandy, John and Austin Darnell of Cookeville, Jennifer (Dustin) Harden, Donna Shiver, all of Normandy, Blake (Ashton) Curtis of Acworth, Georgia, and Dustin (Katie) Curtis of Douglasville Georgia.

He is also survived by three great grandchildren, Ethan Pritchard of Manchester, Luka Harden and Raelynn Thompson both of Normandy. Nieces and nephews, Duane, Lorrie, Christy, Jeremy and Tammy.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, August 5, 2023 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home in Tullahoma, and also on Sunday, August 6, 2023 from 2:00 pm until the time of service.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday, August 6, 2023 at 3:00 pm at the funeral home with Pastor Larry Sanders officiating. Burial will follow in Leming Cemetery in Normandy. Serving as pallbearers Sammy Mooningham, Ricky Campbell, Justin Banks and Tracy Darnell all of Normandy, Blake Curtis of Acworth, Georgia, Dustin Curtis of Douglasville Georgia and Bailey Lewis of Tullahoma.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Pastor Gary Ratliff of the Emmanuel Church in Nashville and Pastor Laurie Raulston of the Normandy Methodist Church for all of their visits, prayers and the kindness shown to our family during our dad's illness.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home
401 N Jackson Street
Tullahoma, TN 37388
(931) 455-3481

Funeral Service

AUG 6. 3:00 PM (CT)

Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home
401 N Jackson Street
Tullahoma, TN 37388
(931) 455-3481

Burial

AUG 6 (CT)

Leming Cemetery
Tullahoma Normandy Road
Normandy, TN 37360

Tribute Wall

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“*Hughie Lee sure was good to my Grandmother Koonce. Normandy lost a good man. Prayers of comfort and peace for all his family.*”

Kelly Kirchner - August 06, 2023 at 03:37 PM

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“*To TERESA, JOHNNY, LONNIE AND TOMMY: The KIMBRO AND BOONE FAMILY CAN'T BE WITH YOU ALL DUE TO COVID IN OUR FAMILY. YOU ALL HAVE OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND KNOW YOUR HEARTS ARE BREAKING. MAY GOD PLACE HIS LOVING ARMS AROUND EACH OF YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE, SINCERELY, CAROLE KIMBRO*”

carole kimbro - August 05, 2023 at 07:56 PM

TA

“*Mr. Buddy did our bushhogging for several years. He was a good honest man. We really enjoyed talking with him and visiting him at his home. Our prayers are with you all!!!*”

Terry & Treva Arnold - August 04, 2023 at 07:29 PM

JH

“ I am so incredibly saddened to hear about Buddy's passing. He was a giant among men and one of the kindest souls I've ever met.

I live on one of the steepest hills in Normandy and he was always up for the challenge of bush hogging it. He and Johnny had been cutting that hill for decades. I sure miss seeing him out there on that John Deere.

Now he's cutting fields in Heaven. May he rest in peace.

Josh & Sabrina Heinrich

Josh & Sabrina Heinrich - August 03, 2023 at 12:47 PM

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“ Luke & Ginny, Pax, Mia & Vera Doroshenko purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Hughie Lee "Buddy" Darnell.



Luke & Ginny, Pax, Mia & Vera Doroshenko - August 02, 2023 at 10:56 PM

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“ Luke & Ginny, Pax, Mia & Vera Doroshenko planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hughie Lee "Buddy" Darnell.

Luke & Ginny, Pax, Mia & Vera Doroshenko - August 02, 2023 at 10:56 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Hughie Lee "Buddy" Darnell.



August 02, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Hughie Lee "Buddy" Darnell.

August 02, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Hughie Lee "Buddy" Darnell.



August 02, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ I thought a lot of Buddy, and he did work for me, as the obituary implied. I remember sitting on his front porch -just talking. Condolences to the family. John Rickman

John rickman - August 02, 2023 at 12:07 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hughie Lee "Buddy" Darnell.*



August 01, 2023 at 06:09 PM



“ *Hey Head! It's me and I miss you so much. Life will never be the same without you in it.*

Teresa - August 01, 2023 at 12:28 PM