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Robert Edward “Buddy” Van Hooser, 78, passed away October 26, 2015. He was born February 19, 1937. He retired from Kraft Foods after 35 years and later worked for West Rock. He was a member of Covenant Baptist Church. He leaves his wife, Jo; two children, Robert Van Hooser and Lynn Parrish (Randy); and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Inez Van Hooser and two sisters, Elizabeth Barton and Barbara Muncy. The family will receive friends from 10:30 a.m. until funeral services at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, October 29 at Memorial Park Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery. The family requests memorials be sent to Covenant Baptist Church or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. The funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home, 5668 Poplar Ave., Memphis TN 38119. “Honoring Lives Behind the Stone Wall.”



Tribute Wall

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ES

Ed Stoklosa posted:

I am a better person having known you – Rest in Peace

November 2 at 5:59 AM

JM

J. Paul Muncy Jr. posted:

It is with great regret, that I cannot be there in the morning to represent my Mother's family in this hour of remembrance of my Uncle Buddy. I would like the family to know that my thought's and prayers are with you in this time sorrow. Aunt Jo, Robert and Lynn I just this evening learned of Buddy's passing .. what can I say.... I Love you all Paul

October 28 at 3:50 PM

DC

Debby Christopher posted:

Buddy was such a wonderful man. I had the great pleasure of working with him every day for the past 9 years and he taught me so much. Not only about our business, of which he taught me a great deal, but more importantly how to be a better person. Buddy's work ethic, as all of us at WestRock know, was amazing. He lead by example and shared his faith. He was always there for me with an encouraging word or a joke to make me laugh. I would sit at my desk and laugh when he emailed things like "I think I hear your mother calling you" when I sent him an overabundance of work. And I am honored that he would always call me "his Pal". Both he and his wife Jo are the sweetest people I know. He will be greatly missed. My sincere condolences to Jo, Lynn and family, Debby Christopher

October 28 at 2:44 PM

QD

Quail Hollow Family Dentistry posted:

Dr. Gaither and Staff wish to express our condolences at the loss of Buddy. His cheerfulness always brought us joy. We will miss him.

October 28 at 10:47 AM

RB

Ronnie Burcham posted:

I had the wonderful experience of knowing and working with Buddy, He was a true man of integrity, and very positive person I respected Buddy whatever he said you could take it to the bank. He had great character and loved his wife, Buddy will sorely be missed. May God comfort each and everyone of you during this time. Heaven has Gained a Very Special Person Today.

October 27 at 5:45 PM



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JS

Janie Shearin posted:

Heaven gained a wonderful man last night. I loved Buddy n counted him as a great friend. He will be missed but he is home now. God bless sweet Jo, Lynn n Robert. Our love n prayers to you. Fred n Janie Shesrin

October 27 at 3:00 PM

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October 27 at 2:55 PM

AH

Angie Harrod posted:

I am so sorry to hear about Buddy! He was such a true inspiration to myself and my husband. I had always told Buddy that I wanted me and Jimmy to be just like him and Ms. Jo. I always depended on Buddy for his wise words of wisdom. I know he is in the arms of Jesus right now. I would like to share this thought with you all. "Eternity" "I'll be waiting.....Where the desert is covered with roses, where I can outshine the stars in a single day,the face of God isn't hidden when I wake into eternity. Where the shadows are never discovered, tears are nothing more than a memory, death isn't alive any longer when I wake into eternity."Love you all and will pray for God's faithful loving comfort. Angie & Jimmy Harrod

October 27 at 5:49 AM

WS

Wayne Schultz posted:

I had the pleasure and honor of working with Buddy for over 20 years. A finer individual does not exist. He always spoke fondly of his loving wife and always looked forward to their trips together. He never had to introduce himself on the hundreds of calls we shared. Who else could have a distinctive voice such as his! He left all who he met in a positive way. He will be sorely missed!My sincerest condolences to all the family.Wayne M. Schultz WestRock

October 27 at 5:34 AM



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