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Willie Lee "Buddy" Russell, Jr., 73, passed away Saturday, November 9th in Germantown, TN. Buddy was born on January 27, 1940, in Drew, Mississippi. He was raised in Greenville, MS where he took ownership of Russell Motor Company from his father after he retired. After his move to Memphis, Buddy continued his work in the automobile industry. He was the son of the late Willie Lee Russell, Sr. and Blanche Stokes Russell. Buddy was a graduate of Mississippi State University and was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He served his country in the Air National Guard. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed fishing and gardening. Buddy and his wife Patti were active members of the Cotton Carnival groups Ennead and Ramet. He served as King of Ramet in 2012. Buddy leaves behind his wife Patti Kowalski Russell, his four children Melanie Bast (Mike) of Germantown, TN, Terri Bullock (Gary) of Gulf Breeze, FL, Kenneth Russell of Byhalia, MS, Stephanie Wright of Germantown, TN, and stepdaughter Jackie Gentry Mitchell (Kyle) of Memphis, TN. He leaves behind his sister, Alice Bryan of San Antonio, TX. He also leaves behind his beloved 8 grandchildren, 1 great-grandson, several nieces, nephews and numerous friends. Having been brought up in the Delta, Buddy was a true southern gentleman who always showed his southern charm and delightful sense of humor to all those he knew and met. Visitation will be held at Memorial Park Funeral Home in Memphis, TN on Wednesday, November 13th from 4pm to 6 pm, with a Memorial service to follow at 6pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the American Diabetes Association. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave. Memphis, TN 38119, (901)767-8930, "Behind the Stone Wall".



Tribute Wall

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SS

Sandra Gill Sayre posted:

It Was With Great Sadness, That I Learned Of Buddy's Death.... Heaven Has A New Angel, With A Ready Smile And An Impish Spirit.... Buddy Was The Epitomy Of A Southern Gentleman And All Who Knew Him, Were Richer, For T he Experience.... RIP, My Dear Friend – 'Til We Meet Again

June 19 at 5:29 AM

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June 19 at 5:17 AM

KB

Keith Bambei posted:

Buddy was a great pal and regular golfing partner when I was living in Memphis. He was a Christian man and always a consummate gentleman on and off the course. I'll always remember him with the twinkling blue eyes and gracious smile. RIP old friend.Keith Bambei Austin, Texas

January 13 at 4:26 AM

JW

Jerry Wilson posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this tragic time. We shared so many good times with Buddy and will miss him. Pattye and Jerry Wilson

November 17 at 4:15 PM

LD

Larry Dunaway posted:

I was saddened to hear about the passing of Buddy. We were friends since the 50's and he was always a gentleman. He will be missed by all that knew him. Larry Dunaway Hollandale MS

November 12 at 11:33 AM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of W.L. "Buddy" Russell Jr..

November 12 at 8:37 AM



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Memorial Park posted:

Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Buddy Russell.

November 12 at 3:37 AM

CM

Christy Marcum posted:

Mrs. Russell and Family, I am so very sorry to hear that you lost your Precious Buddy. I have been Praying for you and your family these last few days and will continue to Pray that God will fill you with his Mercy and Grace, as only He can. Much Love to You... Sincerely, Christy Marcum

November 11 at 7:03 AM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Teleflora's Quiet Expressions was purchased for the family of Buddy Russell.

November 10 at 10:25 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring W.L. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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