



Dr. Albert "Dale" Buckley

September 2, 1932 - February 3, 2020

Dr. Albert "Dale" Buckley, born September 2, 1932, in Jasper County, Mississippi, died at the age of 87 in Memphis Tennessee. He was a resident of Memphis since 1979, prior to which he was a professor at Freed-Hardeman University, a part-time Minister, and an antique dealer. Dale was one of four children growing up in rural Mississippi. He was born to Vera Lee Williams Buckley and William Washington Buckley along with his three siblings, William Donald Buckley, Vera Patricia Buckley Clark (deceased), and Judy Ann Buckley Webster. After graduating from New Albany High School in MS, he achieved an AA degree from Freed - Hardeman, two Masters Degrees from Harding and David Lipscomb University in Bible and Business, and a PhD in Business from Georgia State (which made him a Doctor, but not the kind that can do you any good). He also met his former wife and mother to their seven children, Lora Ann Oliver, at Harding University and they served as missionaries in Glasgow, Scotland from 1957-1964. When they returned to the United States, Dale taught at Freed - Hardeman and opened up his home to a girl in an iron lung so that she could attend college. He even baptized her in the bathtub of their home. Dale was a master story-teller, a Bible Scholar, an accomplished pianist, a missionary, a preacher, a father, a "Granddaddy Clock-Clock", a brother, an uncle, and a joyful yet brutally-honest man. His humor and personality were infectious to all that were fortunate enough to be drawn under his magical spell, and he never met a stranger. He loved life -- he loved lunches at Piccadilly after church services, eating birthday cake before the meal, taking his grandchildren to "Little Town" to get candy, and listening to ABBA-- really loud. As the Proprietor of Buckley's Antiques for over 30 years, he was once referred to as "The Dean of the Antique Scene" by the Memphis Commercial Appeal. He was always there for his children and led them through example, counsel and wisdom. He gave the best advice, sometimes even when asked for. He will sorely missed by his children: Jerry Dale Buckley, Phyllis Leigh Buckley Simpson, Cynthia Ann Buckley Wuerdeman, Barry Glenn Buckley, Amber Lynn Buckley Lyons (now reunited in heaven), Vicky Lou Buckley and his baby, Amy Cheryl Buckley Grant. They share their grief with their spouses, Judy Tune Buckley, John James Simpson, John Wuerdeman, Kelley Buckley, Jim Spore and Carey Grant. Dale met his Life Partner, Danny Winchester, in Memphis in 1979 and they remained inseparable for 38 years. Both families mourn

together in their common loss for an irreplaceable man. Although Dale never got the chance to travel to Africa, he had a deep and abiding love for the country, and through his altruistic efforts, water, nourishment and education were provided for hundreds of children in Zambia. In addition to his Partner, children and siblings, Dale is survived by 16 grandchildren: Chris and Kevin Buckley, Matthew, Paige and Lora Wuerdeman, Allison Eaton, Greg and Kaylon Buckley, Jennifer Buckley Cranford, Spencer Lyons, Connor Lyons, Portia Scovern, Asa Scovern, Haze Scovern, Victoria Grant, and Sophia Grant. The family will receive relatives and friends on Wednesday, February 5 from 10:00 am until 11:00 am at Memorial Park Funeral Home, 5668 Poplar Avenue in Memphis. There will be a graveside service presided by Dr. Milton Sewell at 11:00 am at the Memorial Park Cemetery Rotunda. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Amber Buckley Lyons Memorial Endowment Campership, information at fhu.edu/msyc, a fun established in loving memory of his daughter, Amber Buckley Lyons

Events

FEB **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Memorial Park Funeral Home & Cemetery
5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis, TN, US, 38119

FEB **Graveside Service** 11:00AM

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5668 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN, US, 38119

Comments



“ Danny, I just stumbled upon the news of Dale passing today. So sad to hear this news. I tell you from the time you introduced him to me in the early 80's he was always so kind and nice to me. Dale shared wonderful stories and very truthful insights about life. I so enjoyed seeing both you and him each time I ventured from Virginia to Memphis for visits. I think of him often when I look at all of the Royal Family mementos that I purchased from Buckley Antiques. Prayers for you and his children.

Bill Swink - May 10 at 04:02 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Connor Lyons - February 16 at 02:05 PM



“ Lynn Harrison sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Albert "Dale" Buckley



Lynn Harrison - February 05 at 12:10 PM



“ I am so sorry for the family's loss of Dale. I remember him fondly. Since Mrs. Vera remained in New Albany, I did see him occasionally and I remember when Mrs. Vera moved to Memphis we went to visit with her once and Dale was there. I also remember seeing him at FHU. I remember where he lived when he was a professor there. I know he will be greatly missed by many. Jerry is my age so he's really the only child I know. Jerry, so sorry for your loss. Keeping you all in my prayers.

Lynn Reid Harrison
New Albany, MS

Lynn Harrison - February 05 at 12:10 PM



“ So many happy memories that include some or all members of the Buckley family. Dale was always warm and welcoming and fun. So sorry for his loss. Praying you all feel the Love coming your way from so many who have loved him and love each of you.

Linda Thomas Williams - February 04 at 08:40 PM



“ Mr. Buckley - I will always remember his smile and laugh, his stories, Mama perusing his antiques, and the time he told me an underripe persimmon was "delicious" - my mouth still puckers at the memory! I love him for his courage, charity and open heart. I know Mama was waiting to have a good gossip session when he arrived in Heaven!
Joyce Landon Kreth

Joyce Landon Kreth - February 04 at 05:46 PM



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Linda Thomas Williams - February 04 at 08:41 PM



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Daddy, the world will never be the same without you. I know you are reunited with now with Grandmother, Patsy, Amber, and Willie, and I hope you are telling them your stories, hugging and laughing together and looking down on us from time to time to make sure we are kind to each other. There may be no tears in heaven, but there are here. Your car broke down in front of my garage the day you died. Should I take it to Albonetti? Are you taking Leo for a jog up there? I still have too many questions left unanswered, so I will have to be very good so I can reunite with you one day in heaven to ask you. In the meantime, there is a void in my universe that will never be filled. I love you.

Phyllis Leigh Simpson - February 06 at 08:53 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Albert "Dale" Buckley.



February 04 at 02:10 PM