

Charles H. Shoemaker

August 12, 2019

Resting in the arms of Jesus, Charles H. “Buzzy” Shoemaker, passed away on the afternoon of Monday, August 12, 2019, at Novant Health UVA Hospital in Manassas, VA. He had recently suffered a fall that required surgery. He was then transferred to a rehab center where he died due to health complications. He was 74 years of age. He was preceded in death by his loving parents James “Jim” Robert Henry Shoemaker and Bessie Cordell Shoemaker. He was also preceded in death by his infant sister Barbara Leigh Shoemaker, brother Daniel K. “Danny” Shoemaker, brother James R. “Jimmy” Shoemaker Jr., and sister Linda Dean Shoemaker Pyer. He is survived by his loving sister Brenda Shoemaker Lynn of Manassas VA.

He also leaves behind four loving nieces—Pamela Donnelly of Los Angeles CA, Pattie Lowe of Manassas VA, Suzie Myers of Sterling VA, and Vicki Shoemaker Cloud of Nokesville VA—as well as one loving nephew, Timothy Shoemaker of Atlanta GA. Buzzy will be greatly missed by them and by all of his great nieces and nephews and great great nieces and nephews, cousins, extended family with whom he stayed close his entire life, and numerous friends. He was one of a kind and dearly beloved by every life he touched.

He lived all his life in Brentsville VA, in the house where he was born and raised. He lived not far from the church he considered his home-away-from-home, Brentsville Presbyterian Church where he was a life long member.

There, working with his beloved Pastor Ralph Benson, he was an active usher and frequent volunteer, as well as a member of the choir and had a great love of hymnal music.

A 1967 graduate of Osbourn High School, Buzzy went to work after graduation for the Commonwealth of Virginia's Department of Transportation on the highway's survey crew. In 1981 he was honored with a promotion to Survey Chainman. Near his retirement, he began working with VDOT's highway sign crew. He retired in December of 1991 and celebrated 23 years of dedicated service to VDOT. He was a lifetime member of the Lake Jackson Volunteer Fire Department. Due to his association with the fire department, he enjoyed listening to his radio scanner which was always tuned to the fire and rescue frequencies during his waking hours.

Those who knew him best will always remember his kind heart, big bear hugs, and terrific sense of humor. No one loved to tell a joke or riddle more than Buzzy. When he smiled the world smiled with him.

Visitation will be held at Pierce Funeral Home at 9609 Center Street in Manassas, VA on Thursday, August 15th from 7pm to 9pm. The funeral service will be at Pierce Funeral Home on Friday, August 16th at 9:30am followed by interment at Valley View Cemetery, Nokesville, VA. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of flowers or memorial contributions to Brentsville Presbyterian Church, 12305 Bristow Road, Bristow, VA 20136 in memory of Buzzy Shoemaker.

Cemetery Details

Valley View Cemetery

12614 Valley View Drive
Nokesville, VA 20181

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 15. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
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Service

AUG 16. 9:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KL

“ Buzzy had the biggest heart of any man I know. He would do anything for anyone. Til we meet again, Rest In Peace, Cuz.

Kenny & Wanda Lowe

Kenny Lowe - August 15, 2019 at 03:33 PM

AG

“ To the family with our deepest condolences, Buzzy was one of the most humorous people I have ever known. Always a smile on his face and he just had to tell you one of his jokes! Rest in peace our dear friend, and keep the angels smiling.

*Regards,
Charles (Butch) and Ann Golladay*

Ann Golladay - August 15, 2019 at 02:37 PM

GK

“ We will all miss you, Buzzy. You always had a smile for everyone. May you rest in peace.

Gayle Alvey Kay

Gayle Alvey Kay - August 15, 2019 at 12:16 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *A Story of a Lifetime*



Pierce Funeral Home - August 15, 2019 at 07:31 AM

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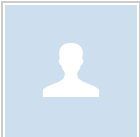
I absolutely love all of these pictures and this beautiful video tribute to our dear Buzzy! I love the Alan Jackson hymns too! It was so good to see all the family at his visitation last night, and to get a chance to say goodbye to our sweet cousin. So sorry I could not make the funeral today, but my thoughts and prayers were with the family. Will the Circle Be Unbroken

Terry Freeman - August 16, 2019 at 06:21 PM

JW

Just found this video of our precious Buzz. Beautifully done with family. I miss Buzzy, he was a special person and sweetheart and one the kindest and loving people I knew.

jeanne Wyatt - May 10, 2020 at 11:27 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles H. Shoemaker.*



August 14, 2019 at 11:24 PM

DE

“ I am so sorry to hear that Buzzy passed on, but we all know where he is. He was a loving brother, someone who would give his shirt if you needed it, and always there to take care of his sister Brenda, and her friends. I consider myself one of the childhood friends, and a past member of the Brentsville community. May the family rest in peace from his love for God and the Brentsville Presbyterian Church. Love, Deanie Eanes

Deanie Eanes - August 14, 2019 at 09:27 PM

BR

“ Never saw “Buzzy” Without that big smile and a bear hug. We were all kids together. Such a sweet, pure hearted guy. Rest in heaven. Prayers to you Brenda and all the rest of the family. Betty Jean Wright Ritenour.

Betty Jean Wright Ritenour - August 14, 2019 at 07:01 PM

SM

“ So sorry for your loss Brenda. Have such fond memories all the way back to high school of Buzzy. Think of you so often and pray that God will give you strength to get through this with the rest of your family.

Shirley Matthews

SHIRLEY MATTHEWS - August 14, 2019 at 01:05 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Charles H. Shoemaker.



August 14, 2019 at 11:59 AM

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Morgan Breeden - August 14, 2019 at 06:27 AM

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Morgan Breeden - August 14, 2019 at 06:26 AM

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“ Terry Freeman lit a candle in memory of Charles H. Shoemaker



Terry Freeman - August 13, 2019 at 10:36 PM

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Our family was truly blessed to have Buzzy, the sweetest and happiest guy ever! He would always give me a big hug, smile and tell me a joke, every time I saw him. He loved his family and was always there for family reunions and events. We all loved him too and will miss him, until the day we see him again up yonder! May the Circle Be Unbroken!

Terry Freeman - August 13, 2019 at 10:39 PM

VE

“ My wife and I were Buzzy's next door neighbors for the last 10 years. Buzzy and I often met while doing my outside chores, and Buzzy would share a Brentsville history or two with me, and I would tell a Navy sea story in return.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Buzzy's extended family and friends.

Vern and Connie Nelle Eubanks

vernion & Connie Eubanks - August 13, 2019 at 08:48 PM

VC

There was no one like Buzzy! We will miss knowing he was with is here....see him in heaven someday!

Vivian and Donald Carter - August 14, 2019 at 01:19 PM

LC

We loved Buzzy. He was always at church. He never missed unless he was sick. He always spoke to us and ask how I was doing. He will be missed so much at church. It breaks my heart to know he's gone, but I believe he's in a better place with his mom, dad, Linda, Jim & Randy, Brenda God Bless you for being such a good sister..Buddy & Loretta Croushorn

Lori Croushorn - August 14, 2019 at 07:12 PM

CM

Buzzy will be missed. He was so loving and so kind. Very seldom did he ever miss church. Prayers for Brenda and family on their loss. God be with you all. Love, charlotte & Charles Michael

Charlotte Michael - August 15, 2019 at 10:28 AM