



William C. Buda Jr.

May 13, 1952 - July 13, 2022

William “Billy” C. Buda, Jr, age 70, went to be with his heavenly father on Wednesday, July 13, 2022. He was an amazing husband, dad, brother, friend, coach, teacher, and an avid sports fan. Billy loved his community dearly and was a fierce supporter of education and sports here.

Billy graduated from Cocke County High School in 1970. He was a star running back for the Fighting Cocks. He graduated from the University of Tennessee before returning to CCHS to teach science and coach football. Billy coached the infamous “Buda’s Bandits” in the late 1970s. He coached many, many other baseball, basketball, and football teams in Cocke County over the years. Billy eventually became an insurance agent and retired from Farm Bureau after 25 years of sales and numerous accolades.

Billy is preceded in death by his parents, William Buda and Christina Buda (Newport), sister Janice Buda (Newport), grandparents Gus and Zoitsa Stephens (Greeneville, TN) and Alec and Zella Buda (Newport). Aunts and Uncles, William Darden and Lucille Darden (Johnson City) and Charles “Z” Buda and Annette Buda (Pigeon Forge).

Billy is survived by his wife Kay Sparks Buda, children Morgan Buda and wife Erin Dush (Michigan), Weston Bailey and wife Tessa (Newport), Meredith Fawver and husband Travis (Knoxville), and Malerie Bloomquist and husband Robert (Florida), and Papaw’s grandchildren Bridgette, Mason, Ben, James, Landon, Allison, Katelynn, Kara and Truman. Nephews Andy Tippitt (Knoxville) and Stephen Tippitt and wife Valerie (Knoxville), cousins Bill

Darden and wife Caroline (Johnson City) and Steve Darden and wife Anne (Johnson City), and best friends Steve McNabb, Chip Oury, Jay Graham, Blake Briggs, Pete Debusk, Grady Hughes and others at the Round Table. Billy was a loyal and devoted family man and friend who sought to help others succeed in life. His laugh and smile are remembered by many, and he will always be "Just Billy"!

Family will receive friends from 1-3 PM on Saturday, July 16th at Manes Funeral Home.

Special thanks to Smoky Mountain Home Health and Hospice and Tammy Francis.

In lieu of flowers, Billy requested donations in his honor to Cocke County Educational Foundation (call 423-237-0381 or visit Rich Lloyd's office, 261 East Broadway).

Out of respect for the grieving family, if you or someone in your household are experiencing any symptoms of COVID or contagious illness, please do not attend and send your condolence online:

at:www.manesfuneralhome.com

A memorial graveside service will be held July 30th 2022 at 10 am in Union Cemetery.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at: www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 16. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Chapel
363 East Main Street
Newport, TN 37821

Graveside Service

JUL 30. 10:00 AM (ET)

Union Cemetery
Newport, TN

Tribute Wall



“ *Manes Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of William C. Buda Jr.*



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - July 15, 2022 at 07:39 PM

MS

Graduated from CCHS with Billy a zillion years ago. I remember best his superb football player skills and his ordinary, jolly self. I last saw and spoke with him several years ago during a visit to Newport. Great to catch up. Sad to see him gone. Friends forever, Michael Shelton, Athens, AL

Michael S. Shelton - July 17, 2022 at 08:39 AM



“ *William C. Buda Jr.*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM

LS

“ *PRAYERS For All The Family. Also PRAYERS For All The Friends and Life's That He Touched Over The Years. I thought a lot of him. He was the 1st teacher I had as Freshman. I was scared to death but he was so nice to us. It made me feel safe and more comfortable. The day went easier.*

Lisa Shelton - July 31, 2022 at 07:14 AM

WW

“ We are sorry to hear of Billy passing. He has been a friend for years. TIP

Wilma Webb - July 26, 2022 at 06:36 PM

AD

“ Dearest Kay, I am so very sorry for the loss of your sweet husband. My heart is with you and I pray for God's strength and comfort for you and your family, may you feel His mighty arms around you as you go through this valley. Sending you love and a hug~Anna Dorroh

Anna S Dorroh - July 20, 2022 at 07:57 AM

WW

“ Sorry for your loss

Wilma Webb - July 19, 2022 at 09:03 PM

DR

“ Billy was one of the friendliest people I know. Always smiling! Prayers for all the family during this difficult time.

Dale and Nancy Raines - July 18, 2022 at 11:09 PM

BC

“ Billy will definitely be missed. Our sincerest and deepest sympathy to all the family. Bettye & Carl Jay Carver

Bettye & Carl Jay Carver - July 18, 2022 at 05:51 PM

RR

“ Kay I am so sorry to hear this. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Ricky and Tammy Reed

Ricky and Tammy Reed - July 18, 2022 at 10:53 AM

JR

“ So sorry and saddened to hear of Billy's passing. After moving to Nottingham Dr in the summer of 1992, Billy and Kay were very welcoming. Morgan had recently been born. I couldn't have asked for a better batch of friends (Meredith, Malerie and Weston). Fond memories and the best summers of my childhood took place on that street. Billy played a big part. Prayers.
Jordan Ratliff

Jordan Ratliff - July 17, 2022 at 10:17 PM

CG

“ Kay and family, you are in my prayers. 🙏
Cheryl Grooms

Cheryl Grooms - July 17, 2022 at 09:25 AM

GS

“ Prayers for family sorry for your loss

gail samples - July 16, 2022 at 06:45 PM

GS

“ Gail Samples lit a candle in memory of William C. Buda Jr.



gail samples - July 16, 2022 at 06:44 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Bills passing.
Prayers, John Frazier

Cindy Wise - July 16, 2022 at 03:11 PM

DF

“ *My sincere condolences and prayers for all of you.*

Debbie Fullington - July 16, 2022 at 02:58 PM

BM

“ *Kay and family so sorry to hear about Billy's passing our prayers are with you. Billy was a good friend, coach and mentor. His smile always lit up the room and was contagious. He will be missed.*

Bert and Janie Mullen

Bert Mullen - July 16, 2022 at 01:24 PM

CW

“ *So sorry to hear about Billy's passing*

Charlie & Lana williamson - July 16, 2022 at 12:58 PM

KB

“ *Kay and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I loved Billy like a brother. He was always his sweet, smiling self. He was my Homeroom teacher, my science teacher, and insurance agent until he retired. I hated to see him go, but was glad he got to spend time with family and friends. Billy was a great man. He will be so missed in our community*

Karen Hance Butler - July 16, 2022 at 12:16 PM

KK

“ The very best ‘no hit’ pitcher in coach pitch baseball!! This happened to Billy the year our younger sons were in the game of baseball. I asked Billy how his team was doing, he says, “ great had a no hit game last night” I said “wait you are the pitcher to your own team!” He says “yeah, I know”. The best friend and man anybody could have. Prayers for all his family and everyone he touched. The Kings-Tony, Kathy, Chase and Brett

Kathy King - July 16, 2022 at 11:37 AM

GH

“ Bill and I have been friends for some 64 years. We first met in the first grade at NGS, and continued being classmates at CCHS and UT. We have since maintained a close friendship during our working years. Most of our frequent conversations over these many years were lighthearted - swapping jokes, catching up on the latest gossip, etc. - but on an occasion several years ago Bill turned serious. He remarked that he had come to realize that the most important things in life were not what one accumulated, not what one achieved in a career, but instead relationships - relationships with God, family, friends. He said that he worked very hard to build and maintain those relationships, and those of us who knew Bill well would say that he certainly succeeded in doing just that.

Rest in peace, my friend.

Grady Hughes - July 16, 2022 at 11:14 AM

CS

“ He took care of me as a kid at Edgemont as a football coach and in high school. He was such a great coach and mentor he always made sure my cousins and me never went without anything. He always treated us black kids with the utmost care and respect. He was 100% an Alabama man. He was a special person to me. My aunt Margaret used to babysit Bill when he was a child. I'm sending my condolences to all of his family and loved ones.

Craig Stewart - July 16, 2022 at 02:18 AM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of William C. Buda Jr..



July 15, 2022 at 09:03 PM

RB

“ Glad I got to know Bill he was a great guy. Special condolences to Meredith and Travis.

Roger Ball

Roger Ball - July 15, 2022 at 08:45 PM



“ 104 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - July 15, 2022 at 07:35 PM

SW

*Sincere condolences to all Billy's family and his many friends.
Sandy Webb*

Sandra Webb - July 15, 2022 at 08:29 PM

JN

“ *Very sorry to hear of your loss. When I stopped by the office to see dad, he always said hello and asked how I was doing. The smile he always had was contagious.*

*Sending lots of love and prayers.
Jeanne Williamson Nuckols*

Jeanne Williamson Nuckols - July 15, 2022 at 07:30 PM

CA

“ *Billy was a great man, anyone who knew him loved him. Sherman and I thought the world of him, praying for the family*

Charlene Allen - July 15, 2022 at 06:29 PM

TM

“ Praying for all family and love ones. We're so sorry for your loss.
He'll be missed.

Ps121

Tonya Thornton Moyers

Lon H. Thornton III

Tonya Thornton Moyers - July 15, 2022 at 06:28 PM

MN

“ Kay and family,
So sorry for your loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers 🙏
May God's comfort surround you. If you need anything let us know..



Montye Neas - July 15, 2022 at 06:13 PM

PS

“ Bill was a good friend. We love you all dearly! You all are in our
thoughts and prayers!

Love & Prayers,

Kenny, Patty, Tristan Stuart

Patty Stuart - July 15, 2022 at 05:34 PM

TC

“ Coach was such an awesome person, Edgemont and CCHS days
and beyond! He will be missed tremendously by all who knew him.
Huge loss. Our prayers for the family. May God comfort & console
during this very trying time.

Todd Cummings & family

T Cummings - July 15, 2022 at 04:18 PM

RS

“ You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Ronald and Carolyn Laws
Larry and Rhonda Sane*



RHONDA L SANE - July 15, 2022 at 03:00 PM

MC

“ Very sorry for your all's loss Buda was a good man and will be missed by so many!

Mitch Coakley - July 15, 2022 at 01:46 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William C. Buda Jr..



July 15, 2022 at 01:27 PM

LD

“ Prayers for all friends and loved ones. So sorry to hear of Billy's passing.

Matthew 5:4

*Sincerely,
Bud & Linda Dawson & Family*



Linda Dawson - July 15, 2022 at 12:54 PM

SB

“ I was sorry to hear of his passing. He was a great man and will be missed by countless friends family members.

Susan Ball



Susan Ball - July 15, 2022 at 12:52 PM

RD

My sincerest condolences to the family. I have known Bill since we were 10 or 11 years old playing midget football, through high school, and at UT. His family was very supportive of mine, especially Z, at a time when it wasn't necessarily popular to do so. RIP Billy. I will miss you.

Roland Dykes - July 17, 2022 at 02:20 PM

KG

“ Kay, Morgan, Meredith, Mallory, Westin and Family. I am so very sorry for your loss. I am sorry for the loss for all that knew Billy. I first met Billy in High School where he was a teacher. I was a member of the Class of 1979 which was one of the classes that had the good Football team that Billy coached. One of my funny memories of him was in school I was his class aide my senior year and along with grading his papers one of my duties was to balance his checkbook and help him come up with a schedule where he could get everything he needed done after school and be in bed by 10:00. Lol ! Billy was a great coach because he was a great motivator. He could make the kids he coached believe in themselves and that they could do anything and I think that was his greatest coaching skill. He was one of Jay's best friends so automatically he became one of my good friends. Billy was always there for my family especially my sons. If we needed anything we could call Billy. His smile and bubbly sense of humor was contagious. You automatically smiled when you saw him because he always had a smile on his face. When we last talked he was so happy to be retired and all the fun he was having with his grandkids and "just getting up when he wanted and doing whatever he wanted". I feel so fortunate to have had him in my life and to call him my friend! My prayers are for you guys in the coming months for your peace and comfort. We will all miss him. Heaven gained a great guy!

Karen Graham - July 15, 2022 at 10:10 AM

TL

So sorry for your loss. We've known Billy a few years and will never forget him. Especially through Morgan and Courtney's basketball years! He was so concerned when Courtney hurt her knee and went to the hospital that night to check on her. Sorry we could not be there with you as we are out of town but we are thinking of you.

Tileah Lewis - July 16, 2022 at 03:00 PM

AD

“ Condolences to the family. I always enjoyed talking to Billy. Always had a smile for you. He was my Health teacher in high school and there was never a dull moment! With that being said he was a good teacher too. He will be missed. Prayers for you all.

Amy Dorsey - July 15, 2022 at 08:50 AM

PN

“ An amazing coach and friend! My thoughts and prayers for the family. He was one of a kind and will be sorely missed.

Phil Newsome - July 15, 2022 at 08:38 AM

MC

“ Sending heartfelt sympathy to all the family and loved ones. We are sorry for your loss. Prayers for family and friends.

Jay H & Mary Ann Chrisman

Mary Chrisman - July 15, 2022 at 08:34 AM

AW

“ I am sorry for your loss. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Alexis McGaha Willis - July 15, 2022 at 07:13 AM

PP

“ My condolences to Billy's friends and family. I pray that God will bring you peace and comfort with His presence.

Pauline Proffitt - July 15, 2022 at 04:00 AM

LH

“ Prayers!



Louise & Jimmy Hux - July 14, 2022 at 10:49 PM

JY

“ All my memories will be from high school. After high school we went on different paths and only saw each other about every 5 years. During high school, Billy was one year behind me. He was one of the running backs for our 1967 & 68 seasons, # 48. In the 67 season, his shoulder was knocked out of place, and he had to have surgery. The next season, fall of 1968, he had to wear a shoulder brace to keep it from dislocating on its own. There were many times he was playing with pain, but played he did. His Mama, Chris, would bleach his socks for every game so she could quickly tell which player he was. She made his socks VERY white. During high school, I spent many nights at the Buda home, I think this was where I was when we found out Otis Redding had died. Before he got his drivers license, Buda had a moped. He drove that thing everywhere. This past year, I saw him at Park West Hospital. Since it had been a long time since I had seen him, I though I would just drop in unannounced. Now, I have changed a bit since high school. I walked in the room and whispered to Kay "I am Jimmy Youell". Billy was just barely awake, but she said go ahead and talk to him. I said "Hey Buda". He opened his eyes and looked at me like who are you. Then he grinned that big ole smile and said "Jimmy Youell". I can still hear his voice saying my name. I sure will miss that big ole smile.

Jimmy Youell - July 14, 2022 at 08:16 PM

CR

“ Always liked Bill he was my insurance agent for several years he will be missed Love and prayers for family and friends RIP

Cookie Ramsey - July 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM

TA

“ Todd and Tammy Presnell Binkley



Tammy - July 14, 2022 at 07:40 PM

TF

“ Death leaves a heartache no one can heal. Love leaves a memory no one can steal. Billy's life was a blessing and his memory is a treasure. He is loved beyond words and will be missed beyond measure.

With Heartfelt Deepest Sympathy,
Jabo & Tammy Francis

Tammy Francis - July 14, 2022 at 04:11 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Billy's passing. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers.

My deepest condolences
Cindy Wise

Cindy Wise - July 14, 2022 at 03:58 PM

DO

“ *Kay and Family:*

Our very deepest sympathy to you in the loss of Billy. He truly was 'one of a kind.' There will only be one 'Just Billy.'

Duay and Kay O'Neil - July 14, 2022 at 03:55 PM

JS

“ *Kay and the children... I am so sorry for your loss. Bill was a true friend to me and my family. I love yall. You are in my prayers...*

Janet Strange - July 14, 2022 at 01:44 PM

RF

“ *So sorry for the loss of my friend Billy. He is in no pain now so we give thanks for that. Praying for each of you.*

Ray Fancher - July 14, 2022 at 12:06 PM