



Orvel Lee "Bud" Blakely

May 28, 1935 - September 5, 2024

With sadness in their hearts the family of Orvel Lee "Bud" Blakely announces the death of their beloved father and grandfather. Bud passed away Thursday, September 5, 2024 at Marshall Medical Center North at the age of 89. He was born in Cullman County, Alabama May 28, 1935 son of Finnis E. Blakely and Ludie Virginia Kelsoe Blakely. He was married to Mary Ann Hardin Blakely, who has preceded him in death. Bud and his family have been residents of Arab for over 65 years after relocating from Cullman County in 1959. He was a member of New Canaan Baptist Church.

Bud was a public servant at heart. He was employed by the City of Arab where he served as the Public Works Director for almost 30 years. He took his responsibility seriously when it came to street maintenance, traffic control, and infrastructure maintenance. During his career he also worked with the Ambulance Department and served as a Lieutenant with the Arab Fire Department. After his retirement from the city he saw a community need and was founder of the Blakely Grave Digging Service. He also found time to do a little truck farming. In Bud's younger years he could be found outside with his beagles and hunting rabbits.

Bud is survived by his sons and daughters in law, Tommy W. and Annette Blakely and Randy L. and Donna Blakely; grandchildren, Buddy W. Blakely (Karon), Keith Tolton (Amy) and Gertie Cook (J.D.); great grandchildren, Samantha Daniel (Tyler), Taylor Blakely, Hunter Blakely, Braxton Lamb, Kendyll Lamb, Addyson Lamb, Seanna Tolton, and Mollie Tolton; and great

great grandchildren, Wayland Holt Blakely and Holten Wayne Daniel. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ann Blakely; parents, Finnis and Ludie Blakely; brother, James Blakely; sisters, Delora Page, Elnora Conn, Florene Gaddis, and Annie Miller.

Services for Bud are planned for Monday, September 9, 2024 at Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel. The family will receive friends and guest for a visitation time between the hours of 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm. The funeral service will immediately follow at 2:00 with Brother Randy Evers and Brother Jerry Burgett officiating. Pallbearers escorting Bud to his final resting place in Arab Memorial Cemetery will be Buddy Blakely, Taylor Blakely, Hunter Blakely, Samantha Blakely Daniel, Keith Tolton, Braxton Lamb, Gary Murphree and Tyler Daniel. Serving as honorary pallbearers are Frank Bartko, Wayne Bunch, Kaye Gibbs, Bob Mercer, James McKinney, Ricky Lang, Ronny Stone and Billy Bentley.

Arrangements entrusted to Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel

Cemetery Details

Arab Memorial Cemetery

565 South Main Street
Arab, AL 35016

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 9. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel
1340 North Main Street
Arab, AL 35016
(256) 586-4100

Funeral Service

SEP 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

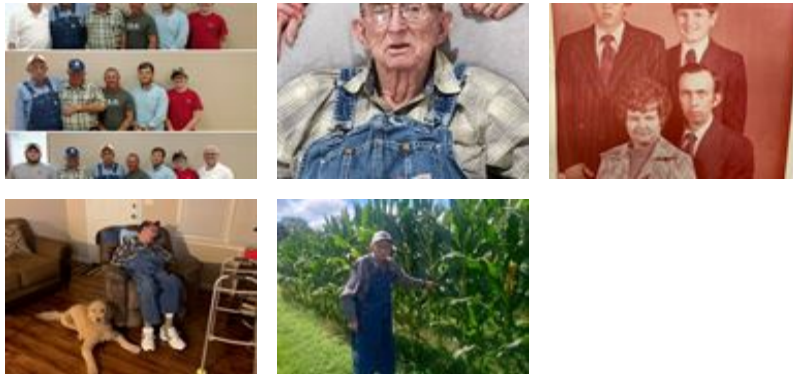


“ He was a wonderful person and will always have a special place in my heart

April Fouse - October 20, 2024 at 06:39 PM



“ 99 files added to the album Life Tributes



Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel - September 07, 2024 at 02:17 PM



“ Peggy Berry lit a candle in memory of Orvel Lee "Bud" Blakely



Peggy Berry - September 07, 2024 at 11:12 AM

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“ Dianne, Steve, and I were so sad to see that Bud had died. Bud and daddy had a lot of fun together but also spent many hours working in the garden and fixing broken stuff. Daddy thought Bud could do anything and he was right. We share your loss but hope that the memories that you have will bring joy to your heart. What a great guy you had for a dad. The Clayton family will remember him with much fondness and love. You are in our hearts as you go through this very difficult time.

Sharon Hayes - September 06, 2024 at 10:44 PM

LB

“ Lionell Bridges lit a candle in memory of Orvel Lee "Bud" Blakely



Lionell Bridges - September 06, 2024 at 08:28 PM

DM

“ Darlene Holt Menke lit a candle in memory of Orvel Lee "Bud" Blakely



Darlene Holt Menke - September 06, 2024 at 07:30 PM

LC

“ *Love, Travis, Rachel, & Chloe Crossland purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Orvel Lee "Bud" Blakely.*



Love, Travis, Rachel, & Chloe Crossland - September 06,
2024 at 04:09 PM