



Wilmer "Buddy" Durham

March 16, 1925 - October 28, 2015

Funeral services for Wilmer "Buddy" Durham 90, of Ridgecrest, LA. will be 11am Saturday October 31, 2015 at Comer Funeral Home Ferriday, LA. with Rev. Don Tate officiating. Interment will follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Comer Funeral Home Ferriday.

Mr. Durham was a Veteran of the United States Army serving in World War II. He was a member of the 17th Airborne Division. He participated in the campaigns in Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe and the Battle of the Bulge. He received the Bronze Star, the American Theatre of Operations Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Bronze Arrowhead, and the World War II Victory Medal. He was a lifelong member of the Ferriday Church of Christ. He loved to camp, travel, fish and hunt . He was our local Bee Keeper. He loved his family and they were dear to his heart. He was a good father, brother, but also friend to many. He will surely be missed by all that knew him

Mr. Durham was born March 16, 1925 in Urania, LA. to the union of Thomas Jefferson and Mary McDonald Durham and passed from this life October 28, 2015 at his daughter Patricia Poole's residence in Monterey, LA.

Mr. Durham was preceded in death by his parents Thomas and Mary Durham, his wife Helen Aldridge Durham, brothers J. D. Durham, Raymond Durham, Farris Durham, Samson Durham, sisters Marie Durham Bruno, Ruth Durham Garner and Lois Durham Rogers.

Survivors include his children James R. Durham and wife Lynn of Peyton, Colorado; Ferris L. Durham and wife Wanda of Ridgecrest, LA.; Brenda

Durham Taylor and husband Ford of Sugar Land, Texas; Patricia Durham Poole and husband Tim of Monterey, LA.; grandchildren Michael, Cherie, Kris, Tyson, Felissa, Amanda, Sam, Jesse, Rebecca, and Alanna; 21 great-grandchildren; two brothers Clarence Durham of Jena, LA. and D.L. Durham of Urania, LA. and many nieces , nephews and friends.

Pallbearers will be Mike Durham, Tyson Durham, Ford Taylor, Glenn Micheau, Robert Durham and Michael Durham.

Honorary pallbearers will be Sam Martin and Josh Silberman and Nathan Nause.

Friends may call for visitation after 6pm till 8pm Friday October 30, 2015 at Comer Funeral Home Ferriday, LA.

Online guestbook at comerfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Comer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Wilmer "Buddy" Durham*



Comer Funeral Home, Inc - October 30, 2015 at 05:17 PM

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I was his granddaughter & spent most of my childhood @ their house. The way this video depicts, I was never there. So one sided..how heartbreaking!! 😭😭

Kristen Durham-Kirkland - March 20, 2024 at 10:27 PM

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Brenda Taylor - November 11, 2015 at 05:38 PM

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Dad & Winnie

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Brenda Taylor - November 11, 2015 at 02:19 PM

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“ A tribute to my Grand Father:

I wish I could be there to witness PawPaw's homecoming into heaven. I imagine it went like this... as he took his last breathe he was transported to a plane. A voice from the cockpit would say "It's time". He would look down at himself and realize he was young again and in his paratrooper uniform. Without hesitation he would jump from the plane and parachute into heaven. As a humble man he would not think he deserved such a grand entrance into heaven, but most agree that such an entrance is well deserved. As he parachuted he would see a crowd start to gather waiting for him. He gets closer and realizes its his family and friends gathered to welcome him. He lands and his parachute falls behind him. Out of the crowd comes Helen his beautiful bride who runs to embrace him. His brothers would joke that it's his turn to wear the shoes and Helen would start to ask about everyone on earth.

I am going to miss my grandfather, but I am thankful for his long life and our experiences together. From my childhood as a PawPaw girl who loved honey and helping him in his garden to watching him and MawMaw dance at my wedding. I am thankful he met my two daughters including Helena his wife's namesake and I am glad that he can take those experiences with him to talk about in heaven. A long time from now I'll see him again. I probably won't get to jump from a plane to get into heaven, but still he will be in that crowd who gather to hear the stories of my life. He'll welcome me with a smile and pour me a cup of coffee with honey just how I like it.

Amanda Taylor Silberman, daughter of Brenda Durham Taylor

Brenda Durham Taylor - November 02, 2015 at 04:42 PM

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“ *Ray, Dee & Garrett Micheau purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Wilmer "Buddy" Durham.*



Ray, Dee & Garrett Micheau - October 30, 2015 at 12:01 PM

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Amanda Silberman - October 30, 2015 at 09:07 AM