



Buz Pruitt

September 7, 1953 - February 18, 2022

Buz Pruitt, 68, of Gilmer, Texas, peacefully passed from this life February 18, 2022, surrounded by family. Buz was born September 7, 1953, to James A. “Buddy”, Sr. and Rosie Lee Baton Pruitt, and graduated from Gilmer High School in 1972. As a public servant, Buz volunteered with the Gilmer Fire Department before beginning a career with the Longview Fire Department, from which he retired in 2005. During his career he was also an EMT and a member of the Scuba Rescue Team for Longview Fire Department. He was preceded in death by his parents, James “Buddy” Pruitt and Rosie Lee Pruitt. Those left to cherish his memory are his children, Ashley Pruitt and Adam Pruitt, their mother, Donna Pruitt, and special buddy/grand-dog Domino, sisters, Janidell Bryant and her husband, Philip, and Kathy Lindsey; brother, Alan Pruitt and his wife, Dena; nieces and nephews, Amanda Dawson, Jared Bryant, Misti Mills, Matthew Lindsey, Anna Pruitt, and Alise Pruitt; and great nephew, Ethen Pruitt.

As a child, Buz embarked on family adventures visiting all states west of the Mississippi River. He enjoyed being outdoors and going to the farm with Adam and Ashley, where they spent days sharing experiences and making memories. As an avid fan of Air Shows, Buz also took many trips traveling to Air Force Bases around the country with his children to see the Blue Angels and Thunderbirds perform. Lifetime memories were also made while spending time watching Adam and Ashley’s favorite movies.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Longview Animal Care and Adoption Center, 303 H.G. Mosely Pkwy., Longview, Texas 75604.

The family will receive friends 5:00pm – 7:00pm, Wednesday February 23, 2022, at McWhorter Funeral Home in Gilmer.

Please visit Buz’s online registration book at www.mcwhorterfh.com to leave your favorite memory of Buz for his family.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

McWhorter Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *McWhorter Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Buz Pruitt*



McWhorter Funeral Home - February 23, 2022 at 04:22 PM

BN

“ *We met at a young and tender age .
When we were to learn so much about each other and ourselves. I I I will always cherish and remember your drive-byes in front of my Aunt Rita's house in your FANCY GOLD TORINO .You and that car were meant for each other ! Without a doubt you are now with several we both have loved and know that have passed on . What an endearing greeting you have encountered , I'm sure! Until we meet again,.... Buz, .Babette*

Babette Nielson - March 04, 2022 at 10:28 PM



“ *52 files added to the album LifeTributes*



McWhorter Funeral Home - February 22, 2022 at 06:50 PM

PS

“ *I am so very sorry for your families loss! Prayers for his family! Gone way to soon!*

Pam Loyd Stanley - February 22, 2022 at 05:35 PM

DB

“ Our my sincere condolences to the family. Our most sincere condolences. May the Lord wrap His loving arms around each of you during this time of sorrow. Love & continued prayers. James & Darlene Barber



Darlene Barber - February 22, 2022 at 02:52 PM

TS

“ Buz was a close friend during our careers at Longview Fire Department! Our families were also close, cook outs, boating on Lake O Pines, just getting together to solve all the stuff in the world. Farewell my friend you were loved by many! Me being one! 🙏🚒🙏🚒

Terry Smitherman - February 22, 2022 at 02:52 PM

MT

“ Always enjoyed our work together Blessed to have known Buzz Will meet again Brother God Bless RIP

Marvin Thornton - February 22, 2022 at 12:01 PM

SH

“ Going to miss my friend! Through all of the miles we traveled together attending air shows, Texas Motor Speedway and cars shows. Buz you will be missed!

Steve Handy - February 21, 2022 at 10:19 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Buz Pruitt.



February 21, 2022 at 10:14 PM

CJ

“ I was sorry to hear of Buz's passing. We were on the Gilmer Phillies Little League team in 1964. My prayers are with his family.

Charles Johnson

Charles M Johnson - February 21, 2022 at 08:11 PM

HM

“ So sorry for your loss. Buz was a fine man, classmate and friend. Taken from us all too soon but left with lots of fun memories of him. May he RIP and to know he's driving his Torino on the Streets of Gold with a grin on his face. Till we meet again...🥹 Hazel

Hazel Pilgrim Moore - February 21, 2022 at 07:50 PM

PS

“ Buz helped me when I first joined the Gilmer Volunteer Fire Department and later when we both worked for Longview Fire Department. He was a true friend and he will be missed. Rest in peace brother.

Paul Steelman - February 21, 2022 at 06:01 PM

LG

“ Buz motivated me to attend airshows when we sat beside one another at the table in the first grade. It would be 1979 before I got to attend one though. Went to many after that in the 1980s and 1990s.

Lynn Graves - February 21, 2022 at 04:42 PM



“ I had the true pleasure of working with Buzz on both the Gilmer Fire Department and the Longview Fire Department. Rest in Peace Brother.....we have it from here.

John Fenlaw - February 21, 2022 at 03:46 PM

BB

It has been many years since I have seen Buz but he was one of the closest friends I had. We spent a lot of time together working out and hanging out. Did go to an air show at Barksdale with him and his family one time. RIP my friend of many years. Wish I had gotten to see you before you got sick. I know he is in heaven and having a very good time. God bless his family.

BOBBY BERRY - February 21, 2022 at 09:26 PM

HH

I only worked directly with Buz for a short time at Idylwood station (old station 3) but found him to be a dedicated and hard worker. Very friendly and outgoing. I remember the good times and the coffee we drank together. He will be missed by all.

Harold Hardie - February 22, 2022 at 02:57 PM

FJ

this is written inside a Rollings Stones' album cover:

*when this you see, speak of me
and bear me in your mind
let the world say what it may
but speak of me as you find*

Frank Gordon Jones - February 23, 2022 at 09:39 AM

CT

*We are so sorry to hear about Buz. The Pruitt family and ours go back many years.
Praying for all of you during this time.
Charles and Lana Turner*

Charles Turner - February 23, 2022 at 09:48 AM