



Homer Lee "Buster" Wasden, III

May 9, 1937 - January 15, 2024

Homer Lee "Buster" Wasden, III, of Albany, Georgia, entered into his heavenly home on January 15th. Buster was born on May 9th, 1937, in Columbus, Georgia, the son of Homer Lee Wasden, Jr. and Catherine Seay Wasden. He moved to Albany from Savannah during his third grade year of elementary school. He later attended Albany High School, where he was active on the track team and a member of the band. He graduated from Albany High School in 1955 and fell in love with his future wife, Brenda Gail Martin, the next year. They were married in 1959 and had two children, Michael Lee Wasden and Cathy Lynn Wasden.

Buster was active as a Boy Scout as a young man and earned the highest honor of Eagle Scout. Buster attended Valdosta State University where he earned a membership on the swim team. An accomplished vocalist, he performed and sang with the university Serenaders. Buster graduated with a Bachelor's degree in both Sociology and Music in 1959. Upon graduation, he returned to his love of scouting by accepting a leadership position with the Boy Scouts of America, where he served in Thomasville, Georgia for two years. During this time, he proudly served his country as a member of the Georgia National Guard for 3 years and was a member of the Air Force reserves.

After his employment with the Boy Scouts of America, Buster accepted a position as an agent for State Farm insurance company, and relocated to Albany. He would go on to serve State Farm for 36 years, where his love for

helping people earned him high honors from the company. He was a member of the Millionaire Club for 29 years and traveled extensively as rewards for his honorable service to the company and his customers.

Buster was a servant to God and his community as well. He played an active role in the Dougherty County Kiwanis Club for many years. His Christian faith was a central part of his life. He was ordained as a Deacon at Sherwood Baptist Church and taught high school Sunday school classes there. He served his Lord at Sherwood for forty one years. Later, he tirelessly and cheerfully served in many leadership positions at Byne church in Albany where he was a member for the last twenty six years. He was an active deacon, and loved to play the timpani in the church orchestra. He also volunteered as an overseer of the church's finances for many years.

After his retirement, Buster enjoyed woodworking in his shop at his home. He was a regular breakfast customer at Pearly's where he dined with close friends. Although he was a Valdosta State alumni, he adopted the Georgia Bulldogs as a favored football team and was an ardent supporter. Buster will always be remembered as a gifted conversationalist who never met a stranger and who strived to make everyone feel loved and important.

Buster was a man who loved his family dearly. They all knew him as "Poppy", a cheerful, loving and passionately devoted man who always had time to spend with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He leaves behind his wife of 64 years, Brenda, his two children, Michael Lee Wasden (Pam) of Lizella., Georgia, Cathy Lynn Lanier (David) of Albany, grandchildren, Mandy Fagiano (Anthony)of Albany, Andrew Lanier (Brittany) of Shalimar, Florida , Hunter Wasden (Hayley Jones) of Lizella, Georgia and Taylor Wasden of Lizella, Georgia. He was also a great grandfather to nine young children ranging from a newborn baby to an 8 year old. His beloved Golden Retriever, Katy, was always at his side. Buster was preceded in death by his parents.

The family will be at 2100 Devon Drive, in Albany, Ga, 31721

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, January 18th, at 2:00, at Byne

church in Albany, Ga., with Pastor Mark Jackson and Reverend Steve Williams officiating. The family will receive guests at the church one hour before the service begins. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Buster Wasden to the Building the Legacy fund at Byne Church, 2832 Ledo Road, Albany, Georgia 31707

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd
Albany, GA 31707
(229) 883-6600

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 18. 1:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Byne Church
2832 Ledo Road
Albany, GA 31707

Funeral Service

JAN 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Buster actually knew me before I knew him. He went to church at bind with my daughter ivy and they would pray for me. Pray that I would find my way. So the first time I met him he said I've been praying for you and I didn't even know you and y then said I love you and gave me a big hug as if he knew me for years.. Mr. Buster was also a very good customer of pearlys where I have worked off and on for the past 25 years. I surely do miss his smile and misses great words of wisdom. Mr. Buster was such a kind, honest, hard-working. God driven man. He is also one of the reasons why I started going back to church every Sunday. Mr. Buster and his wife would greet me with such warm welcome Open armsevery week. Rest peace, Mr. Buster your kindness in special words will live in my heart forever. You're a special man and I was very privileged to get to know you.*

Renee Laister Love Glausier - January 17, 2024 at 11:07 PM

CS

We love you Brenda and family and pray that you will have peace in knowing Buster is with His Lord and no longer suffering. Unfortunately we won't make the funeral as we both have the flu but you are in our prayers.

Clayton Smith - January 18, 2024 at 08:38 AM

PB

“ *Peggy Bradford lit a candle in memory of Homer Lee "Buster" Wasden, III*



Peggy Bradford - January 17, 2024 at 10:37 AM

TT

“ TERESA TOWNSEND lit a candle in memory of Homer Lee "Buster" Wasden, III



TERESA TOWNSEND - January 17, 2024 at 10:02 AM

TT

My prayers are with your family. Mr. Wasden was a sweet and kind man that will be greatly missed.

TERESA TOWNSEND - January 17, 2024 at 10:07 AM

PM

“ I honestly don't know how long I knew this kind man but it was many many years! He was always a man of extraordinary integrity and One whose character and life demanded respect from friends of all walks of life!
Condolences to the family who loved him so Much! Rip Buster Wasden. You have Been an inspiration to many!

patsy martin - January 16, 2024 at 10:42 AM

EW

I have many memories with Buster and Brenda. So thankful for the role and influence they have had on my life. The sweetest thoughts Im having right now is the "hugs" he always shared. Loved this man.

Ellen Wills - January 16, 2024 at 12:49 PM

LB

Brenda, Buster was one of the kindest persons I have ever known, Brenda you were very blessed to have him as your husband, love you Lynda

Lynda Brimberry - January 16, 2024 at 03:12 PM

AM

Buster was my friend and fellow worship team orchestra buddy. He was a master at percussion instruments, notably the timpani and the chimes. I am so thankful for his service to his Lord and to Byne Memorial. My heart goes out to his family, particularly his wife Brenda who took such good care of him. I love you all.

Amanda McRee - January 16, 2024 at 03:38 PM

BS

Buster was always our friend and showed love at Byne when we started coming and joined for Byne for 12 years, he did Bible studies with us even after we moved away to Canton. Will miss Buster and praying for Brenda and family during this sad time for them. I can see him and Mr. Donnie together today praising our savior! So blessed to know Buster will miss him, until we meet again! ❤️

Brenda and Bernie Spell - January 16, 2024 at 04:36 PM