



Major A. Buff, III

Aug. 27, 1946 - July 20, 2024

Major Ambrose Buff III, of Morganton, NC, passed away peacefully on July 20th, 2024. Born on August 27th, 1946, he was the son of the late Willa Mae Causby Mull and Major Ambrose Buff II. Although often referred to as, "Little Major," he will be remembered for his big personality and unparalleled skill of storytelling. Major retired from truck driving with over 3 million miles on his record. After retirement, he became a "professional loafer" and day trip extraordinaire. His time was spent living life to the fullest surrounded by family and friends. Major was a stranger to none and a friend to all. He will be greatly missed.

In addition to his parents, Major was preceded in death by a brother, Roy Lee Buff.

He is survived by his wife, Naomi Penley Buff; daughter, Tammy Farris (Jon); granddaughter, Dr. Emily Laine Farris, PT, DPT; brothers, Larry Buff (Jeanette) and Jimmy Buff (Linda); and a host of nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 2:30-4pm on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The service will begin at 4pm in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with Rev. Tim Hodge officiating. Entombment will follow at Burke Memorial Park

In lieu of flowers, we ask that you remember Major through acts of service. Consider taking a friend to breakfast, visiting a loved one, or introducing yourself to a new neighbor.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

Sorry it has taken me so long to post but it has taken me this long to come to grips with your loss. I could tell so many stories of memories we made together [as could many others]. From getting thrown out of Drivers Ed on the first day to totaling my brothers new Chevy. You always claimed your wacky personality was a result of this wreck. I made a comment at the funeral that probably 80% of the men in attendance would claim you as their BEST FRIEND including me. You left a vacuum in so many peoples lives who will miss your humor, your visits when they were sick and those phone calls to just check in. RIP Brother, I love you

—Harold Burnette

Major walked into my store and said I was talking to a Coal miner at McDonald's he said he was looking for somebody to take them on a ride in these mountains the miner told him to come see me we were instant friends I'm truly sorry for your loss I pray God gives you peace he was one of a kind of man

—Rick Mounts of Gilbert WV

I remember Major from when I first met him in 1999. We were looking at his house in Morganton and he said forget the Realtors, just come on over and we will show you the house. It was the most extensive tour ever and later when the Realtor did take me through the house, I was able to give them more information than they knew! They invited us over several times after that and we just sat around and talked. Major always had the best stories. We bought the house and Major was always there with advice and came to my work to visit me. Prayers for

you and your family Naomi, I can't imagine what you are going through. I will miss him greatly.

—Eric Jones

So sorry to hear of Major's passing, I knew Major practically all my life having grew up in the Salem community. He was a story teller for sure. He will be missed especially his friends at Buds. My condolences to the family.

—Don Smith

Deepest sympathy.

—Ann Smith

Rest In Peace Major. Marsha Buff

—Marsha Buff



Family, you are in our prayers and thoughts. We love you.

—Benny & Barbara Childers



—Mary Frances Parton

I met Major through his wife who I worked with. He became my dear friend who I thought the best of. He was a great friend and I know he will be missed by all

who knew him . I didn't get to see him very often since I moved away several years ago..

—Joe Phillips

I sure liked Little Major. He was one the nicest people I knew...

—TIMOTHY LUTHER NORMAN

To the family of Little Major, A friend to many and all who he came into contact with! An amazing personality who always was very friendly! A good man! He is resting now with God the Father and The Son in heaven! Many prayers for his family and loved ones who will surely miss him! Love/Prayers to the family, Sharon Swink Cain

—Sharon S Cain

From Rachel Causby Morgan, To, Naomi, Tammy and Family, Sorry for your loss. Little Major will be missed by all. Robert Causby also sends his condolence and prayers.

—David Webb and Rachel Morgan



Major a buff you will be missed rest easy until we meet again.

—Tyler Keller and Bart Donna Keller Austin Keller

I have known Maj for 40 plus years. I worked with him as he drove for Dana. He and my granddaughter had a special bond that started when she was 10 months old. I would take her for breakfast and Maj would sit with us as I fed her gravy..he thought that was amazing. They would sit close at church and Maj would tell her to keep him awake..so funny. I will miss him and I know my granddaughter will.

She was heart broken as I was when I told her he had passed. Prayers to his family...

—Tony Nichols



Major is one of a kind. He will be missed for all the random acts of kindness he did and the faithful family man he was.. Loved being his neighbor for these last years... a true neighbor... and you do not find these easily today...

—quez d little



We are so grateful to have been friends with Major in life and will continue to be his in death honouring him. Let us grieve for the the friendship we had and the bonds we didnt get to form yet. Since you passed to soon our dear friend the sheriff of Westwood Drive. We will miss you. Life on Westwood Drive will never be the same without you. Go well our dear friend. Love Ravi & Rosh

—RAVI & ROSH



I knew Major for years & enjoyed talking with him, but usually just listened. He was one of kind & I'll miss him. Good decent man who never forgot a name or met a stranger.

—Ohlen Baker



Major will be fondly remembered around the farm. He and several of his brothers and buddies have became friends



that are closer to family over the years as they visit to get produce to take home. He will be greatly missed! With love, Glenn, Melinda, Jeremy, Nikki Hull and girls. Hull Farms, Vale, NC

—The Hull Family

Worked with Major at Dana Corp. in Morganton. Loved the man! He was so funny and entertaining. Always made me laugh and could tell some really great stories. We trucked together one night and came up with every Country Music entertainer from the beginning of time till that present time and every song they sung. He loved to eat and we did a lot of that together. You will be missed, my friend. I love you and so glad God allowed our paths to cross. See you on the other side!

—John G Waters

My heart is broken! Going to miss Major and his quick wit in my Dental Office ! Thinking of you all and keeping you in my prayers Sure did make our day seeing him come in!

—Carrie Flynn

Tammy and family, we are so saddened to learn of Little Major's passing. We have your entire family in our thoughts and prayers. Praying for God to Grant peace and comfort to each as you go through the this difficult time in your lives.
Sam and Jan Buckner

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So sorry for your loss. Major was a good friend. He always stopped to chat with us when we were outside working in the yard. He will be greatly missed.

—Roger and Sharon Jackson

My condolences to the family of Major Buff, Major was truly one of a kind. I enjoyed the conversations we had , trucking , farming, growing up, ancestors , we could cover most any subject . Major never met a stranger , always willing to do what he could for anyone. He will be remembered for generations to come.

Wayne Suttle .

—Wayne Suttle



Major was a pleasure to know! Burke Primary Care will never be the same! He always made me laugh. He will be greatly missed. Prayers going up for the family

—Lisa Barnes

Safe ride home driver. Your final load has been delivered. You did your job. God bless you. Many thanks.

—Sam N Slappey

Knew him and brothers all the 4 years at Salem

—Ed Denton

RIP my friend. Thanks for your friendship over the years.

—Sidney Simmons

So sorry for your loss Tammy Jon an Emily we will keep you all in our prayers

—Junior an Sheila Norville





—Anonymous

We are so sorry .. there will never be another “little Major” .. he was a true neighbor .. friend .. and always had something to tell you ., May Gods loving arms give you comfort during these difficult days ahead . He sure loved my Dad and Mom and when they both got sick he always came to check on them . Many prayers and Big Hugs Diane Steve Rhodes

—Diane Rhodes

Went to school with Major always a delight to be around. Rest in peace!!

—Sarah Christine White



Naomi and Tammy, I'm so saddened to learn of the passing of such a wonderful man. I remember when you built the house across from mom and dad. You were the sweetest and best neighbors and I was sad when you moved. I pray that God gives you the peace and comfort that only he can provide. Thinking and praying for you both and your family.

—Vickie Dobson Icard

—Robin willis



Major was our first visitor to our new home in the neighborhood. He became one of our closest friend. He will be greatly missed by us and the neighborhood. We love him and his family.

—Terry and Glenda Henderson



—Sheila Carswell

Prayers are with the family Major was so a one of a kind always had a smile on his face and never met a stranger I personally mess him we always talked anywhere we ran into each other RIP my friend

—Jack Poteet

What a friend he was always so willing to talk and joke, laugh and go on about something he even convinced me in my early teens that he went to college and had a degree in stacking hay he will be missed. To the family, God bless you all.

—Herb Dills

I knew Major through one of his close neighbors. He truly was a friend to all. I am sad to learn of his passing and know how much he will be missed. A beautiful obituary

—Patty Creasman

Dear family, we send our love and prayers to all of you , Major was a friend and brother to everyone . We will always remember him with appreciate him for his story's , kindness and we all know how much he loved you Naomi and Tammy and Emily, and his family. May Gods love and grace hold you all in the days ahead. Love Eddie and Linda

—Eddie and Linda Causby