



## Charles Wesley "Buddy" Bennett

October 6, 1939 - December 15, 2024

Lafayette -

In loving memory of Charles Wesley Bennett, please join us for a Memorial Service honoring his life on Saturday, January 4th, 2025, at 1:00 PM at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church.

Rev. Michael Bordelon and Rev. John Clark will be the celebrants.

Visitation will be held at 12:00 PM until service time at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church. Reception to follow.

Charles Wesley "Buddy" Bennett, age 85, passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 15, 2024, in Lafayette.

Buddy was born on October 6, 1939 in Lecompte, Louisiana and he was a resident of Lafayette. He was a long-time educator and counselor at Lafayette High School from 1963 to 1998, and he was a member of the Lafayette Parish School Counselor Association. Buddy was a St. Barnabas Episcopal Church vestry member and treasurer. He was also a member of the Krewe of Triton for over 20 years. Buddy was an avid sports enthusiast. He was known by many names in his various roles: Charles, Charlie, Buddy, Mr. Bennett, Uncle Buddy, Dad, but his favorite title was "Pappaw". He will be deeply missed by

his friends and family.

He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Cecile Antoinette "Toni" Bennett; his children, Charles "Wes" Bennett, Jr. (Kim) of Lafayette, Stephen Bennett (Melisa) of Pearland, Texas, and Robert Bennett (Stephanie) of Lafayette; his grandchildren, Erin Bennett Broussard, Emily Bennett McDonald, Chris Bennett, Julia Bennett, Ian Bennett, Andrew Bennett, Ruston Bennett, and Adler Bennett; his great-grandchildren, Payton Broussard, Emily Broussard, Cooper McDonald, and Rory McDonald; his siblings, Jim Bennett (Jenny) of Jersey Village, Texas, Karen Bennett Carpenter (Eddie) of Pollock, Kathy Bennett Arnold (Darrell) of Alexandria, and Betty Bennett Whitehead (late husband John) of Natchitoches; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Bennett and Nell Bennett; as well as his brother, Capt. Ronald Bennett.

The family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to the doctors, nurses, and staff at Hospice of Acadiana for the care and compassion they showed Buddy and his family during their time of need.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in honor of Buddy to Hospice of Acadiana and St. Jude's.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory, 206 W. Lafayette St., Maurice, LA 70555.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 4. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church  
400 Camellia Blvd  
Lafayette, LA 70503

## Memorial Service

JAN 4. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Lafayette, LA 70503

# Tribute Wall

WF

“ Wade Simon's family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Charles Wesley "Buddy" Bennett.



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**Wade Simon's family** - January 02, 2025 at 11:21 PM

WF

“ Wade Simon's family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Wesley "Buddy" Bennett.

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**Wade Simon's family** - January 02, 2025 at 11:21 PM

RF

“ Rachel, Jay, Danny, Pat, Castillo Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Charles Wesley "Buddy" Bennett.



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**Rachel, Jay, Danny, Pat, Castillo Family** - December 31, 2024 at 04:19 PM

MB

“ I am sorry to learn of Charlie’s death. He was a great friend during our shared years at LHS. He touched so many lives in positive ways. I’m so sorry I’ll be out of town for his service. Please know the entire family is in my prayers and held closely in my heart.  
“Dying leaves scars no one can heal  
Loving leaves memories no one can steal!”  
Marcella Baudoin, LHS 1967-2004, Science & Math

MARCELLA BAUDOIN - December 21, 2024 at 12:36 AM

RF

“ What a special person. So kind and always uplifting. I knew him for 50 years

Roslyn Fouin - December 19, 2024 at 04:58 PM

PT

“ I am sorry sorry for your loss. Every time I saw Buddy, he was full of cheer, laughs and great hugs. We have prayed for a smooth and easy trip to Heaven and look forward to seeing him some day. We continue to pray for you, Toni and the family. Hugs to all.

Pat Thompson - December 19, 2024 at 04:22 PM

JE

I am so sad to read this. “Buddy” was a joy to be around—always positive and happy. I will continue to pray for him and all of The Bennett Bunch.

Julie Philippi Edwards - December 27, 2024 at 08:57 PM

CR

My friend and class mate from Pollock. He will be missed by family and friends!

Carl Roberts - January 12, 2025 at 04:19 PM



*Honestly, Loyalty is his trademark!*

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**Carl Roberts** - January 12, 2025 at 04:23 PM