



## Buddy Graves

September 17, 1939 - December 20, 2024

JESSIE B. "BUDDY" GRAVES, AGE 85

And a resident of the Hays Creek Community passed away Friday night December 20, 2024 at Lakeview Regional Medical Center after a brief illness. Buddy was retired after a long career as a milk truck driver for several different companies through the years. He loved going to the dairy farms all over the area each day and visiting with the men and the families he served. He also worked off-shore for a time but returned to truck driving before retiring. Buddy never met a stranger and there wasn't anyone he could not strike up a conversation with. He enjoyed fishing and feeding the wild animals that visited his property. Buddy's favorite pastime was watching the different wrestling TV shows each and every night, even adjusting his going out schedule to make sure he was home in time. He was member of Hays Creek Southern Baptist Church and he always loved spending time with his grandchildren.

Survived by:

Wife of 63 years: Mary Sue Thomas Graves of Hays Creek

Son and Daughter in law: Jeff and Tracy Graves of Walker

Daughter and Son in law: Ginny and Wayne Corkern of Bogalusa

Grandchildren and Spouses: Sarra Richardson,  
Brittany Corkern and fiancé Daniel Mitchell,  
Kelsey and Austin St. Pierre,  
Angelle Corkern,  
Donald "D.J." Corkern, Jr. and fiancé Kiersten Holmes

Great-grandchildren: Maggie, Andrew, Max, Lydia, Brantley, Allie, Kendal,  
Zach, Chase

Sisters in law: Emma Graves,  
Claire Graves,  
Sylvia Graves

Also numerous beloved nieces, nephews, cousins and other family members

He was preceded in death by his parents Thomas Jasper and Jesse Graves,  
brothers Glen Dale Graves, Thomas Loyd Graves, Carey Lester Graves,  
father in law and mother in law Woodrow "Woody" Thomas and Elnora Yates  
Thomas and other family members.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home Sunday December 22nd from 11:00  
am until 1:00 pm. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home chapel at  
1:00 pm Sunday with Rev. Frederick Brumfield officiating. Burial will follow in  
the Hays Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers: D.J. Corkern, Wayne Corkern, Greg Graves, Shon Graves, Ken  
James, Sam Silva, Willie Graves

# Tribute Wall

DT

“ So sorry for Mr Buddy’s family. Mr Buddy was a great milk hauler and very easy to get along with. He was a pleasure when i inspected his truck and we had many conversations. I know he will be missed by many! Prayers of comfort for all his family!

---

**Delos Thompson** - December 23, 2024 at 06:45 AM

JM

“ Buddy was the best milkhauler in the business when I inspected him. He was concerned about his producers and followed the sampling process to a Tee.  
He will be missed.  
John Mendow  
Health inspector

---

**John K Mendow** - December 22, 2024 at 07:27 PM

KG

“ So sorry I will not be there. Huge hugs and much love as you learn a new path forward. To me Uncle Buddy always had a little twinkle in his eyes. Whether that was joy or mischief or both remained to be seen. God’s grace carry you through.

---

**Kellie Graves-Carreon** - December 22, 2024 at 09:35 AM

SW

“ Mrs. Sue, Ginny and Jeff, I’m so sorry for your loss. Mr. Buddy was always a character. I remember when he stood on the mower of the cub tractor when we would mow the church yard. And I loved seeing him in Winn Dixie at the coffee pot! My prayers are with ya’ll.  
Sally

---

**Sally White** - December 21, 2024 at 09:10 PM

NT

*Praying for Mrs Ginny and family . We remember Mr.Buddy from D.I.  
From Jimmy Tate and Family.*

---

**Nettie Tate** - December 22, 2024 at 02:15 AM

JH

*Prayers for the family and friends of Mr Graves. We met in a business  
about a month ago, and remembered the days that we had coffee at  
WD. He will be missd.*

---

**Jim Hill** - December 23, 2024 at 10:13 AM