



## Buddy Manning

July 22, 1939 - April 5, 2024

PERCY CLIFF "BUDDY" MANNING, JR., AGE 84

And a resident of Franklinton passed away Friday morning April 5, 2024 at his home. He was a 1957 graduate of Franklinton High School and then served his community and country in the Louisiana Army-National Guard. He was a dairyman for several years operating Reedy Farms and he enjoyed riding horses, even performing in many rodeos. Mr. Buddy was always an entrepreneur, owning several different business ventures during the years. He started with Manning Construction and later owned and operated the Family Recreation Center in Franklinton for many years, the well-known skating rink that was enjoyed by so many growing up. He also owned Manning Enterprises, buying and selling tractors and other equipment, before retiring. Buddy was an avid outdoorsman that loved deer and squirrel hunting as well as fishing. He also enjoyed searching for arrowheads at all the rivers, creeks and fields throughout the area and he had a vast collection at his home. Buddy always loved going around town to different spots, drinking coffee and visiting with countless friends each day.

Survived by:

4 Sons and Daughters in law: Chad and Terri Manning,  
Dan and Chelsea Manning,

Matthew and Kerri Manning all of Franklinton,  
Ben and Penny Manning of Winder, GA

Grandchildren and Spouses: Brandon and Ashley Manning,  
Kasey Manning,  
Danielle and Dennis Kline,  
Micki and Bruce Wootton,  
Elliott Simms,  
Emily Simms,  
Jacob Simms,  
Toby Manning,  
Dalton Manning,  
Trinity and Donovan Hunt,  
Colt and Ashley Manning,  
Blake and Mary Manning

Great-great-grandchildren: Nicole, Andrew, Henry, Emma, Lila, D.J., Kinsey,  
Waylon, Sawyer and two expected great-great-grandchildren Wrenly and  
Jackson

Sister: Betty Schilling of Franklinton

Brother in law and Sister in law: Adrian and Carolyn Reedy of Richardson, TX

Also numerous nieces and nephews

He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years Florence Reedy Manning,  
parents Percy Cliff Manning, Sr. and Regina Gougenheim Manning and other  
family members.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home Saturday April 13th from 8:00 am until

11:00 am. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home chapel at 11:00 am Saturday with Rev. Joey Miller officiating. Burial will follow in the Morris Cemetery.

Pallbearers: Brandon Manning, Toby Manning, Dalton Manning, Colt Manning, Blake Manning, Elliott Simms

Obituaries can be viewed online at [www.crainfh.com](http://www.crainfh.com)

# Tribute Wall

SW

“ *Mr. Buddy was my first employer. I worked at the skating rink when I was in high school A wonderful family. I know my mom and dad thought the world of them. So sorry for your loss. Sally Edwards White*

SALLY WHITE - April 13, 2024 at 01:04 PM

SS

“ *Such a sweet man. He will surely be missed. Continued thoughts and prayers.*

Sissy Steimle - April 09, 2024 at 06:21 AM

SB

“ *Susan Barber lit a candle in memory of Buddy Manning*



Susan Barber - April 08, 2024 at 05:44 PM

JS

“ *Ben and family, we are holding you in our hearts in this time of loss. Thank you for sharing this lovely obituary with us so that we could learn more about Buddy and his life well lived!*

*- Your friends at Stable Kernel*

Jami Sieder - April 08, 2024 at 11:00 AM

RM

“ I LOVED ME SOME MR. BUDDY....

*Mr. Buddy was a long time friend. He could always brighten your day when he walked into the room and started a conversation with some light hearted humor. He was a man's man and I loved conversing with Mr. Buddy on any subject as he was a very knowledgeable, versatile and can do man. He knew he could fix anything and could. I loved talking to him about everything from family, fishing, business, equipment, just everything. Mr. Buddy would always come by the store and get his Redman, boiled peanuts and bait, and when we were out of boiled peanuts, he would tell me I need to have them all year long with that Mr. Buddy smile and that gleam in his eye. I could fill a book with positive, loveable, and laughable things about Mr. Buddy, but if you knew him you already know what I'm talking about.*

*Mr. Buddy loved and was so proud of his community, his family and most of all his wife that he so dearly missed. Mr. Buddy wasn't blood but he was family to me in every sense. The Massey families thoughts and prayers go out to all of his family and friends. He will be sorely missed.*

*Mr. Buddy, you have an eternal love filled place in my heart. I will always have a pack of tobacco, a bag of boiled peanuts, and a couple dozen shiners set aside just for you, and yes!! I will sell you my dozer just as soon as I finish with it. LOL!*

*Rest in peace and love, my friend, my buddy, my brother, MR. BUDDY. RM*

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**Richard Massey** - April 07, 2024 at 08:26 AM

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“ Prayers for all the family. Mr. Buddy will be missed !!!!

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**Lyne Logan Robbins** - April 07, 2024 at 07:18 AM

JL

“ *Juanita Luper lit a candle in memory of Buddy Manning*



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**juanita luper** - April 06, 2024 at 07:37 PM