



## Clarence Oscar Buckner

March 20, 1939 - August 31, 2018

Clarence Oscar Buckner, age 79 of Searcy, died Friday, August 31, 2018 at his home. He was born March 20, 1939 in Haynesville, Louisiana to Howard Reddie Buckner and Leola Carter Buckner. He was a member of the Downtown Church of Christ and worked many years as the Searcy Water System Manager. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Sandra Buckner; one daughter, Jodie Chapman and husband Steve of Searcy; one son, Danny Buckner and wife Karen of Vilonia; four grandchildren, Brooke Crawford and husband Chase of Pennsylvania, Haley Buckner of Vilonia, Erin Chapman of Mississippi, Payton Buckner of Vilonia; and one great-grandson, Tristan McClain of Mississippi. He is preceded in death by his parents. He loved to share his favorite poem, "When I Quit this Mortal Shore" written by Mabel Easley.

"When I quit this mortal shore,  
And mosey 'round the earth no more,  
Don't weep, don't sigh, don't sob;  
I may have struck a better job.

Don't go and buy a bright bouquet,  
For which you'll find it hard to pay.  
Don't mope around and feel all blue,  
I may be better off than you.

Don't tell folks I was a saint,  
Or any other thing I ain't.  
If you have jam like that to spread,  
Please hand it out before I'm dead.

If you have roses, bless your soul,  
Just pin one in my buttonhole,  
While I'm alive and well today,  
Don't wait until I've gone away."

The family will have a private celebration and has asked that memorial donations be made in his honor to the Wounded Warrior Project or to a charity of your choice.

# Comments

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“ My dad thought Clarence was a great guy and friend. They only saw each other when Clarence & Sandra would occasionally make the trip to Nashville, but they had some good times. Much love and prayers to the family. He will be sadly missed.

**Donna Golden Eli** - September 05, 2018 at 09:29 AM

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“ Many condolences to the family on Clarence's passing. He was the best boss I ever had and I learned so much from him. I would not be where I am today had it not been for Clarence's encouragement and mentoring. He always made me feel like he believed in me, even when I sometimes doubted myself. Lots of good memories and funny stories--too many to tell. Clarence will be missed by many.

**Daniel Dawson** - September 04, 2018 at 04:52 PM

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“ COB was much more than a good man, a father figure to me. He was always patient and willing to explain things to me even when we were in disagreement. His teaching made me a better professional. He brought the utility through an evolutionary period and responsible in large for it's success today. Along the way we had some really good times and that's what I will always remember. God Bless his family and may God give them peace. - SB

**Scotty Boggs** - September 04, 2018 at 11:51 AM

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“ Our thought and prayers are with your family. We were friends with Clarence and Sandra for many years when they were in Arkadelphia and since. I remember him as a friend and boss with lots of fun and laughs. Vivian Burton, Archie & Relda (Burton) Pittman

**Vivian Burton** - September 02, 2018 at 10:30 AM

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“ Clarence was a wonderful boss mentor and friend. He is and will be greatly missed. There's too many memories to list, but one quick one. He and I were standing on a creek bank one day while planning a project. He wanted to bet me that he could throw a rock and hit a small leaf as it floated by. Even though the task seemed pretty unlikely I, of course, knew him too well to bet with him on anything and did not agree to the bet. But that didn't stop him from proving he could do it anyway. From what seemed to be around 20ft away, he centered and sank the 2" leaf never to be seen

again. Based on his small subtle grin, he may have even been a little surprised by his success, but he would never admit it. Needless to say, i never doubted him again when he set his mind to something. My condolences and prayers are with his family.

**Tim Cleveland** - September 01, 2018 at 09:06 PM

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“ One of my favorite memories of Clarence was when he had a good hand when playing poker and he'd say “Santa Claus”.

**Onva Turner** - September 01, 2018 at 05:13 PM