



## David Franklin "Big" Buckingham

November 5, 1940 - September 5, 2020

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

David Franklin "Big" Buckingham, 79 years old, passed away on September 5, 2020 at his home in Olive Branch. A celebration of his life will be held on Friday September 11, 2020 at Goodman Oaks Church of Christ. Visitation will begin at 12:00 pm with the service to follow at 2:00 pm. Interment will follow at Forest Hill South on Holmes Road.

Dave was born in Alamo, Tennessee to Tom and Ruby Buckingham. He graduated from Humboldt High School in 1958. He joined the United States Navy in 1959. Dave proudly served his country and spent most of his time stationed offshore from Japan. Dave met the love of his life, Donyell, in 1963 and they got married November 6, 1964. They were married for almost 51 years until Donyell's death in 2015. Dave worked as a salesman for Hi-Line for 24 years and retired in 2002. Post retirement, he worked part-time for several years at Enterprise Rent-A-Car. Dave was a proud member of Goodman Oaks Church of Christ.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents, Tom and Ruby Buckingham, his wife, Donyell C. Buckingham, three brothers Charlie, Jerry and Keith and four sisters Toby, June, Kay and Linda. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law Ty and Freda Buckingham of Sardis, daughter Kecia Buckingham

Coleman of Southaven, and son and daughter-in-law Sean and Lara Buckingham of Hernando; his grandchildren Joshua and Niki Buckingham, Megan and Sean Tutor, Keegan Coleman, Zane Coleman, Dillon Buckingham, Justin Buckingham and Addisan Buckingham as well as six great-grandchildren Hollie, Joshua, Natalie and Brody Buckingham, Emma Nell Tutor, and Jack Henry Coleman.

Dave will be remembered for his one-of-a-kind personality. He never met a stranger. He loved his family dearly, especially his precious wife, that he affectionately called "Buggs". Dave loved Alabama football, Elvis Presley, and the game of golf. He could make up a song for any occasion and would sing these songs for anyone, especially his doctors and nurses. He gave funny nicknames to pretty much every person he knew. Dave was a good husband, father, grandfather and friend to many. His death has left a hole in the heart of every person that knew and loved him.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project ([www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org)) or Tin Can Sailors ([www.destroyers.org](http://www.destroyers.org)).

In honor of David Franklin Buckingham's service to our country, the flag of the United States Navy will be flown at Coleman Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Hill Memorial Park South

2545 E. Holmes Road  
Memphis, TN 38118

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 11. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Goodman Oaks Church of Christ  
1700 Goodman Road, East  
Southaven, MS 38671

## Funeral Service

SEP 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

Goodman Oaks Church of Christ  
1700 Goodman Road, East  
Southaven, MS 38671

# Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Tribute Video in memory of David Franklin "Big" Buckingham



Coleman Funeral Home - September 10, 2020 at 01:01 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of David Franklin "Big" Buckingham.



September 10, 2020 at 04:35 PM



“ The Spaulding Family purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of David Franklin "Big" Buckingham.



The Spaulding Family - September 10, 2020 at 02:47 PM

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“ Calvin & Sheila Goble And Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of David Franklin "Big" Buckingham.



Calvin & Sheila Goble And Family - September 10, 2020 at 01:55 PM



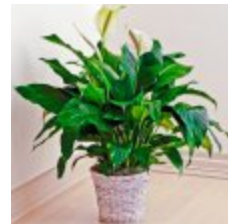
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Coleman Funeral Home - September 10, 2020 at 12:53 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of David Franklin "Big" Buckingham.



September 10, 2020 at 11:03 AM



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**Coleman Funeral Home** - September 09, 2020 at 05:14 PM