



Buzz Sorter

February 9, 2024

Raymond "Buzz" Sorter, longtime resident of Terrell passed away peacefully into the presence of his Savior on Feb. 9, 2024 at his home with precious family at his side.

The oldest of seven children, Buzz was born Aug. 5, 1943 in Des Moines, IA to Raymond and Betty (Blacksmith) Sorter, who both preceded him in death. Also preceding him in death are sister Diana Sorter Paris of Des Moines, IA; sister Deborah Sorter Prymek of Des Moines, IA; and brother Robert "Bob" Sorter of Bandera, TX; and sister-in-law Jane Shields of Terrell, TX.

Buzz moved to Texas in 1959. On Feb. 17, 1967, he married his soulmate and the love of his life, Carolyn. Together they raised two daughters with a foundation of love, faith and good memories. Buzz worked tirelessly for his family and was the owner of his own repair facility, Buzz's Transmission Shop, where his honesty and integrity were blessings for his customers and the community for over 30 years. In 2002, he sold his business and became semi-retired, but continued to work diligently for his family, friends, and the community for the remainder of his life. He was everyone's "go-to" guy and Mr. Fix-It. From a broken toy to a broken life, he either had the right tools or the right words to make things better and bring things into perspective. He was a rock for his family.

Buzz was a faithful and long-time member of Emmanuel Baptist Church, where he and Carolyn were both very active. Never one to be idle, Buzz was also involved in Gideons International, as well as Texas Baptist Men, where his devotion to Jesus was evident in all his work. His devotion to the Lord and his family was his ultimate accomplishment while on this side of Heaven. Reverently called Daddy by his daughters and Granddaddy by his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, he valued family above all else. He was the very best father to his daughters and a fun and fun-loving Granddaddy to the blessings he called his grandchildren. A no-nonsense man with a spirit of generosity and love that spoke volumes, Buzz will be greatly missed by all who knew him and forever treasured by those who loved him. He was one of the hardest working, most loving, loyal, kind and giving men that most have ever known. He was always there to offer help to whomever needed it and never expected anything in return, only that the favor be paid forward.

Buzz leaves his memory to be cherished and carried on by his beloved wife, Carolyn Sorter; his daughters Lori Sorter Walsh and husband Greg of Sulphur, LA; Lisa Sorter Melone and husband David of Broken Arrow, OK; grandchildren Jessica Young of Indianapolis, IN; Jordan Yandell of Sulphur, LA; Bethany Yandell of Sulphur, LA; Lexi Scott of Terrell, TX; Delaney Johnson of Broken Arrow, OK; nine precious great-grandchildren; brother Gene Sorter of Winnfield, LA; brother Rodney Sorter of Des Moines, IA; sister Tammy Bullington of Des Moines, IA; niece Michele Shields Rand (Richard); nephews Jeff Shields (Melanie), Craig Shields, and David Shields (Dorthea); and a host of other nieces, nephews, extended family, church family, and friends.

Funeral service will be held at 7:00pm, Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel with his family receiving friends beginning at 6:00pm to service time.

For those wishing, memorials may be made to three organizations close to Buzz's heart:

Gideon's International at <https://www.gideons.org/>

Texas Baptist Men at <https://www.tbmtx.org/>

Emmanuel Baptist Church at <https://ebcterrell.org/>

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel
642 N. Rockwall Ave.
Terrell, TX 75160

Funeral Service

FEB 13. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



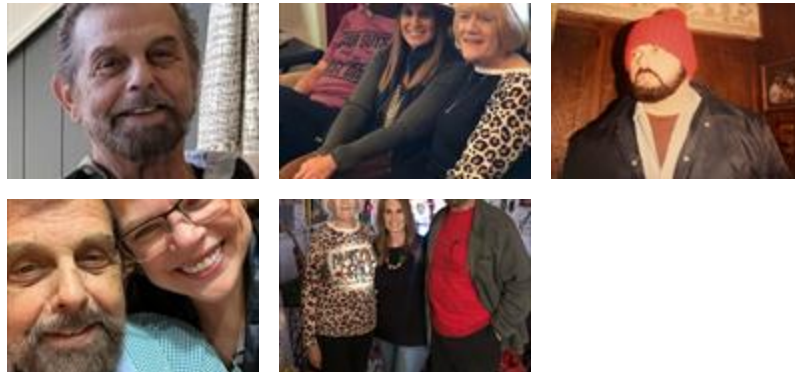
“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Buzz Sorter*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - February 13, 2024 at 08:29 PM



“ *166 files added to the album Memories Album*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - February 13, 2024 at 08:36 PM

TB

From here to there no matter a far, no matter where, I will love and miss you big brother until we are all together again. Love and hugs to Mama and Daddy. Until then....love you.

Tammy Sorter Bullington - July 11, 2024 at 07:40 PM

PF

“ Paul & Jennifer Bridges and family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Buzz Sorter.



Paul & Jennifer Bridges and family - February 13, 2024 at 07:51 AM

TF

“ Terra Autrey and Family purchased the *Large Basket Garden* for the family of Buzz Sorter.



Terra Autrey and Family - February 12, 2024 at 04:50 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Buzz Sorter.



February 12, 2024 at 03:33 PM

ML

“ Mary and Lexey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Buzz Sorter.

Mary and Lexey - February 12, 2024 at 03:33 PM

MG

“ Michael & Brittany Garza purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Buzz Sorter.



Michael & Brittany Garza - February 12, 2024 at 02:46 PM

DE

“ Destiny lit a candle in memory of Buzz Sorter



Destiny - February 12, 2024 at 12:59 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Buzz Sorter.



February 12, 2024 at 12:42 PM

TD

“ Tony and Barbara Dirickson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Buzz Sorter.

Tony and Barbara Dirickson - February 12, 2024 at 12:42 PM

SW

“ Buzz you will be missed you have been a wonderful dear friend to me I love ❤️ you RIP my friend 💔



Sylvia Will - February 11, 2024 at 08:00 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Buzz Sorter.



February 11, 2024 at 04:07 PM

PB

“ Phil & Debbie Bacon lit a candle in memory of Buzz Sorter



Phil & Debbie Bacon - February 11, 2024 at 10:13 AM

EK

“ Praying for your family. ❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏



Elaine Kasper - February 10, 2024 at 04:08 PM

JB

“ *Buzz was the best. Love your family so much and praying for you all.* ”



Jan Bearden - February 10, 2024 at 03:24 PM

BY

We love y'all! Thank you.

Bethany Yandell - February 10, 2024 at 07:47 PM

BM

Carolyn, Lori and Lisa i'm so sorry for the loss of Buzz. My thoughts and prayers are with y'all and the rest of the family. I love you all!
❤️ *R.I.P. Buzz*

Beth Wilder Maley - February 12, 2024 at 10:07 PM