



George "Buddy" Riedmueller

February 24, 1938 - February 22, 2018

George W. "Buddy" Riedmueller, of Oppelo, age 79, departed to his home in heaven on February 22, 2018. He was born in Morrilton February 24, 1938. He was a member of the St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church located near the foot of Petit Jean Mountain. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Marilyn Berkemeyer Riedmueller, son Jeff of the home in Oppelo, daughter Cynthia Ellis, grandchildren Nicole and Curtis Rowland, Rebecca and Brandon Brossard, and Tyler and Shelbi Chenault, and great grandchildren, Kason and Rylea Brossard and Avery Rowland. He is also survived by his brother Charles Riedmueller, three sisters, Barbara Jean Nabholz, Elaine Lynch and Deloris Beck. He was preceded in death by his parents, George W. Riedmueller Jr., and Teresa Lienhart Riedmueller, as well as his brother Jim Riedmueller.

Buddy enlisted in the Air National Guard while in his senior year at Sacred Heart High School and completed his basic training following graduation in 1956. He was activated into service in 1957 during the desegregation at Central High in Little Rock. He completed his National Guard enlistment while working at the airport in Meridian, MS in 1962.

In 1959, Buddy attended and graduated from Weaver Airline Academy in Kansas City, MO and soon joined Southern Airways in Atlanta, GA. He advanced with Southern to stations in Mobile, AL, Meridian, MS and was

station manager in Decatur, AL., before returning to his Morrilton hometown.

He joined the Nabholz Construction Companies in Conway in 1972 and served 19 years as Director of Safety, Personnel and Training. He joined CDI Contractors of Little Rock in 1991 as Corporate Safety Director where he remained until his retirement in 2004. After retirement he helped other construction companies as safety consultant. He assisted with teaching safety at the University of Central Arkansas and various construction trade associations. He was recognized as Safety Professional of the year in 1984 by his fellow members of Arkansas Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers.

Buddy's hobby, for many years, was rattlesnake hunting and raising western diamondback rattlesnakes. Most of his hunting was done in Oklahoma. While raising snakes, visitors to his Oppelo home were limited, it seemed. He would take his snakes for a crawl periodically. He spoke to groups about his snake hunting and raising experiences. His interest in snakes started after his wife was bitten by a poisonous copperhead snake in their backyard.

Buddy and his wife usually spent their weekend evenings with church friends in the St. Elizabeth community, playing cards or dominos. Buddy enjoyed chauffeuring his wife and her sisters on sightseeing trips to various places in the United States. Such trips usually include stops at a casino. He also felt it a worthy cause to help the school children in Tunica County, Mississippi and the native Indians in Oklahoma. Buddy was a fun-loving person and enjoyed sharing jokes with friends.

Buddy was a member of the Morrilton Knights of Columbus and served as a Grand Knight while a member of the Knights in Decatur, Alabama.

Arrangements are as follows: Recitation of the Rosary will be Tuesday

February 27, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home at 1325 Oak Street, Morrilton, Arkansas followed by visitation from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Funeral Mass will take place at St. Elizabeth's Church on Wednesday at 11:00 a.m., 89 St. Elizabeth Road, Morrilton, Arkansas, with Father Richard Davis, Pastor officiating. Burial will be in the St. Elizabeth's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Sacred Heart School in Morrilton, Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock, or St. Scholastica's Monastery in Ft. Smith, AR. Written by: Buddy himself,

Tribute Wall



“ George *"Buddy"* Riedmueller

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ Jeff and family, so sadden by your loss, you and your family are in my prayers.

Janice Lambert - June 29, 2018 at 05:09 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Buddy's family during this time. I was a coworker of Buddy's when he worked at Nabholz Construction. Actually, Buddy was the one that hired me for a position I interviewed for with the company (31+ years and counting). Buddy was totally dedicated to the safety and well being on all employees, but I never could figure out how Safety Director and Rattlesnake Wrangler meshed? And I asked him several times. He did both well. I also remember that he had an old Army cot in his office for when he had to work late. Hard worker, dedicated and caring coworker. I have fond memories of Buddy and his assistant, Edna. God bless you.

Becky Black - June 29, 2018 at 05:09 PM



“ Loved when Buddy would dress as Santa and come on his Gator to visit our family gathering at Ray's. It delighted the children and adults as well. He will be missed so much by our family and church, especially at our Wednesday night services!

Jeannie Andrews - June 29, 2018 at 05:09 PM

JB

“ I have many great memories of Buddy from Sacred Heart High School. He was a fun loving guy. May the Peace of Christ be with Buddy and all the family.

Jim Bilgischer - June 29, 2018 at 05:09 PM

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Parker Meador - June 29, 2018 at 05:09 PM

DB

“ Heavens gain, our loss.

Dennis Beck - June 29, 2018 at 05:09 PM

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“ Buddy was Personel and Safety Director when I came to Nabholz 40 years ago. He was always on the cutting edge of keeping workers safe which was not very popular back then, but he never gave up with his message of safety and probably saved a lot lives in one way or the other. As they say, he took the ball and ran with it! A good man thru and thru, he wil be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Perry McGinty - June 29, 2018 at 05:09 PM

TM

“ I Worked with Buddy at Nabholz Construction many years ago. Please accept my condolences.

Tom Mathis - June 29, 2018 at 05:09 PM

TP

“ Marilyn my heart is broken over losing Buddy .He was so special to me in those years at CDI and years since. We talked about three weeks ago and laughed and had a great time. Our hearts and prayers are with you

Tom Pauley - June 29, 2018 at 05:09 PM

CC

“ Cindy, I am so sorry to hear about your loss of your Dad. I know you will have lot's of good memories. Just lean on your sweet family. With Deepest Sympathy to a good friend from CarolynCody.

Carolyn Cody - June 29, 2018 at 05:09 PM

EH

“ TO: THE ENTIRE BUDDY RIEDMUELLER FAMILY. May God Bless each of you at this very difficult time, never easy to say Good By. Buddy was indeed a special friend. We saw him many times at services in the Saint Elizabeth church. May He rest in peace!

Edd & Carol Jim Hoyt - June 29, 2018 at 05:09 PM

LB

“ Buddy was so funny! Always made a person laugh and feel good. Will always remember him fondly.

Liz Buckner - June 29, 2018 at 05:09 PM