



Buford "BOOTS" Leon Rutherford

June 21, 1936 - March 16, 2026

Buford Leon "BOOTS" Rutherford passed away March 16, 2026 at home with his family after a a long illness with COPD. Boots was born to Bert and Annie Lee Rutherford June 21, 1936.

After graduating from Trinity School in 1954, he was employed by the State of Alabama Dept. of Transportation and retired after 41 years of service as Equipment Engineer for Division 2 in Tuscumbia, AL.

Boots was preceded in death by his parents, Bert and Annie Lee Rutherford, his sister Murleane Alexander, his four sons, Jason Lee Rutherford, Buford Lynn Rutherford, Jeffrey David Rutherford and Joel Todd Rutherford.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Deborah Groves Rutherford, his son Patrick Rand Rutherford, grand children Tyler Lynn Rutherford (Emily), Andrew Scott Rutherford, Haley Rutherford Harris (Clay), Taylor Rutherford French (Brandon) and Christian Patrick Rutherford, stepdaughter Lisa Whitlock Floyd, daughter-in-law, Kim Curtis Jinks, his great grandchildren, Tanner Rutherford,

Brody Harris, Nolan

Harris, Raiden French and Killian French, his brother, Larry "Buddy"

Rutherford (Harriet), sisters, Larene

Etheredge, Martha Self (Larry) and Charlotte Hall.

No services are planned at this time.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Buford,an I dated when we were young.He thought I was crazy when I went into music.BL as I called him,was a wonderful man,I think of him often.*

Shirley Raye country singer

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