



Alonzo Max DeBruhl

October 26, 1940 - December 23, 2020

Alonzo Max DeBruhl, 80, widower of Rebekah “Becky” Trantham DeBruhl, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, December 23, 2020.

Alonzo was a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather, son, father-in-law, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, and friend to everyone who knew him. He shined a light wherever he went and always aimed to make people smile.

Alonzo lived life to the fullest and never met a stranger.

Born in Union, he is the son of the late Jesse Hampton DeBruhl and Madora Anne Crawford DeBruhl. Alonzo joins his wife Rebekah Trantham DeBruhl alongside his brothers Carson and Reece DeBruhl in heaven. Alonzo and Rebekah Trantham were married in July of 1960.

Surviving are his two sons, Larkin Max DeBruhl (Diane) of Greer and Darryl Lyn DeBruhl (Sherry) of Greenville; one brother, Ray DeBruhl (Shirley) of Raleigh North Carolina; seven grandchildren, Corey Michael Schuerman, Keller Max DeBruhl, Carly Faye DeBruhl Douglas, Anabel Dorian Rose DeBruhl, Darryl Riley Marie DeBruhl, Kayden Rebekah DeBruhl, and Jetsyn Lyn Casadei DeBruhl, and four great-grandchildren Mills Carlisle Matthews Schuerman, McCord Louisa Schuerman, Beckett Max DeBruhl, and River Hampton Douglas.

A native of Union, South Carolina, Alonzo attended Union High school. He graduated from Clemson College A&M in 1963 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. Alonzo was a member of the band at Clemson, The Tiger Tones, and The Glee Club. He was also a member of the shag club,

karaoke club, a founding member of The Taylors Tiger Tailgaters, and B Crew MOAD in the Cuban Missile Crisis. He was a God loving soul with a heart as big as the world. He served in the United States Army as a First Lieutenant. A retired owner of Primer Investment Company and Dsign & Mprintz. Alonzo was a Christian and a former member of Taylors First Baptist Church. Alonzo's legacy will forever live on in the lives of those who survive him.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers online condolences may be made to Meals on Wheels, 15 Oregon Street, Greenville, SC 29605. Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Tribute Wall

RA

“ Such a Great King, leader and A devout Christian towards his Family. Max it is with heart ❤️ felt wishes that I extend my prayers and condolences to you and your beloved Family. May he RIP and allow his Legacy to live on in you 🙏🙏. Your Brother in Christ, Robert Anthony.

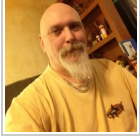
Robert Anthony - December 28, 2020 at 10:11 PM

KS

“ Our parents left Greer/Greenville in 1952 and returned in 2007. My sister and I LOVED going to Northgate Soda Shop and Phoenix Inn so we could shag with our father. That's where we met Alonzo. Every time she and I drove into town from Charlotte and Atlanta, that's exactly where we headed. Alonzo ALWAYS was the first to come up and greet each of us with a kiss on the cheek. He truly made us feel welcome. May God's grace and peace bring his family comfort in the days to come.

Kathy Stultz, Donna Croft, Marks and Edna Arnold


Kathy Stultz - December 28, 2020 at 07:38 PM



“ *Im so sad, He was a Great man!!! I remember he owned the Premier Builders Construction Company, and built our house (the 1st one in the new part of devenger on devenger rd) as well as many in the subdivision and other local subdivisions. Everyone knew the Brown House with the big "D" on the brick fence at end of Devenger Rd. He also owned the Yamaha and Suzuki Motorcycle dealership and was part owner of Dzign Imprintz with his son Darryl. He also owned "Back English" and he even let local bands practice in after hours.. But most of you who met Alonzo recently probably met him from his singing as he loved Willie Nelson and loved karaoke! Hopefully some of you got to meet him from any of the above places because you would love him, he had no enemies, made a friend everywhere he went. He was the most truly loving and caring person that I know other than my father. My mother and Alonzo's wife Becky were best friends during high school and had grown up together. My Father and Alonzo would still meet to watch Clemson football games together on weekends. I will miss him and Im praying for Darryl DeBruhl and Larkin Max DeBruhl as this was unexpected and right before Christmas.*

Mark O'Shields - December 28, 2020 at 12:27 PM



“ ...
Alonzo was a Gentleman who always talked to everyone... We met many years ago at a karaoke event and right away he treated me as if he had known me my whole life.. He Loved Music and dancing and his family..And he loved his Friends as if We were Family.. Rest in peace my friend,, You have earned your Wings...🙏🙏

Mary Phillips - December 28, 2020 at 11:55 AM

MP

“ *Mary Phillips lit a candle in memory of Alonzo Max DeBruhl*



Mary Phillips - December 28, 2020 at 11:48 AM

EG

“ *I had the privilege of meeting this nice gentleman at several events, parties we both attended over the years. He was consistently charming, genteel & treated you as a friend even if you only saw him occasionally. More recently, I shared knowledge & bonding of having a similar cancer. I was so sad to hear about his passing, I had hoped he would be a fellow survivor. We have lost a special angle we called friend! Alonzo was one in a million & loved by so many.*

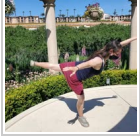
Sissy Galloway

Ethel Galloway - December 28, 2020 at 11:28 AM

AP

“ *I loved seeing and him at karaoke! He will be so missed!❤️*

Aretha Price - December 28, 2020 at 09:12 AM



“ I knew Alonzo from doing karaoke at Fred Rock's karaoke shows. I'm really really going to miss watching him perform. The two best words to describe Alonzo, in my opinion, are jovial and dapper. A sophisticated and classy gentleman, he always put his best foot forward. I will forever value how he always greeted me with a smile and a hug, and never forgot my name. He was always sweet and kind, and almost an icon of Fred Rock's shows. Everybody knew him and loved him. I will miss his smile and his cheerfulness. Rest in peace dear Alonzo. Enjoy seeing your wife, family members, and enjoy singing with the angels now.

Andrea Fannin Bingham - December 28, 2020 at 01:39 AM

PA

“ What a kind gentle man! He very kindly would walk me to my car so that I wasn't walking alone in the dark at night. All the while telling me stories about his family and his dearly departed blue eyes.

Pam - December 28, 2020 at 01:05 AM

MD

“ Both my husband Lou and I met Alanzo at Kareoke. He was always so kind, with a smile and a hug every time we saw him. He was always the gentleman and treated people with respect. He will be missed at Kareoke, and will always have a place in my heart. One more angel to make the heavens smile. Sing and dance away Alonzo. ❤️

Maria & Lou Donofrio - December 27, 2020 at 06:30 PM

MC

“ I grew up in Union with Alonzo, better known as “Whimp” in high school. We were also in the band together and attended the same church. When we lived at Clemson, Alonzo and Becky were our across the street neighbors. Alonzo was a gentle soul, always had a smile for you and cared about others. He will be missed and long remembered. Our family sends our deepest sympathy in the loss of one so dear to your heart. RIP.

Marge & Larry Candler - December 27, 2020 at 03:54 PM

CB

“ I knew Alonzo as a great friend for over 10 years. We did a lot of karaoke together at many venues around the Upstate. We could always count on Alonzo for a hug and a smile. I am lucky to display one of his pen and ink pictures in my house and will remember him always. He was a fun, kind and loving friend. He is singing a duet with Jeff in heaven. Farewell good friend!

Charles Brantley - December 27, 2020 at 03:26 PM

JS

“ Alonzo will be missed by our family. He always made sure he saw us when we came from Mississippi to visit our daughter, Angel Sullivan DeBruhl. We had such a fondness for this man. He was cherished and loved by Angel, Riley, Anabel DeBruhl and the Sullivan family.

Julia Sullivan - December 26, 2020 at 11:20 PM

BH

“ So sorry to hear. I always loved to see your Dad's smile. Praying for you Max and Darryl.

beth hughes - December 26, 2020 at 09:08 PM

JS

“ Whimp and I have been friends since childhood. What a lovely person he has always been. What a wonderful friend to all of us, his Union High School, Class of 1958 classmates. In fact , recently he had been working on a karaoke program for our next reunion. Sadly, our planned reunion was cancelled because of this terrible virus. I talked with him not long before he passed and he told me how much he appreciated the fact that the Trantham family still considered him a part of that family. He told me he loved his family and all his friends. I am thinking that this world is a little less gentle and kind now because our Whimp is no longer with us here. God's peace to all those who loved him and to all those whom he loved.

Joann Sommer - December 26, 2020 at 12:06 PM

SA

To Max, Daryl and all the family—I was lucky to meet your dad and be around him a few times when we came to Union to visit family. My dad was Tommy Trantham and I can't begin to tell you all how much he admired and cared for your dad. He was such a kind and sweet man. Aunt Becky and he were a beautiful couple. I hope you all can find comfort in knowing they are reunited. Sending prayers and our deepest sympathy. With love to all, Susan Trantham Allen

Susan Trantham Allen - December 27, 2020 at 11:29 AM

 Carol
Tilley

“ Everyone loved Alonzo. I miss him so much and will always treasure our time together. We were able to remind close friends and care very much for each other. He loved all of my kids and grandkids the same as his own and they loved him. We all will always remember him. Heaven now has a new voice in its chorus. A beautiful addition. Love you. From Little Bit.

Carol Tilley - December 26, 2020 at 09:24 AM

LO

“ *Max and Darryl, so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. He built our house in Del Norte (many times have wished we still lived in it) and got to know him and your mother since we lived next door to Bruce and Linda. He was a good and generous man. I know you have many wonderful memories.*

Lenore Ozzimo. (Chrissa and Michele's Mom)

Lenire Ozzimo - December 26, 2020 at 08:35 AM

DE

“ *Never met a nicer man than Alonzo. When you're missing him the most, I hope you also remember how many people were blessed by his friendship. Rest in God's peace, Alonzo*

Diane Hunter Evans

Diane Hunter Evans - December 24, 2020 at 04:32 PM