



Buddy Lawson

October 26, 1937 - May 17, 2022

Alvin Elmore “Buddy” Lawson, 84, passed away May 17, 2022.

A native of Laurens County, son of the late Algie and Beatrice Brewington Lawson, he was the retired owner and operator of Lawson’s Grading and Landscaping, formerly employed by Blackwell Brothers and Stewart, and Sonny Rhem Grading, Inc. He was a member of Apalache Baptist Church for 60 years, where he served as a deacon and on the Building and Grounds Committee.

Surviving are his loving wife of 65 years, Clara Belle Richards Lawson of the home; one son, Rick Michael Lawson (Roni) of Palm Harbor, Florida; a brother, Carroll Lawson of Walterboro; and five grandchildren, Kevin Lawson (Kelly), Ian Lawson, Shaina Lawson, Aimee Lawson, and Rhiannon Lawson.

He was predeceased by one son, Alton Deryl Lawson and five sisters, Alice Knight, Altha Redding, Corene Weather, Helen Richards, and Sue Mulligan.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 21, 2022, at Apalache Baptist Church conducted by Rev. Brian Childers, Rev. Butch Howard, and Rev. Jerry Bryant. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Memory Gardens.

Honorary escort will be the deacons of Apalache Baptist Church.

Visitation will be held 12:00-1:45 p.m. Saturday at the church.

The family is at the home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Greer Community Ministries, P.O. Box 1373, Greer, SC 29652.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memory Gardens

14050 East Wade Hampton Boulevard
Greer, SC 29651

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 21. 12:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Apalache Baptist Church
1915 Gap Creek Road
Greer, SC 29651

Service

MAY 21. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RC

“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. We have fond memories of Buddy and Clara from our times together at Apalache. Buddy was a good man and we know he will be missed. With Deepest Sympathy, David and Robyn Cunningham

Robyn Cunningham - May 23, 2022 at 11:25 PM

GJ

“ Buddy was a dear friend to our family and helped us get moved into the Church parsonage when we went to Apalache Baptist Church and We never will Forget him and Clara and the love they showed us. Clara we love you and you are in our Prayers daily Love, Georgia and Henry

Georgia Johnson - May 23, 2022 at 11:14 PM

CT

“ Clara & Ricky,
As many others have indicated, Buddy was such a "Gentle Giant" of a person/man. I too have great memories of him as one of my Dad's (Cecil) closest friend. Buddy was indeed a big personality but an even better man who truly lived his faith in Jesus.

Please know of the Turner's love & prayers for you all during your loss.

-Chris Turner

chris turner - May 23, 2022 at 01:56 PM

BL

“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for all the Lawson family.
Bab Lynn and family

bab lynn - May 22, 2022 at 03:05 PM

LD

“ *Clara and Family,
May God comfort you with His Love We will miss Buddy greatly.
Love you,
Paul and Lydia Dorman*

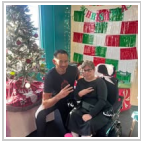
Lydia Dorman - May 22, 2022 at 12:06 PM



“ *Shirley Robinson lit a candle in memory of
Buddy Lawson*



Shirley Robinson - May 21, 2022 at 06:31 PM



“ *Brandi Medford lit a candle in memory of
Buddy Lawson*



Brandi Medford - May 21, 2022 at 12:24 PM

MY

“ *Clara and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. You and Buddy have a special place in my heart. You are like family. I remember being little and holding Buddy's hand during prayer at church...my little girl hand around his big finger. To me he was a gentle giant. You both have always been there if my Momma or Daddy ever needed anything. Thank you! Please let me know if I can do anything for you. Sending my love and prayers.*

Missy Yarborough - May 19, 2022 at 12:32 PM

GS

“ Clara, Milton and I are so sorry for your loss. Just found out a few minutes ago. We truly loved Buddy. This breaks our hearts. We have been trying to get in touch with you about your watch. Milton found out where he can get you a battery.

Gail and Milton Smith - May 19, 2022 at 12:21 PM

JW

“ Clara, I'm sorry for your loss. I love you. Judy



Judy Walker - May 19, 2022 at 11:41 AM



“ Clara I am so sorry to hear about Buddy I only have good Memories of you and Buddy.
He was always the same every time I saw him. My love and prayers are with you and your family.

Mary Brown - May 19, 2022 at 09:05 AM

JR

“ Clara and family. We are so very sorry for your loss. You both are very special people and he will be greatly missed. May God's love and grace bring you the peace you need at this difficult time.
Steve & Joan Rector

Joan Rector - May 19, 2022 at 08:41 AM

AK

“ Clara, I’m sorry to hear about Buddy. He was truly a good man. May you feel Gods grace and love during this difficult time.
Respectfully, Angie Ashmore Kruse



Angie Ashmore Kruse - May 18, 2022 at 09:54 PM

LH

“ Louise Hudson lit a candle in memory of Buddy Lawson



Louise Hudson - May 18, 2022 at 09:00 PM

DN

“ I truly love this man and his precious wife , Clara . My cousin , Carol , is their ex daughter in law . My late mama loved them too . We joined Apalache Baptist in 1977 and for a long time many of my family members went there . Buddy would always give my children chewing gum . He was so kind and a wonderful Christian man .

Donna Newman - May 18, 2022 at 08:50 PM

TJ

“ Clara so sorry to hear about Buddys passing. Prayers for you during this time.
Don and Tammy Jolley

Tammy Jolley - May 18, 2022 at 07:57 PM

CW

“ Sorry to hear about Buddy , will be praying for the family . I've known Buddy and Clara every since I was a kid and he would always take me out on the boat to fish at heartwell and when we had a brotherhood fishing tournament with the men from Apalache he would put me on his boat and we would go out and fish together. I've thought the world of Buddy. Rest easy sir see ya soon.



Christopher Wilson - May 18, 2022 at 06:45 PM

KS

“ Karen Stroble lit a candle in memory of Buddy Lawson



Karen Stroble - May 18, 2022 at 05:11 PM

BH

“ Clara, I have known you and Buddy 60 years and you both have been a blessing to me. Buddy was a special person, kind, gentle and funny. His big laugh was contagious. He will be greatly missed not only by you and your family but by our church family. May God Bless and comfort you and your family at this time. I love each of you. Love, Rose.

Betty Humphries - May 18, 2022 at 04:58 PM

EL

“ Buddy was a great friend,. We have had some very good times going on trips with other friends! He was a giant of a man, but a kind loving heart! He will be missed by all of us! Clara we love you and your family and will be praying for comfort and peace! Love Elaine and Bill Laster



Elaine Laster - May 18, 2022 at 04:58 PM

CP

“ Buddy was my former father-in-law and a wonderful kind man. He was always funny and had mischievous smile on his face. May he rest in peace now with Deryl. My thoughts and prayers are with Clara and Rick Much love! ❤️

Carol Parris - May 18, 2022 at 03:06 PM

JO

“ I've been privileged to know Buddy Lawson and his wife Clara for over 22 years. They were very Faithful members of Apalache. They truly served The Lord by serving others. When anyone needed Anything they were among the first to meet their Need! A beautiful couple devoted to God and To each other. Buddy will be greatly missed but We will see him in Heaven! Praying for Clara and His family, Rick and his wife and grandchildren.



Jane Orr - May 18, 2022 at 01:37 PM

BW

“ So sorry for your loss
Praying for your family 🙏

Betty West - May 18, 2022 at 12:58 PM

LD

Clara we are sorry for your loss and all his friends loss He always made us smile . We love you as well. Paul and Lydia Dorman

Lydia Dorman - May 19, 2022 at 08:41 AM

ST

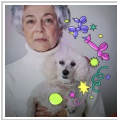
“ Clara, we are so sorry to hear about Buddy's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love, Shelby & Keith Thomason

Shelby Thomason - May 18, 2022 at 12:46 PM

PW

Clara, you and Buddy are great friends. I am so glad our paths met. We have great memories. I understand and pray that God will give you grace and strength in the coming days. I am here for you if you need me. I love you and cherish your friendship.

Phyllis Weavil - May 20, 2022 at 05:15 PM



Clara, I am so sorry to hear about Buddy. We will be praying for you in the days to come.

Shirley Robinson - May 21, 2022 at 06:33 PM