



Phil "Buddy" Bankston

August 14, 1936 - September 1, 2025

Mr. Phil D. Bankston, 89, of Corner, Al passed away peacefully at his home on Monday, September 1, 2025.

Phil was born on August 14, 1936. He was a graduate of Corner High School. A lover of sports, he played football and baseball. And he liked to race cars. He enjoyed watching the Atlanta Braves and was a fan of Bear Bryant's Crimson Tide.

On July 2, 1956, he married the love of his life, Mary. They moved several times over the years but eventually settled back at home in Corner. Their love story lasted for over 69 years.

Phil was a "jack of all trades" working as a Birmingham firefighter, Birmingham police officer, mechanic, transporting new vehicles for Commercial Carriers, and eventually retiring from Ryder.

Known by many as "Buddy", Phil loved to spend time with his family and friends. He'd always greet you with a "Well, what do say?" He knew how to make you feel special. And he loved his family more than anything. He would drop whatever he was doing to be there for them.

Phil is preceded in death by a son, Paul Alan Bankston; his parents Sam and Cora Mitchell Bankston; a sister, Eloise Rouse; and a brother-in-law, William Rouse.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Mary Bankston; daughter, Paula Bankston Clark; grandchildren Jon Nix (Ann) and Holly Buckley (Matt); one great-grandchild and his "little buddy", Eli Buckley; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at New Horizon Chapel at 2:00 PM, Friday, September 5, 2025. The family will receive friends one hour before the service time. Burial will follow at Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Zion Baptist

2427 Corner Rd.
Warrior, AL 35180

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 5. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

New Horizon Memorial Funeral Home
5203 Hollis Goodwin Road
Dora, AL 35062
(205) 648-2323

Chapel Service

SEP 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Buddy loved to work on tractors. A few years ago, he rebuilt a tractor my Dad bought in 1954. He took pride in his work and my husband Gary loved to talk about “shop” with him. Mary and the family, I truly am sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful person.

Gina Allums Morrow - September 04, 2025 at 12:57 AM

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“ Gina Allums Morrow lit a candle in memory of Phil "Buddy" Bankston



Gina Allums Morrow - September 03, 2025 at 09:43 AM