



John "Buddy" Asbell

September 10, 1926 - April 26, 2017

John "Buddy" Asbell, 90, of Suwannee, Florida, passed away at North Florida Regional Hospital on April 26, 2017. He was born in Plant City, Florida to John Wesley, Sr. and Polly Asbell. Buddy served his country in the United States Navy during World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater.

Buddy lived most of his life in Levy County but later moved to Suwannee. He worked for power companies, farmed, did dozer work, owned Suwannee Fish House and was a great fishing guide after he retired from public work. He was a Christian and served as a deacon of Suwannee Baptist Church.

Buddy is preceded in death by his former wife, Edith, sons, Jimmy and Bobby and son-in-law Robert Lee. He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Emily; children, Frankie Asbell (Connie), Polly Lee, Becky Driggers (Duane), Angela Crowley, Wendy Hutchison (Stevie) and Jeff Hawk (Michelle); grandchildren, Jimmy Asbell (Tina), Kellee Thomas, Missy Moody (Chris), Carrie Crews (Richard), Eva Gay (Joe), John Driggers (Jennifer), Jason Driggers (Karen), B. J. Asbell (Crystal), Jennifer Williams (Chris), Ashley Pruitt (Thomas), Laura Lee (Paul), Spencer Denton, Tristan Denton, Tiffany Duval, Ethan Hawk, Kenneth Hawk and Ron Cannon; 27 great grandchildren and numerous great-great grandchildren.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 1:00 PM at the Cross

City Chapel of Rick Gooding Funeral Home with funeral services following at 2:00 PM. Rev. Fred Edwards and Brother John Driggers will be officiating. Interment will follow at Chiefland Cemetery.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of Rick Gooding Funeral Home, Cross City, Florida, 352-498-5400 and Chiefland, Florida, 352-493-0050. Please sign the online guest book at rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Chiefland Cemetery

520 Southeast 5th Avenue
chiefland, FL 32626

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 29. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City
16984 SE Hwy 19
Cross City, FL 32628
(352) 498-5400

Service

APR 29. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John "Buddy" Asbell*

October 08, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ *John "Buddy" Asbell*

January 30, 2023 at 01:26 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



alesia Richburg - April 29, 2017 at 11:13 AM



“ *I think my favorite memory of Uncle Buddy, was when I was around 7. We came from down south at Christmas. Aunt Edith and Mom took all of us kids for a long ride. When we got back to the house, Santa had came. Uncle Buddy was sitting back in his chair, didnt say a word, just sat back and smiled the whole time.*

Edna Griffin - April 29, 2017 at 06:06 AM



“ So sorry for your loss of this sweet man! My thoughts and prayers are with the whole family. Glad with you that he is no longer struggling here on earth. But to say that he will be missed is a huge understatement!

Love,
Beth Sims

Beth Sims - April 28, 2017 at 06:42 PM

SB

“ Strength. Love. Light to so many. Kind and gentle soul. Only someone like you could be loved by so many. You will be missed Mr. Buddy "papa"

Susan Bell - April 28, 2017 at 05:09 AM

IF

“ in you! Love always, Anne Bared-Hill & Family purchased the With Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket for the family of John "Buddy" Asbell.



in you! Love always, Anne Bared-Hill & Family - April 27, 2017 at 09:37 PM

BF

“ Barbara (Michelle's mother) and the Lanyon family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John "Buddy" Asbell.



Barbara (Michelle's mother) and the Lanyon family - April 27, 2017 at 06:44 PM

RJ

“ Richard & Nita Jones purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John "Buddy" Asbell.



Richard & Nita Jones - April 27, 2017 at 06:01 PM



“ Lit a candle in memory of John "Buddy" Asbell



Connie O'Dell - April 27, 2017 at 03:09 PM

CO

“ Connie O'Dell sent a virtual gift in memory of John "Buddy" Asbell



Connie O'Dell - April 27, 2017 at 02:40 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John "Buddy" Asbell.



April 27, 2017 at 02:25 PM

DT

“ I remember living next to Uncle Buddy and Aunt Edith. I use to ride a cow they had and fell off and broke my arm. I also use to help with some farming just to hang out.. Mostly just on the porch rocking in the rocking chairs and just talking..Uncle Buddy loved to sit and Rock away in those chairs...

Debbie Gainey Thisse - April 27, 2017 at 12:41 PM