

James “Bud” Fulgham

April 29, 1943 – January 9, 2026

James Anthony "Bud" Fulgham, age 82 of Mathiston, Mississippi was called home to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, January 9, 2026, surrounded by his wife and children at Baptist Memorial Hospital Golden Triangle in Columbus, Mississippi. Buddy was born on April 29, 1943, in Maben, Mississippi to the late Lavelle and Hazel Fulgham. Bud proudly served in the United States Navy aboard the minesweeper USS Enhance. He enjoyed sharing memories of his service with others, especially when they thanked him after noticing the Navy hat he so proudly wore. Bud retired from Gulf States in 2008 after twenty-four years as a top-notch welder. He was also a logger and was never one to shy away from hard work. He loved tending his garden and often spoke of getting Wayne to cut him a truck patch, even when he was no longer physically able to work it himself. He planted as much as he could so that he and Brenda could can vegetables to share with their family. Bud loved to travel, and it never mattered where he was going-- whether on a cruise (and there were many), to Nashville, Tennessee to attend the Grand Ole Opry, or to Louisiana to visit Kim. He was always set on G and waiting on O ready at a moment's notice. When Wayne would say, "We're going to get a burger, do ya'll want to go?" The answer was always, "Yes". You never had to wait on Bud to be ready; he was always on the porch, waiting to be picked up. For his 80th birthday, he received a golf cart, which he used for his morning trips to the Quik Stop for coffee and chit-chat with the guys. Although he was no longer able to drive due to macular degeneration, the golf cart allowed him to maintain a sense of independence. Bud loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them. He especially loved talking about his grandchildren and their many accomplishments. Nothing made him prouder than when they asked him to make a boiler of dumplings, because Pawpaw's dumplings were simply better than anyone else's. Bud was a member of Maben First Baptist Church in Maben, Mississippi. He loved his church family and looked forward to gathering each week and fellowshiping afterward. Bud is survived by his loving wife of sixty-one and a half years, Brenda Fisackerly Fulgham of Mathiston, Mississippi; and their children, Janice (Mark) Mayo of Pontotoc, Mississippi, Beverly (Tom) Stafford of Clinton, Mississippi, Wayne (Bonnie) Fulgham of Maben, Mississippi, Kim Fulgham-Clay of Kenner, Louisiana and Craig (Laiken) Fulgham of Ackerman, Mississippi; grandchildren, Lee, Robert, Bradley, Rebecca, Kara, Kane, Mitchell, James Michael, Alyana, Jake, Emery, Kelsey and Carson; a host of great grandchildren; a sister, Sylvia (Mike) Weldon and a number of nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Lavelle and Hazel Fulgham; a brother, David Fulgham and sisters, Myrna Eidson and Carol Loden.



Order of Service

Seating of the Family

Special Music

“I Just Came to Talk with You, Lord”

Welcome, Prayer, Obituary and Tribute

Rev. Tommy Temple

Special Music

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Message

Rev. Tommy Temple

Prayer

Committal/Graveside Service

(Held in the Church)

Recessional



Officiant

Rev. Tommy Temple

Pallbearers

*Mr. Bud's grandsons, Lee, Robert, Bradley, Kane,
Mitchell, James Michael and Carson
as well as Wayne Baker*

***The Graveside/Committal Services will
all be held inside the Church today.
There will be no services at
Clear Springs Primitive Baptist Church
Cemetery.***



Professional Services Entrusted to

Oliver Funeral Home
1060 Veterans Memorial Boulevard
Eupora, Mississippi 39744
www.ofheupora.com

Service of Celebration and Remembrance of the Life of

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Funeral Services

Sunday, January 11, 2026
Three O'clock in the Afternoon
Maben First Baptist Church
615 2nd Avenue
Maben, Mississippi 39750

Interment

Clear Springs Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery
Maben, Mississippi

Officiating

Rev. Tommy Temple