



Rev. Orba Jefferson "Buddy" Perry

January 19, 1945 - August 17, 2020

Rev. Orba Jefferson "Buddy" Perry Jr., 75, of Anderson, was welcomed to his heavenly home by the Savior he so faithfully served on Monday morning, August 17, 2020.

He was born on January 19, 1945 in Houston, Texas, a son of the late Orba Jefferson Perry Sr., and Mildred Mae (Hunter) Perry.

Lovingly known to all as "Uncle Bud", he was a man of deep integrity. He was faithful, dependable, consistent, humble, loving, and caring. He never knew a stranger and in his Texas drawl was always quick to encourage with the words "Hang in there and keep your chin up".

Buddy felt a call to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ at the age of 17. He met the love of his life and faithful companion, Aletha Jane Staley, at Bethany Nazarene College in Bethany, Oklahoma. They were married on June 12, 1965.

Shortly thereafter, they moved to Indiana to attend Union Bible Seminary. Buddy then went on to complete his education at Covenant Foundation College where he was one of the first two graduates. In those early years, he served as pastor in New Castle, Greenfield, and his hometown of Houston before settling in Anderson. God gave Buddy and Jane 21 wonderful years of

ministry there at the Grace Holiness Church.

In November of 1986, Uncle Bud helped establish the International Conservative Holiness Association (ICHA) and served as its General Chairman for 31 years. He poured his heart and soul into this ministry, its campground, and people. He was in his element walking the grounds during family, youth, and kid's camp; always chatting, welcoming, and loving everyone. He loved the ICHA Campground and gave generously of his time and resources to ensure its upkeep and growth.

Perhaps the deepest passion of his heart was that of foreign missions. He was drawn to the cause and to the people. He loved them like family and would leave a piece of his heart every time he visited. He made 34 trips to Honduras as well as trips to South Africa, Haiti, Guatemala, and Mexico.

For anyone who knew Uncle Bud, they knew another of his love's was going salmon fishing in Michigan. There have been so many amazing memories made in the last 43 years of him, his sons, grandsons, and preacher friends all packing up to spend a few days on the riverbank. These times were spent laughing, swapping stories, and experiencing that ever exciting feeling associated with "fish-on"! Buddy truly loved his boys and loved sharing Michigan with them.

Buddy's greatest love was for his family. He loved every one of them so much! He cherished every single moment he could spend with them. Whether eating out, sitting on the porch chatting, or attending one of the grandchildren's birthday parties, he was always in touch with them and aware of what was going on in their lives. His frequent phone calls and steady presence were a constant source of encouragement to his children and grandchildren.

Those left to cherish Buddy's memory include his wife of 56 years, Jane Perry;

three children, Jeff (Marci) Perry of Martinsville, Jon (Jules) Perry of Norman, and Elizabeth (Jason) Arnett of Alexandria; 10 grandchildren, Jeannette (Caleb) Wedemeyer, Josh (Bree) Perry, Jana (Caleb) Pugh, Tanner Waldrip, Alyssa Hester, Ashley Perry, Jonathan Perry, Brianna Verdin, and Jackson and Jenson Arnett; six great-grandchildren, Jake Perry, Ezra Wedemeyer, Owen Wedemeyer, Nora Pugh, Adrian Groover, and Harmony Groover; two daughters-in-law, Joy Leath of Indianapolis and Angela Pratcher of Anderson; a brother, Robert (Misty) Perry of TX; two sisters, Sharon (Jimmy) Luna of TX and Barbara (Olen) Ferguson of OK; a brother-in-law, O'Neal Foley of TX; and two sisters-in-law, Hazel Perry and Gladys Perry both of TX and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Lillie Foley, and three brothers, Charles, Samuel, and Carl Perry, Sr.

Due to Covid 19 and the desire of the family for everyone's safety, a drive-through visitation will be held from 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm Friday, August 21, 2020 at the Buddy and Jane Perry Tabernacle, ICHA Campground, 4485 N. Fortville Pike in Greenfield. You will be able to view Buddy and greet the family briefly while remaining in your vehicle.

A private family service will be livestreamed here (<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/obituaries/Orba-Perry/#!/PhotosVideos/00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000001/WebcastVideo>) at 1:00 pm EST, Saturday, August 22, 2020 with Rev. Rollin Mitchell officiating and the burial to follow.

For 31 years, Buddy Perry had the honor of standing on the platform in the beautiful setting of the ICHA campground. Surrounded by the congregation he loved, he would raise money for different causes related to the ICHA ministry. He did this hundreds of times and the people gave willingly, generously, and

from their hearts. His ultimate dream was to see the campground paid in full before he went to heaven. Although he did not live to see this accomplished, his family would like to give one last opportunity to make his dream come closer to a reality. In lieu of flowers, would you please consider making a generous donation to the dream that Uncle Bud believed in so much. Your donation will be applied directly to the principal on the campground loan. donate here (<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/online-payments-and-donations/>). Thank you for your consideration of this offer and as Uncle Bud would always say in conclusion, "The Lord will bless you".

You may offer the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are deeply honored to serve the family of Rev. Orba "Buddy" Perry.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **21**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

International Conservative Holiness Association
4485 N. Fortville Pike
Greenfield, IN 46140

Tribute Wall



“ *Sproles Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Orba Jefferson "Buddy" Perry*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - August 20, 2020 at 07:30 PM

TE

Buddy Perry wow it's hard to believe. I know you wouldnt want us to be sad cause you are where you have been trying to get to all your life. Your in Heaven no more pain. I no it's a time to grieve but Brother Perry my heart is happy for you. You were truly a Man of God... Gonna miss you.

TerryBixby - August 21, 2020 at 06:53 PM

PF

You were my spiritual father, I'll always miss you

Paul featherstonr - August 22, 2020 at 11:58 AM

SG

DEAR SIS. PERRY AND FAMILY, I SUPPOSE THE FIRST TIME I MET UNCLE BUD WAS WHEN HE WAS IN SEMINARY AT WESTFIELD AND I WAS A BOARDING STUDENT IN HIGH SCHOOL. FROM THERE I FOLLOWED HIM TO CFC IN ITS SECOND YEAR. A COUPLE OF YEARS LATER JANET AND I MARRIED AND YOU WERE OUR FIRST PASTORS. FROM THEN ON WE HAVE BEEN SEPARATED BY CIRCUMSTANCES AND DISTANCE MOST OF THE TIME BUT I AM SO GLAD FOR THE FRIENDSHIP FOR THESE OVER 50 YEARS NOW. MAY ALL THE WONDERFUL MEMORIES SHARED BY YOUR INNUMERABLE FRIENDS BOLSTER YOUR SPIRITS AND EASE THE PAIN OF THIS EARTHLY SEPARATION. MAY OUR LORD BE WITH YOU IN THE TEARS AND PAIN. WE LOVE YOU!
STEVE AND JANET GEISE
GUATEMALA, CENTRAL AMERICA

Stephen Geise - August 22, 2020 at 02:35 PM

JC

OUr family loved the Perry Family and enjoyed many good times together. God bless each of the family . We love all of you.

Julia Cargal Copeland - August 22, 2020 at 04:12 PM

RB

It's hard to believe uncle Bud is gone. I remember the first time I met him he put his hand out and Hi I'm Buddy Perry glad to have you at church today and from that point on we became friends. Wow how time flies by. Many many times Bro. Perry would pray with me around the altar and ask God to save me and finely one I said yes Lord. One memory that is still in mind is when Bro. Perry went with me to Riley hospital and stood beside me the whole time when I was asking God why it had to be my daughter uncle put his arm around me and God is with you and Aletha and he loves you both. Jannel live 12 hrs uncle Bud got to hold her and dedicated her to the Lord and now he is with running her running and jumping all over heaven. So much more I could say and will one day. Love you uncle Bud Perry because of you my life has been changed.

Robert Brown - August 22, 2020 at 04:50 PM



“ *Sproles Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Rev. Orba Jefferson "Buddy" Perry*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - August 20, 2020 at 11:42 AM

UC

Union Bible College & Academy pauses to recognize the life and ministry of Rev. Buddy Perry. "Uncle Bud", as he was affectionately known, was an alumnus of UBCA (UBS), and former Association and Board member. Rev. Perry also served as the founding president of the International Conservative Holiness Association. He was a longtime friend and supporter of this institution and will be deeply missed. Our prayers are extended to his wife and family in this time of bereavement.
President C. A. Buckler

Union Bible College - August 20, 2020 at 02:10 PM

SH

Rev. Buddy Perry
Order of Service

12:45 pm Prelude – Monica Whitaker
1:00 pm – Opening Welcome – Rev. Mitchell
Song - Barry and Monica Whitaker - "Jesus Led Me All the Way"
Obituary – Rev. Marc Dodrill
Prayer – Rev. Billie Watts
Comments – Rev. Phil Slayton
Comments – Rev. Tim Wiford
Song – Tom Sproles – "Thank You For Giving to the Lord"
Comments – Rev. Keith Ledford
Message – Rev. Rollin Mitchell
Song – The Barricks - "Go Rest High"
Postlude – Monica Whitaker

Sproles Family Funeral Home - August 22, 2020 at 01:25 PM

DW

*I feel Br Perry was a special man of God - He was certainly an inspiration !!
The service was beautiful - Blessings to you, Sis Perry and family !!
Diane Wilson, SC*

Diane Wilson - August 26, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Stephen Geise - September 08, 2020 at 02:17 PM



“ *Footprints Tribute Blanket was purchased for the family of Rev. Orba Jefferson "Buddy" Perry.*



August 25, 2020 at 02:29 PM

SC

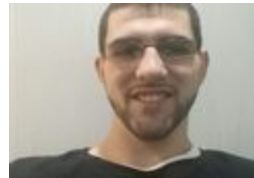
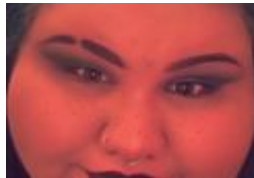
“ Family of Brother Perry-

I can only imagine the incredible reward that your husband/father/grandfather/uncle received upon stepping into glory. He always meant so much to me. Growing up going to kids camp at ICHA, then eventually teen camp(s) on the grounds, he was a constant, kind, Christ-like presence that always seemed to be around. I'm so thankful for the times he'd walk up with a "Hi, Skye!" in the way only he could say it and a pat on the shoulder. I can say with all confidence if it was not for him and men like him who started that camp, I would not know Jesus today. I was saved there, sanctified there, prayed for clarity on my spouse there-honestly every big choice in my life was made on those grounds and I'm so grateful for his commitment to them. I know my story is not an isolated one. Hundreds and thousands of people have heard the gospel thanks to that camp ground and I'm just so thankful that God saw fit to allow me to be one of them. I love you, Brother Perry, and I will miss you terribly. Thank you for showing me Jesus. Sister Perry, and family, I love you all, too, and will keep you in my prayers!

Skye Conrad - August 25, 2020 at 01:52 PM



“ 11 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sproles Family Funeral Home - August 22, 2020 at 04:31 PM

BR

“ *What a beautifully written obituary. What a beautiful memorial service. Both of which are a testament to the beautiful , humble, godly man Brother Perry was. He holds a special place in our hearts! Thank you for serving the Lord. Thank you for making us feel #1 on numerous occasions. We love you! 💕💕 Love and prayers to Sister Perry and all the family. Bill, Elaina, Alyeska and William Ranard*

Bill, Elaina, Alyeska and William Ranard - August 22, 2020 at 02:50 PM

FB

“ *Brother Perry the paddling you gave me is a boy has helped me become the man that I am. I remember all the fun times that we had at Anderson Christian Academy in my early days of school. Thanks for being such a faithful servant to our Savior Jesus Christ and a witness to all those around you. The songwriter put it this way, may all those who come behind you find us faithful may the footsteps that we leave help others to follow. You have left foot steps that we can follow that will lead us right to the throne of God.*

Sister Perry, Jeff, John, and Elizabeth, our prayers are with you all during this time of grief and sorrow. One thing that I have told others at funerals is this; now it is up to us if we want to see him again does he has made it to the other side or we can. Let us all fight the good fight of Faith so that we can make it to heaven to be with him forever.

Frederick Baker - August 22, 2020 at 02:48 PM

SG

“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Stephen Geise - August 22, 2020 at 12:58 PM

DD

“ On behalf of the entire Penn View Bible Institute family we want to offer our heart-felt condolences and sympathies to the Buddy Perry family. Rev. Buddy Perry was a friend to Penn View and it was always a privilege to walk thru the open door of friendship and to be a part of the I.C.H.A. family. We will treasure his legacy of holiness, generosity, and his magnanimous spirit. He was truly a gracious man. Our prayers and thoughts are with all the family at this time.

*Rev. Daniel P. Durkee
PVBI President*

Daniel Durkee - August 21, 2020 at 09:15 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rev. Orba Jefferson "Buddy" Perry.



August 21, 2020 at 07:42 AM



“ Doug Day sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Orba Jefferson "Buddy" Perry



Doug Day - August 20, 2020 at 08:51 PM



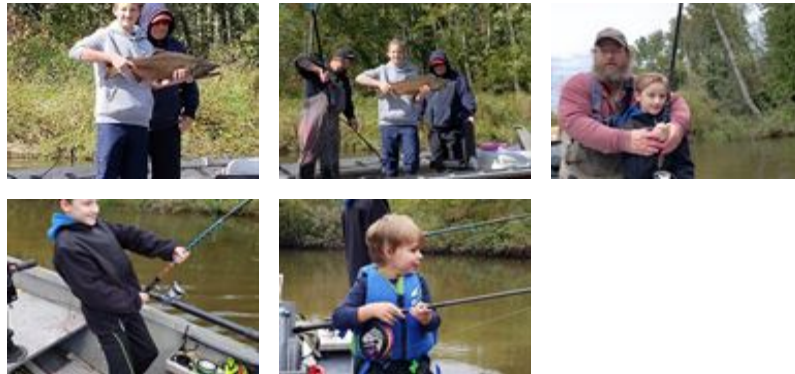
“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Orba Jefferson "Buddy" Perry.



August 20, 2020 at 07:29 PM



“ 330 files added to the album LifeTributes



Sproles Family Funeral Home - August 20, 2020 at 07:18 PM

JJ

“ To the Perry Family: On behalf of the Pilgrim Holiness Church of NY, Inc. I extend to you our deepest sympathy, heartfelt love, and earnest prayers in this your time of loss. Surely, our loss is heaven's gain. Bro. Perry is now enjoying the presence of Jesus, the one whom he preached and lived for. He was an encouragement to all and will be greatly missed. He leaves behind a legacy that inspires us all to be faithful to our Saviour and King! Rev. John A. Peabody, Jr. Conference President

John A. Peabody Jr - August 20, 2020 at 06:52 PM

“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Orba Jefferson "Buddy" Perry.



August 20, 2020 at 04:30 PM

“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Orba Jefferson "Buddy" Perry.



August 20, 2020 at 01:32 PM

EJ

“ Evelyn J. purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Rev. Orba Jefferson "Buddy" Perry.



Evelyn J. - August 20, 2020 at 01:26 PM

JM

“ Our prayers are with the family. We appreciate how God has used Bro Perry down through the years. We are thankful for the great relationship between ICHA and the God’s Missionary Church.
Conference President Rev Jacob Martin

Jacob Martin - August 20, 2020 at 01:20 PM

KM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of great loss . We loved Bro Perry . He always had a smile on his face ! Praying God's comforting arms to hold you close and comfort you as only He can .

Kendra Geise McKenzie - August 20, 2020 at 11:57 AM



“ Ever Upward Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Orba Jefferson "Buddy" Perry.



August 20, 2020 at 11:41 AM

CC

“ Please accept the condolences of the Heartland Bible Methodist Connection of Churches. We are saddened by the passing from this life of Bro. Buddy Perry, however we rejoice in the fact that he now rests from his labors in the arms of our one Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Chris Cravens - August 20, 2020 at 10:40 AM

JE

“ We certainly send out our love and condolences to all of you the family and especially to you, Sis. Perry, during this time of loss. The human pain of loss is very real, but the comfort of knowing where he is and that we can, without question, be reunited again is also very real! May you feel the comfort of the ONE, who is "touched with the feeling of our infirmities" very near to you during this painful time of loss.

Jonathan and LuRhe Edwards

Jonathan & LuRhe Edwards - August 20, 2020 at 09:02 AM

GS

“ May the Lord comfort and strengthen each of you through this time of great loss. Though I didn't know Brother Perry well, may I say thank you for sharing him with the larger Christian community.

G. Clair Sams - August 20, 2020 at 08:27 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Rev. Orba Jefferson "Buddy" Perry.



August 20, 2020 at 08:13 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Rev. Orba Jefferson "Buddy" Perry.



August 20, 2020 at 07:22 AM

MD

“ Our deepest sympathy and love go out to the Perry family! Uncle Bud was one of my heros and closes friends. We traveled well over a 100,000 miles together over the past 30 plus years. I cherish every mile and minute we shared! God bless his memory to who knew him!

Marc Dodrill - August 19, 2020 at 08:22 PM

AS

“ Dear Sister Perry and family,
My sincere condolences. May the Comforter be very real to you now and in the coming days. I was a student at CFC when you all pastored at Greenfield. The children were all little then. What I remember about Bro. Perry is when he preached at the school chapel, and he would preach very hard. God bless you richly. Alta Sharp Edwards Smith



Alta Sharp Edwards Smith - August 19, 2020 at 07:28 PM

GM

“ 1950's, Oakwood Church of the Nazarene. That's where we grew up in the Lord together. I didn't know his name was Orba Jefferson. All any of us ever knew was "Buddy". Our pathways took us both to Bethany Nazarene College where Buddy met Jane, the love of his life. Their love for each other was exceeded only by their love for Jesus. Though we both shared a 'Texas drawl', neither of us would have ever been mistaken for the other. I can still hear his laughter -- not even it could disguise that drawl -- and thinking about it warms my heart. We were blessed to be led by some wonderful Godly pastors in our youth. We shared a heritage that enriched our lives. It has been years since we last saw each other, though it probably won't be so long before we see each other again. I'm glad to count him among my "forever friends".
Rest easy, Buddy, in the eternal presence of the One who has always loved you more than any of us ever could.

Glenn Messer - August 19, 2020 at 07:15 PM

JP

“ The Southern Bible Methodist Connection of Churches sends our sincerest sympathies to the many friends and associates of Rev. Buddy Perry! He was a friend! May the family and those he led in the Bible Covenant and ICHA churches follow his lead and be reunited with him again in heaven! You are in our thoughts and prayers!
- The Southern Conference of the Bible Methodist Connection of Churches

John D. Parker - August 19, 2020 at 06:22 PM

VR

Prayers...do not know the Perry Family but I know Jesus. Attended Olivet College...now 93..praising God for His love and grace. He answers prayer . God help us all to be faithful servants of Jesus Christ no matter what the future holds. Our future is in His hands. SHALOM

Vivian Buettner Ramirez - August 20, 2020 at 08:57 AM



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August 19, 2020 at 06:20 PM



“ *Always came to Burger King with a smile. The whole Burger King family is going to miss you.*

Mandi Minnich - August 19, 2020 at 06:19 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Orba Jefferson "Buddy" Perry.*



August 19, 2020 at 06:19 PM



“ *Uncle Buddy was always smiling that jolly smile of his, I enjoyed hearing his stories and laughing along with him, he was such a tender soul gentle, I love you Uncle Buddy,*

Karen Barnett - August 19, 2020 at 06:01 PM

TR

“ Rick and I are grieving right along with you. We are so sorry his recliner, front porch chair, and his pew at church will be empty. He was the kind of man that made everyone think he liked them. You'd never know it if he didn't. He made everyone feel valued. This man was a true Saint. I have never seen in all the years I have known him any reason to believe anything other than the fact that he loved God with all his heart and he wanted others to know and love this same God. He was also a man of prayer. It was not unheard of for him to remember a persons name by saying, "Just a minute I need to pray" It was because of his methodical and consistent prayer life that he could retrieve the name. I am so thankful for the impact Bro. Perry has had on my life. Heaven is looking sweeter every day. Prayers for the dear Perry family and for the ICHA family.

Teresa A. Robinson - August 19, 2020 at 06:01 PM

JP

“ This man is treasured now in our memory. Original. Genuine. My family loved him. On behalf of holiness people world wide, the InterChurch Holiness Convention salutes Buddy Perry and we honor his memory. Our deepest sympathy to his dear wife and family and his beloved ICHA family.

James Plank - August 19, 2020 at 05:02 PM