



Mr. Abwhitt Bufkin

June 10, 1946 - November 26, 2024

Abwhitt Bufkin, affectionately known as Sonny, was born on June 10, 1946, to the union of Annie Merl Gates and Benjamin Bufkin in Walnut Grove, Mississippi. He was the second of five children, two boys and three girls. Since the youngest boy was stillborn, Sonny became the only boy and cherished the role. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, cousin, and friend to all who knew him.

He began his elementary education at Johnson Community School in Walnut Grove, MS, and after

the school was closed during his fifth year, he finished the balance of his elementary years and high

school at Murphy High School in Walnut Grove, MS, graduating in 1964. After graduation, he saw no

opportunities in Mississippi, so he followed his uncle, Casel Bufkin, to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In Milwaukee, he began his work career at

International Harvester. After the Milwaukee facility closed, he secured a job at We Energies and remained there for 36 years until his retirement. However, he was never truly retired. He was always fixing something at home, for his children, or his family and friends. He had a remarkable work ethic, integrity, and a mild manner that never showed anger or discontent. Everyone knew they could count on him.

Sonny accepted Christ at an early age at his father and grandmother's church, Johnson Chapel

United Methodist Church in Walnut Grove. After moving to Milwaukee, he joined St. Luke's Baptist Church, and at the time of his death, he was a member of Christ the King Baptist Church in Milwaukee, where he sung in the men's choir.

Sonny was married to the love of his life, Donna Buggs, for 30 years. He loved to fish, garden, travel, hang out with family and friends, and spend time with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He never failed to stop by and check on his sisters. He was truly a family man.

His life took a turn when he fell ill over two years ago. He fought to stay alive as long as he could and

enjoyed his last days with his loved ones and friends. His fight ended on November 24, 2024. Waiting to

meet him at Heaven's gate will be his: mother, Annie Merl Gates Bufkin; father, Benjamin Bufkin; brother,

Freddy D. Bufkin; granddaughter, Krystal Holder; and sisters-in-law, Maxine McFadden, Betty Ann Buggs, and Jannie Hardnett.

Abwhitt leaves to cherish his memory: loving wife, Donna Bufkin; three daughters, Alicia Holder, Lavina

(Bennie) Mosley, and Michelle Bufkin; sons, Abwhitt Jr. and Darnell Bolden; 9 grandchildren, Quincy

Bufkin, Lavohn Carter, Terrence Bufkin, Timothy Bufkin, Dejonay Weaver, Shania Bryson, Rajai Bryson,

Kapri Holder, and Christopher Bolden; 27 great-grandchildren; 3 sisters,

Bennie (William) Ross, Genevia Henry, and Patricia (Donald) Vardaman; loyal friend of more than 50 years that was like a brother, Frank (Anna) Parker; two

sisters-in-law, Laura Buggs-Donald and Veronica Moore (Larry); two brothers-in-law, Mack Buggs Jr. and Leon Buggs (Rose Ann); ex-wife, Lyndia Bufkin;

long-time friends, Eugene (Francis) Langdon and Charles (Earnestine)

Langdon; and a host of other loved ones, family, and friends.

Abwhitt leaves this world much richer because of the exemplary life he led and his loving and generous heart. He will be truly missed.

Cemetery Details

Graceland Cemetery

6401 N. 43rd St.
Milwaukee, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **14**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Christ the King Baptist Church
7750 N. 60th St.
Milwaukee, WI

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

CJ

“ Charles Jones purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Mr. Abwhitt Bufkin.



Charles Jones - December 12, 2024 at 12:00 PM

JG

“ Jessie Gates Grandchildren purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Abwhitt Bufkin.



Jessie Gates Grandchildren - December 11, 2024 at 03:42 PM

EH

“ To the Bufkin family we extend our condolences. Sonny was my first cousin. I have many fond memories of our families sharing many happy moments. Be encouraged and blessed by God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Ellis “Mackie” and Delois Hays/family, Brandon, Ms.



Ellis “Mackie “ and Delois Hays/family - December 04, 2024 at 08:08 PM

RW

“ *My deepest and sincere sympathy and condolences to Mrs. Donna Bufkin and the whole family. Sonny was a wonderful husband and father. He worked hard and took care of them and was soo proud of his family. Prayers for comfort and strength at this difficult time. Rest in heaven.*

Rosetta Weare - December 03, 2024 at 05:58 PM