



Emil Henry Bunjes, Jr.

August 5, 1928 - November 11, 2009

Emil Henry Bunjes, Jr., or "Buddy" as he was lovingly called, passed away on Tuesday, November 11, 2009 in Houston, Texas at the age of 81. Emil was born August 5, 1928 in Galveston, Texas to Emil Sr. and Lucie Mae Bunjes.

Emil was married in 1950 to Barbara Exnicious and had two children. Emil and Barbara were married until her death in 1996. In 1998 Emil married Madeline Montgomery, and the two were married until his death.

Emil was in the ministry serving the Christian Church Disciples of Christ for over fifty years. He started and served in many churches in Texas, Colorado and California over the course of his career.

The family would like to thank Madeline his loving wife for the years of selfless love and care she gave to Emil.

Emil was preceded in death by his parents, and his first wife Barbara. He is survived by his wife Madeline Bunjes, sisters Adele Bower and Sylvia Taylor, son Karl Bunjes, daughter Melanie Moeller, step-daughter Stacey Mautino, step-daughter Courtney Gaber, and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, November 13, 2009 at

Bethany Christian Church, 3223 Westheimer, Houston, Texas. The family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the church. Entombment will follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Freedom Christian Church, P.O. Box 690088, Killeen, Texas 76549.

Words of condolence may be left for the Bunjes family at www.davisgreenlawnfh.com.

Tribute Wall

JA

“ Dear Mel and Karl,
We were so sorry we could not be there.
I Jules, was especially blessed to have Buddy as my Bro. inlaw and close friend for so many years.
I have so many memories of the good times I had with Buddy and Barbara in Seattle, Denver, Wyoming and Houston.
Our heart go out to the entire Bunjes family.
With Love,

Jules and Mary Ann - November 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ Karl and Melanie,
Micki and I want to share our sorrow on Emil's passing. It may be our sorrow but his rejoicing in the fact that now he is in the Glorious presence of Our Lord and Savior.
You probably don't remember way back in the sixties and South East Christian Church.
Please extend our condolences to all your family.

Peace to you and yours. Micki and Harry

Harry and Micki Wiesner - November 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ Dear Karl and Melanie,

I'm sorry that we could not attend today's services. Our hearts are heavy and we hope that you take comfort in knowing that Uncle Buddy is in a better place now.

As is so often the case, this occasion has caused me to think back on the times we were together. Karl, I remember way, way back when my family was visiting your family in Aurora Colorado. You were driving me around town in your VW Beetle. I thought that was really cool. I also remember going up to Arapahoe Basin for my 1st ski trip - if you can call it that. Melanie, you weren't around yet then, but we have a shared memory of your beautiful mother saying goodbye to all of us at my father's house. She bravely and defiantly removed her wig and we all had a good laugh. You read a poem from your heart and there wasn't a dry eye in the room - including your stoic, yet loving, father. I cherish these memories. Please know that I am with you today in spirit.

Love,

Allen, Ronda, Robbie and Marisa

allen exnicious - November 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KR

“*Melanie, I do thank you for thinking to call me to let me know of Emil's passing. We have been good friends since our days working on the school paper at Reagan High School. Emil was a gifted artist, and I "hired" him to be our cartoonist. His sense of humor about life, and his talent, made his work memorable.*

We lost touch after high school, but got together again about ten years ago, while he was chaplain at the Fort Bend County Jail.

We had lunch together a number of times, and saw each other at the Reagan reunions. I was at the funeral for Barbara, and of course visited with him there and tried to offer condolences, knowing that words are useless at such times, but they are all we have.

There will be a hollow place in my heart for as long as I live at Emil's passing. It is right next to the warm spot -- very warm -- for having known such a good man and good friend.

Ken Reed, Houston, Texas

ken reed - November 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ *Sylvia and Adele,*

How well I remember all of the fun evenings the youth group at Woodland had at your home - Dad with the movie projector and the rest of us waiting for the movie. Also, I remember how I enjoyed it when either of you sang and how "elegant" I always thought Emil looked.

Mother and Dad Joy and Bill Kirk both died in 2007 and before their deaths, we had talked about the fun we had as a youth group. Although Emil was a little older, he certainly was in the middle of things.

I am sorry for your loss. It never is easy to lose a loved one as you well know. Although I never had the opportunity to meet any of the children, please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Erna Joy Kirk Dempsey

Erna Joy Dempsey - November 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Karl & Melanie,

I am sorry to hear about the passing of your dad and my Uncle Buddy. I remember him as a firm & loving man. He and Aunt Barbara really loved each other and I know we really enjoyed the special times we had with the family. I remember the times when Melanie and I would be playing in the house like girls do, giggling and having fun.

Mom and I had the best visit with Karl and his family this past summer in Killeen. It was great to play catch up, share a meal, and reminiscence with pictures and stories. I look forward to another visit.

Please know that our family was with you today in spirit and know that Uncle Buddy is now with the Lord in a much nicer place.

Love you both!

*Rhonda Smith
Rhonda Exnicious*

Rhonda Smith - November 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ Melanie,

I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Andrea Kampf

Andrea Kampf - November 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM