



William "Buddy" Jones McConnell

December 17, 1938 - November 17, 2025

William Jones McConnell (Buddy) passed away on 11/17/2025 in Albertville, AL, at the age of 86. He was preceded in death by his parents, Carey and Katherine McConnell and his wife of 49 years, Anna Jean McConnell. He is survived by his daughters, Sandra Athey (Andy), Susan Lowden (John), and Kim McConnell. He is also survived by his sister, Carey Jo Elam; 4 grandchildren, Taylor Blevins (Anna Catherine), Sarah Katherine Bickerstaff (Ben), Sarah Athey, and Natalie Athey; 2 great-grandchildren, Harper and Jackson Blevins; 3 nephews, Kent, Brian and Curtis Elam; and 2 cousins, Arch and Rick McCallum.

Buddy graduated from North Mecklenburg High School (located in Huntersville, NC) and Western Carolina College (now Western Carolina University), playing baseball at both. He was also an avid bowler for over 30 years where he and Anna Jean made numerous life long friends. He had a love of all sports, including local youth sports in Albertville where he served on the Dixie Youth Baseball Board and was an AHS Diamond Club booster. He will most likely be remembered as a passionate Crimson Tide and Atlanta Braves fan.

Visitation will be Saturday, 11/22/2025 from 8:45 am until 10:30 am at Adams Brown Funeral Home with an 11:00 am graveside service at Marshall Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers will be Jeff Simmons, Harold Hanvey, Mike

Colvin, Taylor Blevins, Andy Athey, and Ben Bickerstaff.

Cemetery Details

Marshall Memorial Gardens

3364 Alabama Highway 205
Albertville, AL 35950

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 22. 8:45 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Adams Brown Service Funeral Home
6906 US Highway 431 South
P.O. Box 488
Albertville, AL 35950
(256) 878-0231

Graveside Funeral Service

NOV 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Adams Brown Service Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William "Buddy" Jones McConnell*



Adams Brown Service Funeral Home - November 21, 2025 at 03:07 PM

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“ *My name is Patricia Gilbreath. I am Buddy Lovell's daughter. I remember Buddy & Anna from the Dick-C-Bowl days. I used to go to the bowling alley on Monday night & watch Daddy bowl. I don't remember if the 2 Buddys were on the same team, but I remember both of them being pretty good bowlers. I also bowled on the Thursday night women's league with Anna. We were never on the same team but I remember her being a good bowler, too. I'm so sorry about your loss. I lost my Daddy 20 years ago & I miss him greatly. Prayers for your family.*

Patricia Gilbreath - November 22, 2025 at 03:03 PM



“ 48 files added to the album Life Tributes



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“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of William "Buddy" Jones McConnell.*



November 21, 2025 at 12:04 PM



“ *Jill Mann planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Buddy" Jones McConnell.*

Jill Mann - November 21, 2025 at 12:04 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of William "Buddy" Jones McConnell.*



November 21, 2025 at 11:15 AM