



## KERMIT EUGENE "DUDE" LINDSEY

April 26, 2024

Kermit Eugene "Dude" Lindsey, 87, Hueytown, Alabama, October 1, 1936 – April 26, 2024

Dude was born in the farming community of Skirum, Ala., located on Sand Mountain in north Alabama. He was the ninth child of Elmer and Troy Finley Lindsey. His shared childhood memories included the love and laughter of his parents and siblings, learning the value of hard work and growing up in the Sand Mountain community that he always considered his home. Dude graduated in 1954 from Crossville High School, where he played both basketball and football. He relocated to the Bessemer area after high school and began working in Hill's Grocery, where he met Gay Lynn Jones; they were married in 1959. Dude joined the National Guard, serving six months on active duty and many years in reserve. Dude worked in numerous businesses and industries in the area as well as ongoing work of his own. Throughout his life, Dude spent his free time always working but also gardening, raising livestock, fishing and assisting neighbors and family whenever he could. He was a Christian and long-time member of Valley Creek Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon and managed the care of the Valley Creek cemetery for many years. During the 1980s, Dude was a part of the Valley Creek Bus Ministry that visited with and transported children in the community to church each Sunday. Dude lived his entire life in the state of Alabama within about 100 miles of his birthplace. Dude will be remembered for his hard work ethic, generosity, crushing handshake, devotion to family, witty remarks and funny

stories about Sand Mountain. In his last years, greetings of “How are you?” often heard his response: “I’m still kicking, but not too high.” “Good to see you, Dude” was met with “Better to be seen than viewed”.

Dude is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Gay Lynn, who served him tirelessly, especially in his latter years, to make his life at home comfortable. He is survived by his daughter, Laura Lindsey Bruner, and her husband, Eric, along with grandchildren Annie, Eli and Liddy. He is also survived by his sister, Maggie Brown, of Lookout Mountain, Ga., many nieces and nephews as well as cherished life-long friends. These include Tommy Nicholas, Angelia Hammonds, and Bree McLemore, who graciously served him alongside Gay Lynn in the last two years of his life, as well as life-long friend Johnny Bartlett, who selflessly supported both Dude and the family in any way he could. Dude was preceded in death by his siblings Maurice, Bob, Hovis, Herschel, Ruby Jo Bruce and Ann Lindsey.

The visitation will be Thursday, May 2, from 1:00 to 2:00 pm at Valley Creek Baptist Church followed by a Memorial Service at the church at 2:00 pm. Burial will be immediately following the service at Valley Creek Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Valley Creek Baptist Church Building fund.

# Tribute Wall



“ *What a blessing Dude has been to our families, through the years. Waldon, Jones, Wilson and others. He did this with a servants heart.*

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**Juanita Culler** - May 13, 2024 at 10:51 AM



“ *Mr. Dude took over the watch care of Valley Creek Cem after my great-uncle John Lee Satterfield no longer could. The cemetery was always well kept and tidy. The Waldons and Satterfields never had to worry about our family lots as long as Mr. Dude was in charge. Thank you Mr. Dude for your hard work and dedication...and to his family that sacrificed having him around so that he could care for the cemetery.*



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**Renee Sparkman-Cain** - April 29, 2024 at 03:09 PM



“ *Mr. Lindsey always kept the cemetery at Valley Creek in wonderful care. And he was always available when we needed him. Always had a kind word for me whenever I visited my family. He will certainly be missed.*

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**Judy Acton** - April 28, 2024 at 11:53 AM

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“Dude Lindsey was a lifelong friend of my family. Waldon, Wilson, Jones and many more.  
Always such a great help every time I had a burial at. Valley Creek.  
Much love and respect to his entire family.  
Buddy Sparkman-Manager  
New Horizon Funeral Home -Dora,AL

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**Buddy Sparkman** - April 28, 2024 at 08:47 AM