



Marvin D Locke

March 18, 1944 - July 3, 2021

In the wee hours of the morning, July 3, 2021, heaven's doors flung open wide as Marvin "Buddy" Locke humbly walked into the arms of Jesus. Born and raised in Orlando, Florida, Buddy attended Florida State University before serving as a cryptologist in the United States Air Force in Vietnam. He returned to the States and graduated from the Baptist College in Charleston before receiving his Masters+ from Central Michigan University. He went to work for the SC Department of Mental Health serving in Human Resources positions both in Columbia and at the Coastal Center of Charleston. He then made a move to designing metal buildings for Limehouse and Frampton followed by Hoover Buildings. Upon answering the call to full time pastoral ministry, Buddy accepted the Senior Pastor position at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Summerville, SC where he pastored for 10 years. He then accepted the call to pastor at Corinth Baptist Church in Vance, SC where he faithfully and boldly served not just his church but his community until he retired in 2015. Following retirement, he continued to serve but this time in a volunteer role as he joined his son's staff at the First Baptist Church of Holly Hill as Senior Adult Pastor. He faithfully served this congregation and her pastor, Rev Shaun Daley until his health kept him from doing so.

While in Charleston, Buddy served as Assistant to then Baptist College President Dr. John Hamrick. It was while serving in this role that he met the love of his life and wife of 47 years, Connie. The two of them would welcome

Carrie Lee into the world in July of 1980 before bringing Marshall David along in April of 1987. As a family they enjoyed many trips to Charleston and Folly Beach, sitting on the cannons of the Battery and collecting seashells along the shore. A collector of all things, Buddy never found a watch, knife or gun in which he didn't find interest. But his alone time was often spent enjoying the beauty of God's creation while wetting a fishing line. He did his best to be all things to all people. Those who knew him best say, "he was always there when I needed him."

Buddy was preceded in death by his parents, Clifford and Myrtis Locke. He is survived by his wife Connie of the home, daughter, Carrie (Jesse) McDonald of Washington, IN, son, Marshall (Tiffany) Locke of Lexington, SC, grandchildren Madilyn & Kierstyn McGough, Emmalyn McDonald of Washington, IN, Braxton, Davis, Sullivan, Ellington Jane Locke of Lexington, SC. He is also survived by his sister Pat Hunt of Summerville, SC, his mother-in-law Reba Whittle of Santee, SC, his brother-in-law Del (Sherry) Whittle of Santee, SC, his nieces and nephews Jan (Steve) Brown, David (Connie) Hunt, Linda (Ron) Dickert, Cliff (Jane) Hunt, Dawn (Cris) Brennan, Jamie (Joe) Arnold, and Sue (Paul) Zupka as well as many great nieces and nephews. The family would also like to thank David Green for his years of loyal friendship.

Visitation will be held from 6-8pm on Friday, July 9, 2021 at James A. Dyal Funeral Home at 303 S. Main St in Summerville, SC. The funeral service will be held at 2pm on Saturday, July 10, 2021, at The First Baptist Church of Holly Hill at 8455 Old State Rd in Holly Hill, SC with Rev. Shaun Daley and Rev. Marshall Locke officiating. Interment will follow at Corinth Baptist Church Cemetery, Vance, SC.

Flowers will be accepted.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at www.jamesadyal.com

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 S. MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843) 873-4040

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 9. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home
303 S. Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483
(843) 873-4040
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

Funeral Service

JUL 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Holly Hill
8455 Old State Road
Holly Hill, SC

Graveside

JUL 10. 3:00 PM.

Corinth Baptist Church Cemetery
Vance , SC

Tribute Wall



“ James A Dyal Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Marvin D Locke



James A Dyal Funeral Home - July 08, 2021 at 09:22 AM

BS

Beautiful tribute to Mr Buddy..he touched so many lives...Mr Buddy will be truly missed by everyone..

Billie Smith - July 08, 2021 at 06:00 PM



“ Marvin D Locke

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM

AF

“ *Connie, I'm sorry to learn of Buddy's passing. I have fond memories of our time together at Baptist College. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Archie Franchini - July 14, 2021 at 09:38 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marvin D Locke.*



July 09, 2021 at 05:59 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marvin D Locke.*



July 08, 2021 at 04:00 PM



“ *14 files added to the album Life Tributes*



James A Dyal Funeral Home - July 08, 2021 at 01:26 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



James A Dyal Funeral Home - July 08, 2021 at 11:38 AM



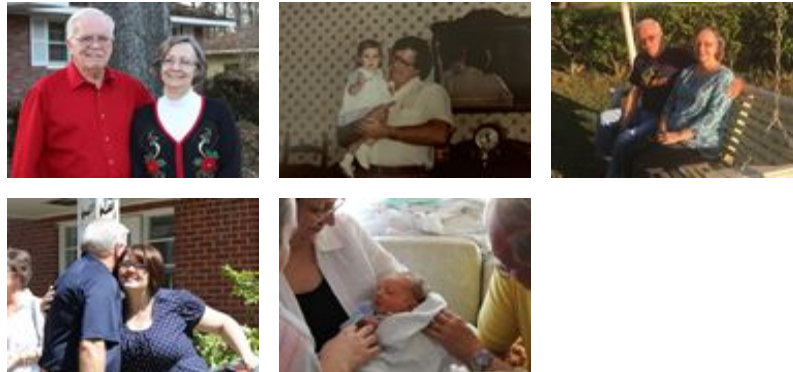
“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Marvin D Locke.



July 08, 2021 at 10:07 AM



“ 74 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



James A Dyal Funeral Home - July 08, 2021 at 09:20 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Marvin D Locke.*



July 07, 2021 at 04:42 PM



“ *Connie and family, We are so sorry for your loss. We pray for comfort and peace for your family as you go through these most difficult days. Much love and many prayers sent your way. Linda and Ronald Owens*

Linda Owens - July 07, 2021 at 10:37 AM

GH

“ *The Hacker, Chase, and Pritcher families loved Buddy Locke for all the prayers and guidance he provided our families. He did such wonderful funeral services for both my parents, Paul and Margie Pritcher. I especially remember the day of my grandson Matthew Chase’s first open heart surgery when Matthew was five days old, and Buddy sat with us and prayed with us all day. We will always be grateful for that day and his prayers. The other memory I must share is the day Buddy talked to 8 year old Matthew who strongly believed that a child at MUSC had died because Matthew had not prayed hard enough. While we all sat in the living room at the lake house, Buddy calmly asked Matthew if he believed in God. Matthew gave an enthusiastic response: “Oh yes!” Then Pastor Buddy asked Matthew if he believed he was God. This time Matthew answered with a resounding: “Oh, no, I am not God.” Then Buddy went on to explain that only God decides who lives and who dies and when. He told Matt that God has a plan for each of our lives and that His plan for Matthew was different from the baby who died. Matthew felt great relief in the moment and released the biggest sigh we had every heard. We were all so very grateful that with those few well chosen words, Buddy explained to our loving Matthew that we must let God decide His plans for our lives. We need only believe. We love you, Buddy Locke, and know that you are at peace with God and in His loving arms. Rest well.*

Gail Pritcher Hacker

Gail Hacker - July 06, 2021 at 11:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marvin D Locke.*



July 06, 2021 at 11:11 PM

SF

“ I’m so sorry to learn of Buddy’s passing. Way back in 1993 a then-new Pastor at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church took a chance on hiring a college music major to lead music at the church. Over the next 5 years we worked together and I learned so much from Buddy. Of all the Pastors I worked with Buddy Locke was the most authentic and sincere, and the lessons I learned under his leadership have carried with me all these years. Grace and peace to the Locke family.

Shawn Fanchette - July 06, 2021 at 10:55 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marvin D Locke.



July 06, 2021 at 03:08 PM



“ Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Marvin D Locke.



July 06, 2021 at 03:02 PM

SO

“ *Pastor Buddy and his family came to my church -Corinth-the summer Marshall turned 14.I was leading the youth group and thought Passport camp might be a great way for Marshall to get to know the kids. Pastor Buddy gave Marshall the green light to go to camp with us... and my love for that family really got off to a great start ! Pastor Buddy was the best type of pastor...he taught the Biblical truth but never in a way that put a stumbling block in front of anyone. He was a wonderful listener, with a heart of gold. He was non-judgemental, loving ,with a great sense of humor.His love for his family and his pride in them was a beautiful thing. He did so much for my family ...he performed the ceremony for my daughter's marriage, helped bury my mother, baptized my children ,prayed with me thru many hard times and laughed with me in the good times. I loved him like my own dad. I will miss knowing he is down the road, but I am so happy he is celebrating with Jesus..and that one sweet day I will hug him again.*

Sabrina R O'Brien - July 06, 2021 at 12:56 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marvin D Locke.*



July 06, 2021 at 12:14 PM

YF

“ *Your True Rx Health Strategists Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Marvin D Locke.*



Your True Rx Health Strategists Family - July 06, 2021 at 10:20 AM



“ *My Soul Lives On Blanket was purchased for the family of Marvin D Locke.*



July 06, 2021 at 07:55 AM

PE

“ *Buddy Locke was a good man who took the time to give a smile, a caring hug, and a welcoming handshake to a new acquaintance who was fortunate enough to become a friend. God bless the family of Buddy Locke during this stressful time.*

Paulette S. Evans

paulette suzanne evans - July 05, 2021 at 11:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marvin D Locke.*



July 05, 2021 at 09:46 PM

LW

“ We are so sorry for you loss. We sure did love Buddy. Our prayers are with all of the family during these difficult days. Joel and Lydia Waddell

Lydia Waddell - July 05, 2021 at 06:13 PM



“ In Memory - Angel Figurine, 8.25 in was purchased for the family of Marvin D Locke.



July 05, 2021 at 05:55 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marvin D Locke.



July 05, 2021 at 03:38 PM