



Walter "Buck" Lewis Philyaw

June 17, 1936 - June 9, 2017

Walter Lewis Philyaw, 80, of Charlotte, passed away Friday, June 9, 2017. Through the blessing of hospice, he was able to be at his home with his wife, family and friends by his side.

"Buck" as he was also called, was born in Fredericksburg, Virginia, on June 17, 1936 to the late Lewis W. and Beatrice Pritchard Philyaw. He spent most of his teen years growing up on their farm in Lenoir, NC, and he was next to the oldest of 10 children. There he met a young lady named Johnlyn Triplett whom he knew he was destined to marry. They met in October, were engaged the following February and married the following June. After they were married, he and Jonnie moved to Michigan where they lived for 15 years before returning to Charlotte in 1974. Buck spent years working in road construction until his family returned to North Carolina. With the local economy severely depressed, he did what he had to do to provide for his family and spent a year in Alaska working on the Alaskan pipeline while his family remained in Charlotte. When he returned, he bought himself a rig and became an owner/operator trucker until his retirement. It was during his trucker days that he was known by his CB handle, "Buckaroo" or "Buck" for short.

Buck, or "Buster", enjoyed many things in life. He enjoyed fishing, camping at the beach, yardwork, the NC Tarheels, Chevrolets, crosswords, and Starbucks coffee. But most of all, he loved time spent with his family and friends. Buck spent 14 years volunteering with the Boy Scouts as a Webelo leader, Scout Master and as a Commissioner. He was very much loved and respected by the scouts that he guided toward adulthood of which many achieved the highest rank of Eagle. This allowed him more time with his sons. He was a member of the Order of the Arrow and had earned his Woodbadge beads. He was also presented many awards for his tireless work with the scouts but one of the most rewarding was the St. George award presented by the Catholic Diocese of Charlotte. Buck was also an excellent storyteller. His gifts of love and laughter were a blessing to all who knew him and he will be sadly missed.

Surviving Mr. Philyaw is his loving wife of 58 years, Jonnie Triplett Philyaw, who was

always by his side as he fought for many years due to extreme health conditions. The pride and joy of his life were his two sons: Christopher Scott (wife Susan) of Lugoff, SC, and Michael Lee (fiancée Lisa Excell) of Charlotte. Also surviving are his grandchildren: Hayley, Hayden, Jonah, Seth, Evan, Asher, Sidney Claire, Taylor and Ryan of which he adored. Siblings that are surviving are his brother Tom and his sisters: Mattie Ruth, Dollie and Jeanie. Buck is further survived by numerous loving nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers Wilfred and Bob, and his sisters Bertha, Patricia and Annie Mae.

Buck's family has given the family of Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home of Matthews the privilege of caring for them. There will be two gatherings to celebrate Buck's life, one in Lenoir and one in Charlotte. The Celebration of Life Service in Lenoir has been scheduled for July 15th, from 11 am until 2 pm at 3139 Rolling Acres Road. Lenoir, NC 28645. A gathering of friends and family in Charlotte is scheduled for 7 to 9 pm on Tuesday, June 27, at the Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home.

Please take a moment to visit Buck's tribute wall and leave a memory, photo or video for the family to see. In honor of Walter (Buck) Philyaw please consider making a memorial donation to Levine Cancer Institute at www.givecarolinas.org/GiveLife

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends and Family

JUN **27**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Low-Neddo Funeral Home
4715 Margaret Wallace Road
Matthews, NC 28105
(866) 682-4043
info@loweneddo.com
<https://www.loweneddofuneralhome.com>

Celebration of Life Service

JUL **15**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Residence
3139 Rolling Acres Road
Lenoir, NC 28645

Tribute Wall




“ *Walter "Buck" Lewis Philyaw*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Walter "Buck" Lewis Philyaw*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM

 Beth Norris

“ *3 files added to the album Buck*



Beth Norris - July 21, 2017 at 11:17 AM



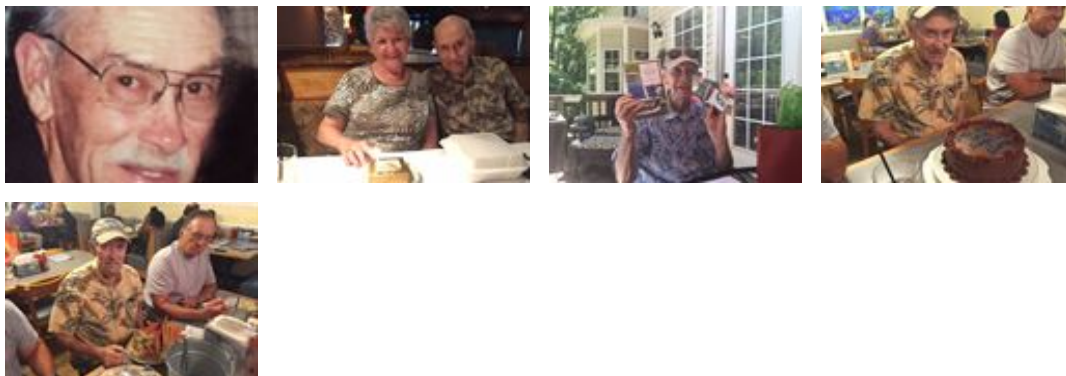
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Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home - June 27, 2017 at 05:17 PM



“ *56 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home - June 26, 2017 at 06:57 PM

JR

“ I love my brother, Buck, for many reasons, but this memory of something he did for me has returned to my mind of late. When I was 10-11 yrs. old, I was home from school because of a cold, and I was feeling a little down. Buck came home saw me there and left again. When he returned he had a couple of yards of medium gray corduroy material and a peach colored button up sweater for me. Mother made a jumper, which was a popular style back then, of the material, for me to wear with the peach colored sweater. There are many reasons I love my brother dearly, and this gesture is a sweet memory of him. I will miss Buck.

Jeanie Philyaw Rowan - June 26, 2017 at 06:52 PM

Lisa
Excell

“ 14 files added to the album Buck



Lisa Excell - June 25, 2017 at 08:45 PM

YT

“ What My thoughts are with aunt Jonnie tonight. Uncle Buck passed away on Friday. He endured much pain with amazing strength. He had a big heart and a contagious smile. I will always remember his warm sense of humor, his hearty laughs and his great big hugs! He will truly be missed by ALL who knew him. If a man is measured the amount of love he has given and how much he is loved, then Uncle Buck was a giant. I loved him very much and will cherish my memories of him. We will toast to him whenever we drink his favorite starbucks.

Yvette Townsend - June 24, 2017 at 06:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Walter "Buck" Lewis Philyaw.



June 24, 2017 at 02:02 PM

BD

“ To Jonnie, Chris, Michael and all of the Philyaw family.
We were so sorry to learn of Buck's passing. We know he suffered for several years and are relieved that is now at peace. Our sincere condolences go out to all of you in your time of grief.
Sincerely
Bob & Linda Dye

Bob and Linda Dye - June 17, 2017 at 03:12 PM

FS

“ Fred Smith lit a candle in memory of Walter "Buck" Lewis Philyaw



Fred Smith - June 15, 2017 at 12:04 PM

LS

“ Jonnie, I am so very sorry to learn of Buck's passing. He was a warrior . My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.
Lib Shildt

lib Shildt - June 15, 2017 at 06:35 AM

SB

“ Susan And Bert lit a candle in memory of Walter "Buck" Lewis Philyaw



Susan and Bert - June 15, 2017 at 06:32 AM

SB

Dear Family, especially Jonnie, who we know so well through our jobs. We hold you all gently in prayer knowing Buck is now at peace and we trust God to do the same for you. Gentle regards, Susan & Bert Webb

Susan and Bert - June 15, 2017 at 06:36 AM

LC

Jonnie, I was sadden to read about Buck's passing. I remember him so well from our days at Cardiac Rehab classes. May God give you comfort and peace now and in the days ahead.

Linda Crump

Linda Crump - June 16, 2017 at 01:23 PM

FS

To Jonnie, Mattie Ruth, Dollie and all your family, I was saddened to read of Buster's passing. Buster and I used to ride bikes together up and down the Zacks Fork Road and the Coterel Hill Road when we were youngsters. I grew up just a mile above the little white Missionary Baptist Church. Carl and Pansy Stokes were my parents. May God bless you and heal your hurt in this difficult time. Blessings, Fred Stokes

Fred Stokes - June 21, 2017 at 10:51 AM