



Arthur Joel Buffington

January 4, 1928 - July 17, 2025

Arthur Joel Buffington, 97, of Milner, widower of Mattie Stephens Buffington, died Thursday, July 17, 2025, at Cherokee Medical Center in Gaffney, SC. Born in Zebulon, January 4, 1928, he was a son of the late Carson and Lilly Horne Buffington. Mr. Buffington was of the Greatest Generation. He was a proud Veteran, having served during World War II in Okinawa, Japan in the Water Treatment Plant for the US Army Airforce. He returned home and went to Gordon College on the GI Bill and worked for many years with the William Carter Company. Mr. Buffington later went along with his son, Donald to Griffin Technical College, where he graduated with a degree in Auto Body Repair. They opened an Auto Body Shop and enjoyed many years together working before his retirement. He was a devoted family man, enjoyed his walks in the Milner City Park, sitting on the park benches watching and talking with people as they went by.

Mr. Buffington was a dedicated member of Milner Baptist Church where he had served as a Sunday School Teacher for over sixty years. He served in many various capacities at the church including Security, Cemetery Board, Building Committee Board and was on that board when the house he eventually made his home was built as a church parsonage. He served as a Deacon for many years and was recently named Deacon Emeritus, an honorary deacon for life.

He was the last surviving member of his immediate family, having been one of nine children. Along with his beloved wife, parents and eight siblings, he was

preceded in death by twin sons, Ronald Joseph Buffington and Donald Denny Buffington.

Survivors include daughters-in-law, Catrenna Buffington of Gaffney, SC with whom Mr. Buffington had recently made his home in his declining health and Kathy Buffington of Milner; granddaughters, Shellie Buffington Leary and husband John of Gaffney, SC and Kayla Buffington Hemphill and husband Joshua of Cayce, SC; and great-grandchildren, Noah and Ady Leary and Brantley Baldwin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Arthur Joel Buffington will be conducted Sunday, July 27, 2025, at 4:00 PM at Milner Baptist Church with Reverend Brad Ellington and Reverend Doug Reava officiating. Burial with Full Military Honors will follow in Milner Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends Sunday from 3:00 PM until the service hour at the church.

In lieu of flowers the family respectfully requests memorials be made to the Milner Community Library, 159 Main Street, Milner, GA 30257 in memory of Mr. Buffington.

For online condolences please visit www.haistenmcculloughfuneralhome.com. Haisten McCullough Funeral Home, 1155 Everee Inn Road, Griffin is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Milner Baptist Church Cemetery

Milner, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 27. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Milner Baptist Church
107 Pecan Street
Milner, GA 30257

Service

JUL 27. 4:00 PM (ET)

Milner Baptist Church
107 Pecan Street
Milner, GA 30257

Tribute Wall

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“ Thinking of you, Andy Hall planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arthur Joel Buffington.

Thinking of you, Andy Hall - July 23, 2025 at 11:27 AM

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“ Thinking of you, Andy Hall purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Arthur Joel Buffington.



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“ Your Molina Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Arthur Joel Buffington.



Your Molina Family - July 22, 2025 at 08:37 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Arthur Joel Buffington.

July 21, 2025 at 06:03 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arthur Joel Buffington.*



July 21, 2025 at 06:03 PM



“ *My sincere sympathy to the family. Arthur (Tadpole) and Mattie was friends with my husband and me for many, many years. Arthur lost a part of himself when Mattie passed and even more in loosing his beloved sons. Now they are all together again and I am sure it was a great reunion. Arthur lived his life in such a way that you knew he was a christian. He will be missed by not only his family, but, everyone who knew him.*

MARGIE B. BRINKLEY - July 18, 2025 at 10:24 PM



“ *Oh the memories I have with Mr. Arthur. They go back as far as I can remember 3 years old to say the least. He was there for me many times, from being my Nanny (Jennie Ds) landlord and friend to the man that made sure we made it to church every Sunday even of nanny didn't want to go. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing but I know he is in Heaven with the ones who have gone before him.*

Breanna Bussey Eller

Breanna Eller - July 18, 2025 at 10:18 PM

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“ Was proud to call Mr Arthur my Friend I learned a lot from serving with him on the Board of Deacons
At Milner.
He knew his scriptures and was a joy to be in his SS Class
Alway a pleasure to be around him.
Miss Mattie was out Training Union Teacher for years.
Grew up with Ronnie and Donny
RIP. Well done thy good and faithful servant

brandon mcculloch - July 18, 2025 at 07:41 PM