



JW Channell

November 8, 1939 - June 21, 2026

JW "Buddy" Channell, 86, passed away peacefully and went home to be with our Lord and savior on June 21, 2026.

He was born on November 8th, 1939 to Johnnie W. and Febie L. Breeden Channell in Hazlehurst, MS, he lived a full life and touched the lives of many through his welding abilities and love of fishing and hunting.

Buddy was a General Manager and welder with LeTourneau, Inc. before moving to Grand Gulf Nuclear Station and retiring in 1995. Although he is well known for his welding skills, his hunting and fishing knowledge is what he lived for most in life. Countless times people have come to him for advice and guidance on where and how to fish and he didn't mind sharing he was the best fisherman around.

Everyone knew if they ever needed a helping hand, he would be the one they could count on, whether it was catching wild hogs, welding a boat or fixing a roof. Even after he was in a wheelchair, he gladly offered his skills as a "supervisor".

Buddy loved his grandchildren, as well as others and loved showing them how to hand grab and think outside the box. He has undoubtedly left a lot of useful knowledge with all of us, that will be cherished for a lifetime.

JW was preceded in death by his parents, Johnnie and Febie Channell, his daughter Cynthia "Cindy" Macaluso, his siblings Bobbie Nell (Charles) Lott, James Elbert, Henry Fred, Edwin Earl "Little Buddy" Channell.

He leaves behind a loving family who will forever treasure his memory including his daughters, Debra K. (Jimmy) Cox and Angela Channell, a sister Bertie Mae Brown, seven cherished grandchildren, Jeffrey L. Gillis, Ashley N. Macaluso, Michael A. (Brooke) Macaluso, Jennifer Jordan, Brittany Cox, Haley E. Sims and Trace Holderfield, fifteen great grandchildren, Makayla Hudson, Gage, Gavin, Camden and Jadya Gillis, Cadence and Vinnie Webber, Gino Macaluso, Chloe, Autumn, Madison and Gracie Macaluso, Katelynn and Emma Jordan, and Beckham Brown and three great, great grandchildren.

The visitation will be Friday from 5pm-8pm at Stringer Family Funeral Home in Crystal Springs and Saturday from 10am-11am at Pine Bluff Baptist Church with interment to follow at Pine Bluff Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Pine Bluff Dentville Cemetery

11188 Dentville Road
Hazlehurst, MS

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN 26. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stringer Family Funeral Home - Crystal Springs
PO Box 431
26141 Hwy 27
Crystal Springs, MS 39059
(601) 892-1521
stringerfuneral@bellsouth.net

Visitation

JUN 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Pine Bluff Baptist Church
11188 Dentville Rd
Hazlehurst, MS 39083

Funeral Service

JUN 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

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