



Arthur "Bud" L. Fields Jr.

April 10, 2020

Arthur "Bud" L. Fields, Jr. – age 87 of Knoxville, passed away on Good Friday, April 10, 2020. Bud was born and raised in Knoxville. He came to know and love the Lord through God's grace and the teaching of John Stone and George Waller. Bud was a member of Berean Bible Church, Knoxville and served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War.

He was also a home builder with his father in Knoxville, but it was his passion for sports, especially UT sports and Volleyball that made him a pillar of the Knoxville community. In 1967 Bud started the UT Men's Club Volleyball team and continued to coach for over 30 years. He was the first Lady Vols Varsity Volleyball coach. Bud nicknamed himself "Joe Volibol" when he started the Berean Church Volleyball League. He also authored three books on football, was instrumental in bringing the US Volleyball Association tournament to Knoxville twice, was awarded the USVBA "Frier" Award in 1997, the Kennedy/Johnson Heritage Award for preserving and contributing to Volleyball archives in 2000, inducted into the Knoxville Sports Hall of fame and YMCA hall of fame in 2003, and inducted into the Lady Vols Hall of Fame in 2011.

Even with all of those sports accolades, Bud's greatest joy was spending time with his wife Carole, who was the love of his life, his 3 children, 3 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, extended family, and countless friends. Bud loved people and never met a stranger. He had a love for music, photography, and traveling all over the world. Upon hearing of his passing, one of Bud's friends told his family, "Bud was the most authentic and interesting man I've ever known."

Bud was predeceased by his parents Arthur and Mary Fields and sister Frances Fields Elliott. He leaves behind his wife of 63 years, Carole (Ely) Fields, son, Art Fields (Diane) of Memphis, daughters, Cissie Fields King of Knoxville, Mary Fields Zirkle (Mark) of Clarksville, grandchildren, Scott King (Crystal), Emily King Miller (Justin), and Kenzie Fields of Memphis, great grandchildren Chloe and Riley King and Colin Miller, sister Mary Anne Fields McNutt (Allen), numerous nieces and nephews, extended family, and a host of friends from all over the world. To know him was to love him. Bud's family will have a private graveside service this week, with a Public Celebration of Life service to be

announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Bud's name may be given to the Berean Bible Church (2329 Prosser Road, Knoxville, TN 37914). Rose Mann is honored to serve Bud's family. Online condolences at www.rosemortuary.com

Cemetery

Highland Memorial Cemetery

5315 Kingston Pike

Knoxville, TN,

Comments



“ Gable Gift Box was purchased for the family of Arthur “Bud” L. Fields Jr..



April 24 at 12:19 PM



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Fred Wendelboe - April 15 at 11:56 AM



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Fred Wendelboe - April 15 at 11:53 AM



“ So proud to have known him and be loved by him. What a godly man. What a role-model. I love you Mr Bud.

Ezekiel Rochat - April 14 at 11:59 AM



“ I am so sad to hear about the passing of our dear friend. I met Bud through my husband Bryan. Most of our time together was spent either playing volleyball or watching volleyball. Bud was so genuine and thoughtful. He always asked about our girls and would come watch them play whenever he had a chance. We will miss him dearly.

Paula, Bryan, Tiffany & Kristen Lynn

Paula Lynn - April 14 at 08:15 AM



“ When I think of the term “Southern Gentleman”, I think of Bud Fields. The very first conversation I had with Bud, it was as if we had known each other for many years. Bud may have been the most likable man I have ever met. And of course, we both are big fans of the Tennessee Volunteers. He will be missed by many.

Don Woodruff - April 13 at 09:35 PM



“ Bud and Carole have meant the world to Peggy and I. We will always cherish the times together, swing dancing to The Streamliners orchestra or talking endlessly about travel, music, our common faith, or the history and highlights of Tennessee football. Bud was such a wealth of knowledge about so many things. While we will miss Bud terribly we know he has not left us for good but merely changed addresses. We look forward to our reunion again when we will once more dance and sing and laugh and talk for all eternity. The best is yet to come!!
David and Peggy George

David George - April 13 at 05:29 PM



“ Carol and Family,
We wanted to send our condolences during this time I know he will be deeply missed you all can always hold on to your cherished memories. if we can do anything for you let us know.
Love and Prayers,
Larry and Donna Goosie

Goosie, Larry - April 13 at 04:18 PM



“ I first met Bud in the 70s through his work with the Tennessee Revenue Service. We became friends and I was one of the first to buy his book about UT football. We remained friends during the years even though we did not see each other as often as we should have. The photos in his back room would fill a thousand more books. It was an honor to know and love Bud Fields. May he Rest In Peace. Jerry Brock.

Jerry Brock - April 13 at 09:57 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Bud's passing. I've known Bud and his family for over 50 years. He was one of the kindest men I've ever known. Always smiling. Was a great husband and raised 3 great kids. Life well lived. Jim Seals

Jim Seals - April 13 at 08:48 AM



“ Allen Lambert and I worked with Bud for years at UT's Aquatic Center in his leadership of the Club Volleyball team. He was the heart and soul behind founding it, but maybe more so keeping it going. I know how hard he worked to bring the Volleyball Nationals to campus and to play in Stokely Athletic center. He was so pleased to stand back and see all those Vball nets up and games being played there. What a tremendous man! It was my pleasure to have known and been I spied by him. Harold Denton, Retired Intramural and Capus Rec Director

Harold Denton - April 13 at 08:44 AM



“ I have not seen or talked to Bud in, probably, 20 years or more, but I still consider him a close friend. Bud Fields made you feel that way. Even though several of my friends have passed on recently, it was still a shock to learn of Bud's death. He was, in every sense of the word, a great guy. I have sincerely been a better person since I made his acquaintance. Bud made you understand about what friendship was all about. Bud could be serious, and he could also make you laugh about almost anything. One always felt better after talking to Bud, whether he knew that he had made you feel better or not. Repeating myself, he was a great person. and will be sorely missed. Jack Hammontree

Jack Hammontree - April 12 at 04:41 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arthur “Bud” L. Fields Jr..



April 12 at 04:33 PM



“ Bud will be missed. He was ready to celebrate and quick to invite for a meal. He had a weath of knowledge and shared readily to those wanting to learn..So thankful he was ready to pass and look forward to seeing him there

Mary Rochat - April 12 at 04:15 PM



“ My brother Fred and I grew up in a neighborhood with Bud's Family. We've known him and his son Art - since we were young little league baseball players at the Old Polo Fields in S. Hills. We later got a chance to play Volleyball for Bud and a few of those UT teams. He was a Great, Great Man. Tirelessly helping out so many people throughout all of the years. Indeed, the heart and soul of Men's Volleyball for decades and decades. We absolutely Loved Bud, he will be so incredibly missed. Hope to catch up with Art....very, very soon....Hal Ernest

Hal Ernest III - April 14 at 07:11 PM



“ I had the pleasure of meeting Bud in 1968 at a volleyball tournament he sponsored in the old Alumni Gym. Following that we became good friends playing on the Smoky Mountain Athletic Club traveling to tournaments in the southeast and north to Kentucky and Ohio. When I returned to UT in 1972 I had the privilege of playing on Bud's UT team. Bud was so full of life and a joy to be around. He always wore a smile and had a good word for everyone around him. We shared so many good times together that are a cherished part of my memory of him. Although we never talked about our religious beliefs I knew Bud was a Godly man by his actions and demeanor. He was a role model as a man and a dear friend whose memory lives on with all of us who enjoyed being in his company. John Theobald

John Theobald - April 15 at 05:29 PM



“ The family of Mary Alice Tucker wishes to express their most deepest sympathy to Bud's family.

Keith Richards - April 19 at 02:15 PM