



## Odell "Buddy" Woodson Petrea Jr.

August 11, 1943 - March 27, 2021

Odell "Buddy" Woodson Petrea, Jr., of Salisbury, passed away Saturday, March 27, 2021 at Novant Health Presbyterian, Charlotte.

Born August 11, 1943 in Rowan County, he was the son of the late Odell Woodson Petrea, Sr., and Lillian Bowman Petrea.

A graduate of West Rowan High School, Class of 1961, Buddy, retired after 33 years as Assistant Maintenance Director for Rowan-Salisbury Schools. He was a life-time farmer, raising beef cattle.

Buddy was one of the founding members of Sharing Shepherds, a West Virginia Ministry, bringing in many other area churches to work for needy families in McDowell County, WV.

He was a life-long member of Salem Lutheran Church and served on the Church Council and many other committees.

He was proud to carry on the family tradition of farming and he loved woodworking and making barn signs and gifts for his family and friends.

Buddy was a man of God who stood firm in his faith. Whether working in his fields or taking a drive, he always said, "Just look at God's creation. Isn't it

beautiful!”

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Sue Threet Petrea; children, Dale Petrea (Mia), Dana P. Robertson (Jeff); step-children, Jackie Cauble Wilson, all of Salisbury, Karen Cauble Stroupe (Rusty) of Boiling Springs; sister, Linda Harrington (Donnie); brother, Larry Petrea all of Salisbury; grandchildren, Payton Robertson, Katie Wilson, Ben Wilson, Will Stroupe, Cal Stroupe and J. T. Stroupe.

Funeral services will be held at 4 PM Tuesday (March 30) at Salem Lutheran Church with Rev. Dawn Rister, officiating. The family will receive friends from 2:30-3:30 PM in the church parlor. All attendees are asked to wear masks and maintain social distancing practices. Interment will follow at the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Salem Lutheran Church or Sharing Shepherds, c/o of the church at 5080 Sherrills Ford Rd., Salisbury, NC 28147.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Petrea family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Salem Lutheran Church Cemetery

5080 Sherrills Ford Rd.  
Salisbury, NC 28147

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 30. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Salem Lutheran Church  
Sherrills Ford Rd.  
Salisbury, NC 28147

## Funeral Service

MAR 30. 4:00 PM (ET)

Salem Lutheran Church  
Sherrills Ford Rd.  
Salisbury, NC 28147

# Tribute Wall

DM

“ We are so sorry to hear about Buddy. He was one of the kindest people you would ever meet and we know he will be dearly missed. We would always discuss Sugar Ray when we met up with Buddy. God be with your family during this difficult time. Heaven has gained an angel!  
All our Love  
Donnie and Lynn Marsh



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**Donald & Lynn Marsh** - March 31, 2021 at 04:26 PM

BL

“ Sue my thoughts and prayers are with you and the family, May God give you comfort and peace. .Becky Cobb Lantz

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**Becky Lantz** - March 31, 2021 at 01:53 PM

BL

“ To Sue, Larry and Linda - to other family members and friends - I am so sorry for this tremendous loss for you. I celebrate Buddy, his life here and the many contributions he has made to the Salem Community and to the Sharing Shepherds. I rejoice for Buddy and the wonderful Easter that awaits him.



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**Becky Lippard** - March 31, 2021 at 11:37 AM

MD

“ Sue, My heart goes out to you and your family at this time of sorrow. Know in your heart that Buddy is in the Lord's hand greeting all family member's and friends and singing praises of the Lord.

*Michele Bowers Davis*

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**Michele Davis** - March 31, 2021 at 11:08 AM

WJ

“ My Thoughts And Prayers Goes Out To All Family Members During This Time. May The Guardian Angel Watch Over All During This Time.

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**Walter Roy Beaver Jr.** - March 30, 2021 at 12:24 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Odell "Buddy" Woodson Petrea Jr..



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March 30, 2021 at 09:44 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Odell "Buddy" Woodson Petrea Jr..



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March 29, 2021 at 09:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Odell "Buddy" Woodson Petrea Jr..*



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March 29, 2021 at 07:09 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Odell "Buddy" Woodson Petrea Jr..*



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March 29, 2021 at 06:37 PM



“ *Buddy was always a friend, always kind and helpful, going the extra mile with that distinctive smile he had. A loving father to his children and a down to earth Christian example worthy of emulation. His passing brings to mind Sam Walter Foss's poem, "House By The Side Of The Road." Of which the second stanza goes:*

*I see from my house  
by the side of the road,  
By the side of the highway of life,  
The men who press with the ardor of hope,  
The men who are faint with the strife.  
But I turn not away from their smiles nor their tears-  
Both parts of an infinite plan;-  
Let me live in my house by the side of the road  
And be a friend to man.*

*Thanks to God for giving me the privilege of knowing him.*

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**Bill Goodnight** - March 29, 2021 at 03:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Odell "Buddy" Woodson Petrea Jr..*



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March 29, 2021 at 01:32 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Odell "Buddy" Woodson Petrea Jr..*



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March 29, 2021 at 01:29 PM



“ *Dear Sue, Dana and Family, I am so very sorry to hear of Buddy's passing. He was such a sweet man. He was always so wonderful to me when I worked at the church and he loved to talk to me about the ministry to West Virginia because he knew I was born and raised there. He was such a Godly example for all of us! My prayers of peach and comfort are with all of you during this difficult time.*  
*Rebecca*

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**Rebecca R Blackmon** - March 29, 2021 at 12:31 PM

KF

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, but what a wonderful thing to know he's in his heavenly home. We remember when we were at the hospital with our mother (mother-in-law) Carolyn Fesperman. Our daughter, Daisy (who was a small child at the time) stayed with Buddy and Sue in the lobby. Daisy talked them into buying her a Dr. Pepper. It was her first Dr. Pepper and Buddy was thrilled to see her so happy drinking it! He will be missed by many.

*Keith and Kelly Fesperman*

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**Kelly Fesperman** - March 29, 2021 at 11:17 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Odell "Buddy" Woodson Petrea Jr..*



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March 29, 2021 at 10:53 AM