



## Buddy Eugene McKinney Jr.

March 19, 1959 - April 28, 2026

In Loving Memory of  
Buddy Eugene McKinney Jr.  
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With heavy hearts and steadfast faith, we celebrate the life of Buddy Eugene McKinney Jr., who entered eternal rest on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at the age of 67, embraced by the grace of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Buddy was born on March 19, 1959, in Durant, Oklahoma to Martha (Robertson) McKinney and Buddy McKinney Sr. He graduated from Colbert High School, Class of 1977, and went on to dedicate 23 years to Nabisco and 21 years to Twin Distributing. Buddy met the love of his life, Dana Lea Washer, in high school. Together, they shared 45 years of marriage, building a life centered on love, faith, and family. He was a devoted husband, a proud father, and a loving grandfather. Family was everything to Buddy-he was a strong provider, a fierce protector, and a steady, guiding presence in their lives.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his sister Katherine McKinney and his beloved granddaughter, Saige Rian Baeza.

Buddy leaves behind his loving wife, Dana McKinney; his daughters Alicia

Baeza and her husband Carlos, and Kristen Foster; and his cherished grandchildren, Malachi Lewis, Jaxon Baeza and his significant other Brooklynn McCoy, Izabell Baeza, and Abel Foster. He is also survived by his siblings, Mark McKinney and wife Robin, Genia Neal, Kendra Blakey and husband Craig, and Robert McKinney, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

Buddy lived a life that reflected Christ's love. He was a man of prayer, integrity, and quiet strength, always putting others before himself. He was deeply involved in the lives of his children and grandchildren, faithfully supporting them in every way- from the stands at ball games to working alongside them with their animals. He loved the outdoors-hunting, fishing, and camping and found joy in riding his Harley and following racing. A hardworking man, he took pride in using his hands to build, fix, and provide.

A member of Platter Baptist Church, Buddy's faith guided his life. When asked by hospital staff what he wanted them to know about him, he simply said "I pray a lot." Those words perfectly captured the heart of a man we knew and loved. While we mourn his passing, we find peace in knowing he now walks in eternal light, free from pain and rejoicing in heaven. His legacy of faith, love, and devotion will live on in all who knew him.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday, May 2, 2026, at Platter Baptist Church with Pastor Randy Lewis officiating. Interment will follow in the Garden of Memory Cemetery with Jeff Horn, Ricky Pratt, Mark McKinney, Malachi Lewis, Jaxon Baeza, Able Foster, Craig Blakey, and Preston Pace serving as pallbearers. The family will receive friends on Friday evening from 6-8 PM at the Funeral Home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Brown's Durant Funeral and Cremation Service.



# Cemetery Details

## Garden of Memory

N 3655 Rd  
Colbert, OK 74733

# Previous Events

## Family and Friends Visitation

MAY 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Service - Durant  
4900 West US Hwy 70  
Durant, OK 74701  
(580) 920-0393  
[info@brownsfuneralservice.com](mailto:info@brownsfuneralservice.com)  
<https://www.brownsfuneralservice.com/>

## Funeral Service

MAY 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Platter Baptist Church  
172 Platter Dike Rd  
Platter, OK 74753

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Buddy Eugene McKinney Jr.*



**Brown's Durant Funeral Service** - April 30 at 03:13 PM



“ *Colbert FFA purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Buddy Eugene McKinney Jr..*



**Colbert FFA** - May 01 at 05:41 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Buddy Eugene McKinney Jr..*

May 01 at 09:47 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Buddy Eugene McKinney Jr..*



May 01 at 09:47 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Buddy Eugene McKinney Jr..*



April 30 at 11:24 PM



“ *Dana and family: My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to all of you. Buddy was a favorite to all of us at Nabisco and was so quick with his witty comments, he was always ready to keep us inspired! .....Carol Choate-Brownlee*

**Carol Choate-Brownlee** - April 30 at 05:47 PM



“ *102 files added to the album Gallery of Pictures*



**Brown's Durant Funeral Service** - April 30 at 03:20 PM



“ *Tropical Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Buddy Eugene McKinney Jr..*



April 30 at 12:27 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. I pray for peace and comfort for you all. We love y'all. With love Bradley and Trena Scruggs.*



**Trena Scruggs** - April 29 at 10:23 PM



*My Big Brother my Best Friend I Love You So Much I will always remember you please look over us I love you Buddy*

**mark McKinney** - April 30 at 01:25 PM



*Rest in Peace Buddy Jr 🌸 Give everyone a hug for me ❤️*

**Hope Clymer Ford** - April 30 at 01:48 PM