



Benjamin R. Buda, Jr.

December 28, 1943 - February 8, 2025

Benjamin R. Buda, Jr., completed his journey home to be with the Lord on February 8, 2025. He passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones at the age of 81. Born on December 28, 1943, in Santa Ana, California, he lived a life devoted to faith, family, and service. The son of a Marine, he spent his youth in New York, moving with family to Jacksonville Beach following the death of his father. Shortly after moving to Florida, he met the love of his life, Barbara, and their relationship grew into a lifelong love story and 60 years of marriage.

He dedicated six years of his life to serving in the National Guard in Jacksonville. His professional career included roles in sales and management and as an insurance agent. His true passion was his commitment to faith. At San Jose Catholic Church, he was the music minister for Sunday masses and he and Barbara taught Sunday school. His dedication continued at Assumption Catholic Church, where he served as a group leader for the charismatic prayer group. At Good Shepherd Catholic Church, he taught Confirmation classes and was a member of Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) men's group and the Life Teen group music ministry. His love for God was matched only by his love for family.

He is survived by his beloved bride, Barbara; three sons, Rob (Stacie) Buda, Rick Buda, and Chris (Amy) Buda; two daughters, Karen (Chip) Collier, and

Emily (Tom) Kanoza. He is also survived by his three sisters, Bernadette Rowe, Carolyn (Raymond) Pierce, and Cathy (Pete) Wilson, along with eight grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his father, Benjamin R. Buda; Mother, Alice (Buda) Staszak; step-father, Ray Staszak; grandson, Bryce Buda; daughter-in-law, Jill Buda; and brother-in-law, Michael Rowe.

A Memorial Mass will be held on February 28, 2025, at 1:00 PM at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Tallahassee (4665 Thomasville Road), with a reception immediately following the service. The mass will also be available by livestream at goodshepherdparish.org.

Ben's legacy of faithfulness and kindness will continue to inspire all who knew him. May his memory bring comfort to those who mourn his passing.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

FEB **28**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Good Shepherd Catholic Church
4665 Thomasville Road
Tallahassee, FL

Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Merry Christmas, you were missed.*

Julie Swain - December 26, 2025 at 07:26 AM

PD

“ *Ben was a very special person, who always put others before himself. His smile would make you feel better no matter what challenges you were facing. He was always a joy to be around. Even with all the challenges that Bobbie and Sonny faced, I don't ever remember them complaining. He had a beautiful faith, and I'm sure he went air mail express to be with God his father. We love you Sonny, you will be missed. Love Patty and Joe Dagata*

Patty and Joe Dagata - February 27, 2025 at 11:09 PM

TA

“ *Our deepest sympathies and condolences. We were truly lucky to radiate in his bright light, enjoy his wonderful sense of humor and take comfort in his love, devotion and joy. We planted a tree in his memory. Wish we could be there, but we will be there in spirit.*
Love,
An-Chih & Tommy

Tommy & An-Chih - February 27, 2025 at 07:45 PM

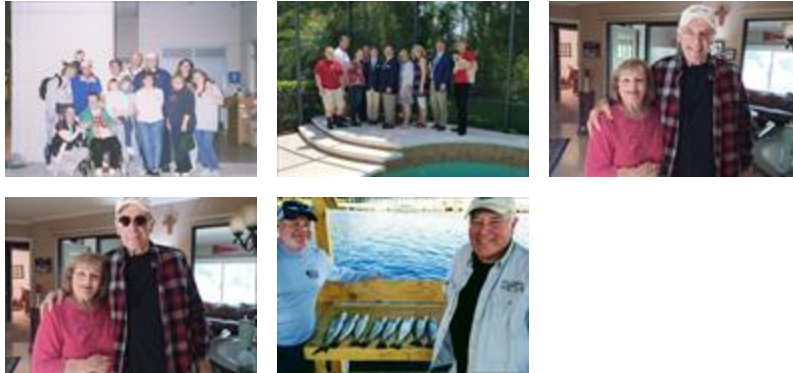
TD

“ *Thomas D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Benjamin R. Buda, Jr..*

Thomas D. - February 27, 2025 at 07:19 PM

EM

“ 122 files added to the album *Family photos*



Emily - February 27, 2025 at 03:00 PM

EU

“ *Eduard & Samantha Untea purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Benjamin R. Buda, Jr..*



Eduard & Samantha Untea - February 27, 2025 at 12:28 AM

CB

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Christopher Buda - February 26, 2025 at 07:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Benjamin R. Buda, Jr..

February 26, 2025 at 02:52 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Benjamin R. Buda, Jr..



February 26, 2025 at 02:52 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Benjamin R. Buda, Jr..

February 26, 2025 at 10:25 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Benjamin R. Buda, Jr..



February 26, 2025 at 10:25 AM



“ 3 files added to the album Family photos



Rob Buda - February 24, 2025 at 08:55 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Benjamin R. Buda, Jr..



February 22, 2025 at 12:18 PM