



## Charles "Bud" Godfrid Delay

February 17, 1930 - November 24, 2015

Charles (Bud) G. Delay

The loss of a gracious, kind, loving man.

Bud was born in Torrington, CT on Feb 17, 1930. Bud's work ethic and dedication to family was unsurpassed throughout his life. This started early for him when his Mother passed away when he was 4 years old. Around this age up until he was in his teens he worked on the farm with his father, feeding and milking the cows on the dairy farm they owned. At 7 he would ride his bike for miles to deliver newspapers and did his farm chores before breakfast all before going to school each day. In later years his father and step mother owned a country store which among other things had a post office and a part of the store that served hot dogs and home made ice cream. When he was a teenager and adding to the normal chores and duties for the family he was a life guard at the lake resort Burrville Pond in CT. He attended the Oliver Wolcott trade school in Litchfield, CT to learn carpentry and construction.

In 1946 at the age of 16, Bud drove himself and his five younger brothers and sister from Connecticut to Florida where his parents had already moved and started a life in Orlando.

Sometime after arriving in Florida he met and fell in love with Annette Rabion and on

December 28, 1951 they were married. Shortly after, he enlisted into the Army

during the time of the Korean conflict. He achieved the rank of Sergeant and was in charge of a squad of men that helped to build Radio Free Europe by building hundreds of radio towers throughout Austria and Germany. He returned home in 1953 and built his family home by hand in Orlando. He worked as an independent contractor throughout the greater Orlando area for over 50 years.

In July of 1954 they had their first child Deborah, 1956 they had Charles S. and in 1959 they had Michael A. Bud and Annette had nearly 48 years together before Annette passed away in 1999. He later married a longtime friend, Carolyn Flanagan on July 08, 2000 and spent the next 15 years together.

He was a quiet, brave and loving man who gave all of himself for his family. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Delay, his Daughter Deborah Delay and sons Charles

Stephenson Delay (sp. Pat Delay) and Michael Albert Delay (sp. Mary Ann Delay)

Step-Daughters, Nancy Heltsley (sp. Chuck Heltsley), Betty Bennett (sp. Gary Bennett)

He has several grandchildren; Tammy Dobbyn (sp. Richard Dobbyn), Tony Puskarik (sp. Nancy Puskarik), Jan Puskarik, Johnny Puskarik, Tabitha Grossnickle Delay. (sp.TJ

Grossnickle), Elizabeth Delay, Jamie Heltsley, Daniel Bennett, Joseph Bennett Several great grandchildren; Dominick Vazquez, Adrian Puskarik, Amber Puskarik,

Ricky Dobbyn, Grace Irizarry, Stephanie Meza, Phillip Grossnickle, Victoria Grossnickle, Sophie Grossnick, and one great-greatgrandchild, Jayden Brothers, John P. Delay (sp. Mary Ann Delay), Harry F. Delay, and Michael P. Delay (sp. Nancy Rogers)  
Sister, Joan Jewett (sp. Dwight Jewett)

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Memorial Park

400 Woodlawn Cemetery Road  
Gotha, FL 34734

# Previous Events

## Viewing

DEC 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations  
910 W. Michigan Street  
Orlando, FL 32805  
(407) 841-4424  
<https://www.acommunityfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

DEC 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

Conway United Methodist Church  
3401 Conway road  
Orlando, FL 32812

# Tribute Wall

LD

“ Lovingly, The Family of W.O. Daley purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Charles "Bud" Godfrid Delay.



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Lovingly, The Family of W.O. Daley - November 30, 2015 at 06:04 PM

MD

“ Words cannot express how much I miss you already- every thing in this house speaks your name. We've had 15+ years of sharing memories, laughter, challenges with our health, fun trips to North Carolina to visit friends and relatives, hosting family gatherings of 30 loved ones at Christmas and Thanksgiving-even the 4th of July. It was wonderful to see the little children as they grew up- even seeing them get married and starting their own families. And all the time, sharing our love that was always our joy. I recall Krispy Kreme doughnuts that were so good and habit forming. Tacos, too, were great!! I remember our first time getting to know each other aside from friendship when you called me up and said, "I'm getting a taco-Want One?" And as time sped along and I stood by you in the hospital you still sang "Hey, Good Lookin"- you would briefly open your beautiful eyes and look at me and we still knew our love would always be part of us. In closing, I want to thank you, my perfect husband, for telling me in a very faint way, that you loved me 100,000 million!!!!I'm grateful that you and I are Christians and we will see each other once again. I wouldn't have missed these 15+ years for anything. You'll always be in my heart, dear. Carolyn-your loving wife

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Mrs. Carolyn Delay - November 30, 2015 at 04:02 PM

DH

“ I feel fortunate to have had Bud & anette and their family as neighbors and great friends for 30 years on Lila Dr.. We had many good times during the years and I will always cherish those memories. My family's prayers go up to the Lord for Debbie, Mike, Steve, Sonny, Harry, John and all the Delay family and I can just picture Annete, Pat & Bud dancing around on those golden streets described in Revelations verse 21 in the bible! Love you all !! Dick Hubley

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dick hubley - November 28, 2015 at 12:33 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Charles "Bud" Godfrid Delay.



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November 27, 2015 at 09:55 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Charles "Bud" Godfrid Delay.



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November 27, 2015 at 08:29 PM

 Jan  
Puskarik

“ For My Grandpa 💖💖

*I know we are all feeling a little bit sad,  
That we've lost our Grandpa, our friend and our dad.  
Together we have cried an ocean of tears,  
As we feel so empty and hold many fears.  
But Grandpa would want us to know he's in a good place  
And that he watching us all with a smile on his face  
As we have made him so proud, as proud as can be  
That he has raised such a beautiful and special family. I really must  
say  
I feel lucky and privileged to have known Grandpa to this day  
For in my life, you have played a special part  
The memories I will treasure and keep close to my heart  
And for all of us, be grateful, his life is now complete  
To each one of us he has care, charished  
And loved this family, be thankful for the good times we shared.  
Although he has gone, we will always be together  
And his spirit will live on in each one of us forever  
When you look to the sky, look for the brightest star  
As that will be Grandpa looking down on us from afar  
And now I would like to thank the good Lord above  
For blessing us with our Grandpa, with his kindness and love  
Dear God, if it is not too much fuss  
Take extra special care of our Grandpa, for he is very dear to us  
Grandpa, if you are listening, say a prayer for us every day  
Be sure to protect us and guide us on our way  
We know when God called you, you had to go  
But we want you to know Grandpa we miss you and love you so.*

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**Jan Puskarik** - November 27, 2015 at 05:21 PM

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**Jan Puskarik** - November 27, 2015 at 05:07 PM

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**Debi Delay** - November 27, 2015 at 04:16 AM

DD

“Dad you were the most wonderful, caring, loving sole on the earth. I know your not in pain any more but I long for your warm touch and your gentle smile. I love you so much. There are so many memories. Old Dixie Chicken will never be the same.



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**Debi Delay** - November 27, 2015 at 04:10 AM

NH

*When I lost my father I never thought I would find anyone else that I could ever call Dad. But when Bud came into my life he treated me as one of his own. Dad was a quiet man, but strong. Kind and gentle and a man of few words. But one look into his eyes and you knew exactly what he was thinking. One of my fondest memories was when he would skip across the parking lot holding the hand of my young daughter. Sometimes he would dance with her in the living room when she would put on a show for us. My love for you will never fade- nor will the memories.*

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**Nancy Heltsley** - November 30, 2015 at 06:38 PM