



## Bud Planchon

June 9, 1962 - April 11, 2014

Bud Planchon, 51, a beloved husband, father, brother, firefighter, veteran, and friend, joined his Heavenly Father on Friday evening, April 11, 2014. Born on June 9, 1962, in Lebanon, Missouri, Bud is survived by his devoted wife and love of his life, Jane Sexton Planchon, and three children whom he adored: his son, Shane Logan, his stepson, Jon Madison Sexton, and the apple of his eye, his daughter, Olivia Kathryn Planchon. Bud is also survived by his loving father, Claud Planchon and step-mother, Judy Planchon of Dothan, Alabama, his brother, John Planchon of Warner-Robbins, Georgia, his sister, Toni Mott, of Nevada, Missouri, mother-in-law, Billie Sue Watson of Crossett, Arkansas, and a host of beloved “family” from the Panama Canal Zone. Bud was preceded in death by his mother, Lena Planchon, his sister, Tammi, brother-in-law, Ricky Watson, and his father-in-law, William Watson.

Bud gave his life protecting the public from harm. Following 25 years of dedicated public service as a firefighter and paramedic, Bud retired at the rank of Captain from the Springdale Fire Department in 2011. Originally diagnosed in 2009, Bud bravely battled a form of cancer he acquired in the line of duty as a Springdale firefighter as certified by numerous medical experts. More than 40 states, other than the State of Arkansas, legally recognize that Bud’s cancer was caused from the toxic hazards commonly faced by firefighters. Throughout his career, Bud lived and worked in unventilated Springdale fire stations where known carcinogens were circulated throughout each station

every time emergency vehicles responded to a call for help. While battling cancer, Bud also fought for the rights of all firefighters in Springdale to receive the medical care, disability benefits and support for surviving minor children that were denied to him. Bud was intensely loyal to his fellow firefighters and cared deeply about the safety and welfare of firefighters in Springdale and throughout the State of Arkansas.

Bud was an American patriot who loved his country. A combat veteran, Bud saved lives as a corpsman in the U.S. Navy assigned to the Marines during two tours of duty in Desert Storm, and he served an additional 16 years in the Navy reserves. Bud held a degree in education and, prior to pursuing his passion of firefighting, was a teacher at Woodland Junior High School. Bud was an avid and accomplished outdoorsman who excelled at fishing. Among his many talents, Bud played guitar and saxophone. As a former construction worker, many of his friends and neighbors who he happily helped whenever needed commonly relied upon Bud's expertise as a carpenter, electrician, and general mechanic. Bud was a proud graduate of the University of Arkansas, a universally loved member of the Delta Eta Chapter of the Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, and devoted Arkansas Razorbacks fan. Prior to attending the University of Arkansas, Bud had the unique experience of growing up in the Panama Canal Zone. He graduated from Cristobal High School in the Panama Canal Zone. Bud was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Fayetteville.

Of all his many accomplishments, Bud's greatest joy came from being a husband and father. Bud was a loyal and caring person who was known for a witty sense of humor. Bud was courageous and willing to fight for the truth regardless of any personal sacrifices.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at Sisco Funeral Chapel at 705 W. Meadow St. in Springdale, Arkansas, on Tuesday, April 15. A funeral service

honoring and celebrating Bud's life will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church located at 224 N. East Ave., Fayetteville, Arkansas. Visitation for family and friends will also take place at Medders Funeral Home in Crossett, Arkansas from 10-12 on Thursday, April 17. A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 17 at Pugh Cemetery in Crossett, Arkansas.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Healing Touch Ministries, % St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 224 N. East Ave, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.siscofuneral.com](http://www.siscofuneral.com). Funeral arrangements are being handled by Sisco Funeral Chapel in Northwest Arkansas, and Medders Funeral Home in Crossett, Arkansas, is responsible for graveside services. Family, friends, and the public are invited to join in celebrating the life and legacy of Bud Planchon.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **15**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sisco Funeral Chapel  
705 West Meadow  
Springdale, AR 72764  
(479) 751-4577  
siscofuneralchapel@gmail.com  
<https://www.siscofuneral.com>

## Funeral Service

APR **16**. 3:00 PM (CT)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
224 N. East Ave.  
Fayetteville, AR 72701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bud Planchon*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Rose Rugger lit a candle in memory of Bud Planchon*



Rose Rugger - May 07, 2014 at 08:54 AM



“ *174 files added to the album Memories of Bud*



Sisco Funeral Chapel - April 23, 2014 at 04:58 PM

TD

“ Trent Donathan lit a candle in memory of Bud Planchon



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**Trent Donathan** - April 21, 2014 at 04:33 PM

DB

“ I was so sorry to learn of Bud's passing, but am also very happy for him that he is now in heaven with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Bud was a very nice man whom I met while working as insurance/worker's comp clerk for the City of Springdale from 1996 through 2006. He always had a smile and was so gentlemanly to everyone in our office. I again ran into him as we both took chemo at Highlands in 2009 and beyond. He was still smiling and never complaining, although I knew he was in pain. He was so anxious to get back to work and spoke lovingly of his family. Always the comforter, encourager, and consoler to others, he will be deeply missed. You are in our prayers during this sorrowful time, but remember that through faith in Christ, you will be able to see your loved one again someday. God bless you.

*Debra and Mike Burrough*

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**Debra and Mike Burrough** - April 21, 2014 at 01:35 PM

KC

“ My thoughts and prayers to family and friends. It is hard to lose a shipmate you admire and respect. The last time I saw him we talked about his good days and bad. We reminisced about our time in the Naval Reserves. Fair winds and following seas. You will truly be missed.

*Kim Coslett*

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**Kim Coslett** - April 19, 2014 at 09:54 AM

JM

“ Bud was a very courageous person. I admired his love for life, his family and fishing. I got a kick out of the way he would have his vitals done for me before seeing the doctor for his weekly visits. Always upbeat and a great inspiration to the other patients. RIP "Bud" you are missed greatly. Jana, Medical Assistant, Highlands Oncology Group.

Jana May - April 18, 2014 at 11:20 AM

ML

“ Love and prayers to the family and loved ones of this great and beautiful man. I was fortunate to know Bud and appreciate what a truly exemplary person he was. I wish peace and healing to his loved ones and am grateful they shared him with the world.

Mary Long - April 17, 2014 at 10:04 PM

AS

“ Alice Schultz lit a candle in memory of Bud Planchon



Alice Schultz - April 16, 2014 at 09:51 PM

FW

“ We were very saddened to hear of the passing of Bud . I knew Bud from working in the emergency room at NWMC .My husband got to know Bud as both of them received their chemo treatments at the oncology clinic in Fayetteville . He was always a kind, caring sincere person .His was a long difficult battle with this dreaded disease of cancer but he was always positive and uplifting to everyone . We will miss his handsome smiling face . May the Lord bless him and give his family comfort and peace .

*Frances and Paul Wells*

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**Francesand Wells** - April 16, 2014 at 08:22 PM

AM

“ For those who knew and loved Bud, I am sorry for your loss. I pray that God give you strength every day to move forward. I also pray you are comforted at the thought of Bud entering heavens gates during the holy season of Easter. May the hands of God and Bud's wings shine upon each of you all of the days of your lives.

*The Hymn of Promise*

*In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

*There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

*In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity,  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

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**Amber Morrison** - April 16, 2014 at 12:06 PM

TO

“ Totty lit a candle in memory of Bud Planchon



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**Totty** - April 16, 2014 at 10:44 AM

KD

“ Karen Davis lit a candle in memory of Bud Planchon



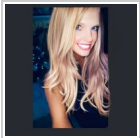
Karen Davis - April 16, 2014 at 08:30 AM

TC

“ Traci C. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Bud Planchon.



Traci C. - April 16, 2014 at 02:14 AM



“ Michele Johnson lit a candle in memory of Bud Planchon



Michele Johnson - April 15, 2014 at 07:46 PM

TF

“ Tracey Frank lit a candle in memory of Bud Planchon



Tracey Frank - April 15, 2014 at 06:24 PM

BV

“ One of the most charismatic men I have ever met. Bud always had a smile on his face and always had time to ask about what was new in your life. Also one of the bravest of god's soldiers as he fought his battle with cancer. I will cherish our talks and laughter. Your are in the presence of many of your fellow warriors. You fought the good fight, Swabbie! Semper Fi! Ms. Jane, Olivia and other family members you were so very blessed to be a part of such a wonderful family with much love that flowed between you. You will each heal on your own time and terms, finding inner peace. Bud, will always be there guiding and protecting. I am here if you need anything. Much Love. Betty VanBuskirk

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**Betty VanBuskirk** - April 15, 2014 at 03:15 PM

DW

“ Had our last talk a few weeks ago. We shared memories and solved all the world's problems. He smiled the whole time. Peace, brother. David Williams

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**David Williams** - April 15, 2014 at 02:34 PM

SM

“ Sandra Meyer purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Bud Planchon.



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**Sandra Meyer** - April 15, 2014 at 01:24 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Bud Planchon.*



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April 15, 2014 at 11:43 AM



“ *The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace, and give you peace.  
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,  
And be gracious unto you, be gracious,  
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you.  
Amen.*

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**Patrick and Joanna Taylor** - April 15, 2014 at 11:18 AM

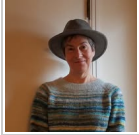


“ *Rose Romanesque Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bud Planchon.*



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April 15, 2014 at 11:12 AM



“ Bud, I met you the first day you came to the Healing Touch Ministry at St. Paul's. You told me you had no idea what to expect, but you'd promised your friend Laney before she died that you'd come, and you did. Man of honor and integrity - no matter how weird the request, if you said you'd do a thing, you did it. We members of the ministry owe Laney a debt of gratitude. Because of your promise to her, we got to share in your life, and witness your courageous, miraculous, prayer-imbued walk through the minefield of metastatic colon cancer.

You always arrived five minutes early. Waiting in the sunroom you got to know the life stories of everyone who showed up. You cared. You never failed to ask the important questions: "How's your mother?" "How was your trip?" "Is your brother doing better?". You were real, and you shared the crazy, funny, arduous events of your life with a mischievous smile and no trace of self pity. We loved you.

Bud, you made great decisions. As your strength waned and you had to prioritize, you focused your love and energy on your family. Your devotion to Jane and Olivia, and your desire to protect and care for them and your sons was beautiful.

Bud you were crazy generous. If you saw a need, you were there with a helping hand and a solution. If there was ice on the path at Hi Acres, you were putting down salt. If someone mentioned they liked fish, you'd show up with fresh caught trout. Your helpfulness was legendary, and your integrity, and self-discipline, combined with the desire to care for and help others led you to be a great fireman, husband, father, friend, captain, and advocate for firemen and their families.

You were brave. In 2 Timothy 4:7 Paul says "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." Bud, you ran a great race. The last lap was all heart.

You were faithful. We witnessed again and again your loyalty to

*your wife and children, to your firemen, your church. your God, and the communities and institutions that you served. Well done Bright Spirit. We are better because you lived.*

*Bud, I heard you say that for a negative thing, this journey with cancer had been in many ways a positive experience. I feel the same way. It's hard to watch a good man die, but it has been a joy and inspiration and honor and blessing to be a part of your life.*

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**Jane Steinkraus** - April 15, 2014 at 10:46 AM

MG

“ *Mary Green lit a candle in memory of Bud Planchon*



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**Mary Green** - April 15, 2014 at 10:01 AM

GW

“ *Words cannot express how deeply sorrowed we are for your loss. Bud was an inspiration to all. He fought for his life until the very end, enjoying every minute he could. Bud was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Our prayers are with you as you go through this trying time, we pray for peace that can only come from God. May he wrap you in his love and comfort you in the days ahead. Charlie & Gweenece Walden*

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**Gweenece Walden** - April 15, 2014 at 08:46 AM

DM

“ *Don Moore lit a candle in memory of Bud Planchon*



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**Don Moore** - April 15, 2014 at 08:44 AM

  
Shannon  
Means

“ *Shannon Means lit a candle in memory of Bud Planchon*



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**Shannon Means** - April 15, 2014 at 08:36 AM

SM

“ Dearest Jane and Family:

*There are no words to ease the pain of your loss, and there are no tears bright enough to shine for Bud on the faces of those who feel your loss. Tears are flowing, but Bud's soul is ever so encompassed by the wings of angels. Know this: Bud Planchon was and is a hero. He was and is a father and husband of the most wonderful people. He was and is the angel of many lives, past, present, and future. You are all in my prayers. You and yours are all kept by His Holy Grace and the love Creator has for you now and always. Bud is laughing and joyful, Jane, in heaven with our Father and His Son. He is also here, now, with you. Know this, please, and allow yourself to feel that joy of his soul through your tears. I am so honored to have been and continue to be a friend. Know how many of us are praying for you at this time, and that angels lift you up. God bless you and keep you.*

*Shannon Leigh Means*

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**Shannon Leigh Means** - April 15, 2014 at 08:23 AM

SR

“ Jane, I am praying for you, Olivia, and the rest of your family. Bud will be missed dearly by so many people. What a wonderful man you shared your life with. He will not be forgotten. Superman is now able to watch over even more people.

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**Shannon Poore Rubin** - April 14, 2014 at 08:55 PM

LE

“ I have know Buddy since we grew up in the Panama Canal Zone and went to High School together. Then college where my parents home was his second home. He came by off the lake from fishing and wanted to meet the baby girl. Kelsie Everett my daughter. She has grown up knowing he was a fireman and a hero! I have spent time with him through the last five years going through this! He is the strongest man I know! His will for living was unbelievable...i am honored to have been there the last day! He squeezed my hand...he knew i loved him! He was so blessed to have met Jane and his daughter Olivia! And a special thanks to Shane Logan for his undying love for Buddy until the end! I will miss you my dear friend and i will love you always! I will see you again someday and i know you will be there to greet me! Much love to you! What a great life you had!

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**Leslie Everett** - April 14, 2014 at 07:23 PM

 Jen Beck

“ Buddy and I went to the Prom together. I never really been on a "formal date" before, but Buddy made me feel relaxed. He was such a gentleman. We, along with other friends from the Canal Zone, reunited 35 years later in Fayetteville, to remember, to laugh and to take another picture of us. Buddy, you will be missed.



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**Jen Beck** - April 14, 2014 at 07:03 PM



“ Buddy - there are no words to express how much your kind soul will be missed here on earth. Heaven has a new angel. Fly high dear friend.

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**Vicky Minshew High** - April 14, 2014 at 05:15 PM

SP

“ Oh Buddy, it's been a lot of years since I've seen you. Thanks to FB I caught up with your life. I still remember that gentle boy of our days on Sixth Street. You were always quick to smile and even then, so friendly and kind. We played ring a leavio and so many other childhood games together. I can still see you and my brother, Scottie. For some reason the two of you bonded despite the age difference. He was always very protective of you. Since I was older there aren't a lot of high school memories other than you were always so sweet and simply a part of our CZ life. What a man you grew to be and a what a legacy you leave behind. Your life an amazing journey. Your journey has touched me in ways I've yet to understand. Safe winds to guide you on your next journey, I've no doubt it will be even more remarkable. To your beautiful family, I send my continued prayers for their journey. Wow!

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**Stacy Parker** - April 14, 2014 at 04:47 PM

TP

“ I met Bud, while I was a volunteer firefighter for Springdale. He was always helpful and patient. Bud was born to be a leader and enjoyed being a firefighter. He became like a brother to me and I will miss his compassion for life and his great smile. Love Bud and his family, as they will now be in my thoughts and prayers. <3

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**Teresa Jo Powers** - April 14, 2014 at 04:38 PM

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**Teresa Jo Powers** - April 14, 2014 at 04:38 PM

BH

“ I was Bud's first grade teacher in Panama...lucky me to have sensed-- even then-- the character that many have noted in memories. He was shy yet strong and so aware of right and wrong. I can't remember a time he ever did anything to intentionally hurt another study. Even though our lives touched 45 years ago, his memory is still very fresh in my mind. I have been touched to see how many of our CHS students have paid tribute to him.

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**Beverly Hoffman** - April 14, 2014 at 04:33 PM

EL

“ RIP Bud, you will be missed!!

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**elvia(smith)chisholm** - April 14, 2014 at 03:01 PM

G1

“ I am very sorry to hear of Bud's passing and that he suffered from an illness brought on by his career. Bud and I attended the University of Arkansas together and worked as Resident Assistance in the Gregson Residence Hall group. He was a good guy. My thought and prayer are his family.

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**Gerry Kunkel, BSBA 1985** - April 14, 2014 at 02:37 PM



“ *I am very sad that I was not able to visit Bud after college. Brother Bud I will miss you and keep you and your family in my family's prayers always.*

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**Marty Rogers** - April 14, 2014 at 01:11 PM

LL

“ *My prayers continue for you all . . . for peace, comfort and courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.*

*Lesla Leftwich*

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**Lesla Leftwich** - April 14, 2014 at 11:48 AM

MI

“ *Bud will be missed by all but what he did while living will be with all of us until it's our day to go home to the Lord. May God's grace fill his family so they can continue moving forward and may God's peace, joy, strength, love fill them full daily. May they all feel God's loving arms holding them close as they start this next journey. Jane and Olivia just know that you are loved by many and are in our prayers!!!! God bless all of you!!!*

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**Melinda Brown Isbell** - April 14, 2014 at 11:40 AM

DP

“ *I barely knew Bud. I had many classes with his brother John. And his sister Tammi was a friend of mine. However, all of us zonians are family as far as I am concerned. So I am sending my condolences in your loss and my loss of a zonian "brother". It is my wish for you to find peace and know that we will all see eachother again someday.*

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**Dennis Palomares** - April 14, 2014 at 11:25 AM

KP

“ Bud was one of the best and strongest men I've know. Even throughout his illness, he was full of life, joy and caring. He always seemed more interested in talking about what was going on with others rather than his own illness. You will be missed dear man. My sincerest sympathies to Jane, Olivia and the rest of the family.

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**Kay Palmer** - April 14, 2014 at 10:05 AM

DW

“ My thoughts are with you in this time of sorrow. I pray you will feel Christ's presence around you and that you may find peace through God's grace.

*Diane Warren*

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**Diane Warren** - April 14, 2014 at 09:23 AM

RG

“ I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. Prayers

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**Rosalind Goodwin** - April 14, 2014 at 08:59 AM

ML

“ Jane, I am very sorry to hear about Bud. May he rest in peace. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Marilyn Lively** - April 14, 2014 at 08:47 AM

CA

“ I am so very sorry for your loss and pray for peace and comfort at this most difficult time. Candra Davis

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**Candra** - April 14, 2014 at 08:28 AM

TZ

“ *Tania Zamzow purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bud Planchon.*



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**Tania Zamzow** - April 14, 2014 at 08:21 AM

FT

“ *Thank you Bud for your friendship, your kind words, your love for your family. Most of all thank you for being an inspiration to many. You will be missed Angel Bud.*

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**Frosty Treat** - April 14, 2014 at 05:00 AM

AR

“ *I was saddened to hear about Bud passing away. My thoughts are with you all. Ashley Rogers*

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**Ashley Rogers** - April 14, 2014 at 02:11 AM

NA

“ *Bud, you fought a good fight. Some may say that you lost, but as a man of God, you dear friend have finally won the battle and reside in and with the most high and wonderful. Your devoted friends, Bill and Nancy Ables*

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**Nancy Ables** - April 14, 2014 at 02:04 AM

CB

“ My heartfelt condolences... "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou are with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." Wishing the comfort of the Lord for you and yours.



catherine bogard - April 13, 2014 at 06:55 PM

DM

*Bud was truly a great and courageous man. God bless him and the family he loved so much.*

Denise Mulliken - April 14, 2014 at 06:05 AM

DG

*Just so truly sorry for the loss of your dear Bud. I did know him personally, but your friend Tammy Johnson, told me of his spirit, wisdom and love for others. May you find comfort, during this painful, painful time, to know that your dear husband, father, son, brother and friend gave inspiration and healing to people he never even met. My deepest sympathies are with you. ~ dida gazoli*

Dida Gazoli - April 14, 2014 at 11:57 AM

SC

*Jane, I am deeply saddened for the loss of Bud. Please know you and Olivia and family are in my thoughts and prayers daily. May god place his hands on your hands and give you strength and comfort during this difficult time.*

*Much Love,  
Sandra Cox and family*

Sandra Cox - April 14, 2014 at 05:28 PM

JB

“ *Jennefer B. purchased the Godiva Chocolate Celebration Signature Gift Basket for the family of Bud Planchon.*



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**Jennefer B.** - April 13, 2014 at 04:04 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bud Planchon.*



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April 13, 2014 at 03:59 PM