



## Mr. Wendell Ray Buckner Sr.

November 17, 1938 - February 6, 2022

Graveside services for Mr. Wendell Ray Buckner Sr., 83, of Austin, will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 12, 2022, at Mays Cemetery with Rev. Joe Orr officiating. Interment will follow under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

Mr. Buckner passed from this life on February 6, 2022, at Ascension Seton Medical Center in Austin. He was born November 17, 1938, in New Salem to the late Will and Elsie (Irwin) Buckner and has been a resident of Austin since 1970. Mr. Buckner served his country in the United States Air Force and went on to a long career in Air Traffic Control with the Austin airport. Wendell was a huge UT Longhorn fan and loved country and western music, especially Merle Haggard and Willie Nelson.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, James Buckner and Wilton Buckner, and a sister, Elise Buckner Hammack.

Survivors include his son, Wendell Ray Buckner Jr. of Austin; daughter, Renee Buckner Carpenter and husband Joe of Liberty Hill; sister, Elaine Buckner Coffman and husband Jimmy of Ft. Worth; granddaughter, Shelby Lou Buckner of Liberty Hill; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Mays Cemetery

CR 4221  
Rusk County, TX 75654

# Previous Events

## Graveside

FEB 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MS

“ *RIP. You were a sweet and funny man. I loved knowing you and thank you for helping me close some real estate deals. I'm saddened at your passing but I thank God for knowing you. No, I never got to see Merle. We share that fondness and when I hear his songs I always think of you.*

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**Missy Stewart Stanwood** - February 19, 2022 at 01:51 AM

RT

“ *I met Mr. Wendell in the course of his walks through the neighborhood. I'd seen him for years walking or jogging, and marvelled at his stamina. Although he appeared in great shape, I could tell he wasn't a spring chicken. Last year I struck up a conversation with him. We introduced ourselves and I asked his age. I complimented him on his determination and fitness at 82. He said he ran half his distance, then walked home, or vice versa.*

*Mr. Wendell reminded me of my dad, who walked five miles a day until his illness. He was old enough to be my dad, so I admired his dedication to his exercise program as I had appreciated Dad's. He lit up proudly (if a bit shyly) when I told him that. The neighborhood won't be quite the same without seeing him on his jaunts. I hope he's pulled up a chair somewhere in the universe to watch Merle, Waylon and Jerry Jeff put on a show.*

*It's been a tough couple of years for all of us. I'm sorry for your loss. Although I only knew Mr. Wendell casually, I'm so glad we took the time to meet and get to know each other as neighbors. Our prayers are with you and him throughout this difficult time.*

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**Rich Tharp** - February 10, 2022 at 11:19 AM

LC

“ *Liz Buckner Cross lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wendell Ray Buckner Sr.*



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**Liz Buckner Cross** - February 09, 2022 at 07:46 PM

JG

“ *I had the pleasure of having Wendell as a neighbor for many years at Imperial Condominiums in Austin, and did some real estate work for him. He always seemed to be in a good mood, and always offered something funny to say. I was always envious of how he would go jogging at his age. He could run with the best of them. He will be missed.*

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**Jim Goldrick** - February 09, 2022 at 03:31 PM