



## Rudy Baxter

March 6, 1936 - November 21, 2012

### Obituary of Rudy Baxter

Rudy Baxter, 76, of Wildwood, FL, died Wednesday, November 21, 2012 at Wildwood, FL. He was born March 6, 1936 in Clio, AL. Mr. Baxter graduated with a Master's Degree from Auburn University. He retired from the Sumter County School Board in 2003. He was a teacher at Wildwood High School, assistant principal of Wildwood High School, principal at Wildwood Middle School for 22 yrs., principal at Sumter County Adult Education, and the first principal of West Street School in Bushnell. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Wildwood.

Mr. Baxter is survived by his wife, Martha Baxter of Wildwood, FL; son, Russell Lee (Linda) Baxter of Oxford, FL; daughter, Dr. Tina Louise (Joe) Merritt of Webster, FL; grandchildren, Max Merritt, Jerrod (Kelly) Baxter, and Emily Baxter; brother, Wiley C. (Francis) Baxter of Chattanooga, TN; and his sisters, Myra Boyer of Montgomery, AL, Peggy Baxter of Auburn, AL, and Annie Rush of Montgomery, AL.

### Services

A Celebration of Life will be held at the First Baptist Church of Wildwood on Saturday, December 1, 2012 at 3:00 PM with Rev. Craig Attaway and Susan Jones presiding. A reception will follow for all family and friends.

#### Donations

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cornerstone Hospice, 2445 Lane Park Rd., Tavares, FL 32778.

# Tribute Wall

KJ

“ Miss ya'll here in Tracy's Point! Rudy was such a nice man. God Bless to Tina , Russ and Martha...KMJ

Kathy Jameson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Mr. Baxter was the teacher you will never forget. He touched so many, many lives. May peace be with your family at this time.

Lynn McCormic England - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ Dear Baxter family, I am sorry for your loss and for loss to all of us who worked with and knew Mr. Baxter. It was my honor to work with him as my assistant principal and my friend since 1971 when I first came to Wildwood High School. We will all miss him. My love to Martha and Russ.

Elberta Ritchie - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Martha, we are thinking of you at this time. So glad we got to see Rudy a couple of weeks ago. he was a great guy and will be greatly missed. Chris Norris and Gail Barnard

chris and Gail - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this difficult time. Rudy will be remembered for many things. Among them is his commitment to the children of Sumter County.

Linda and Larry Winchester - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. May you feel the love that so many are sending to you and the family. Peggy Boyatt*

**Peggy Boyatt** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *I am so sorry. I have many wonderful memories of working with Mr. B over the years. My prayers are with the family.*

**Jeanie Driggers Davis** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you Martha and the family. Our love to you all.*

**Jack & Snooks Buckley** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ *To the family of the late Mr.Rudy Baxter: With deepest sympathy .I came truly say that a man that will be missed ,but never forgotten.All the memories that we will carry in our hearts and minds of the man that had the big heart to care about all that he met.He believed that which seemed impossible,that he could help make it come to life.He was a man that loved what he did and it showed.We are forever grateful for knowing such a man as Mr. Baxter.*

**Aarie W. Evans** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *Rudy was loved and respected by so many and he touched our lives in so many ways. He will be missed by all, but especially the folks that worked with him at Wildwood Middle School! Martha, I hope you can feel all our arms around you at this time.*

**Susan and Wayne Jones** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. So glad I had seen both of you recently. God bless you at this sad time.*

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**donna suber braun** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *A great guy that was loved from one end of Sumter County to the other. Many memories of stories heard while cutting his hair! He will be missed by so many and we leave our thoughts and prayers with Martha and all the family.*

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**Mabry and Carolyne Williams** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all the family. I know I loved him and will miss him. I'm grateful that his suffering has ended and know he's in a better place for all eternity.*

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**Billi Evans** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *Wildwood will not be the same without Mr. Baxter. He was both our teacher and principal and meant a lot to us. We are so sorry for your loss.*

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**Corky and Anita Jones** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Martha, We are thinking of you during this time. We pray that God will comfort you in your sorrow. Tom and Benachoice*

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**Benachoice and Tom Caruthers** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



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