



# Kemper Mills "Buddy" Fant

MAR 25, 1932 - FEB 9, 2019



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## **Kemper Mills "Buddy" Fant**

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**K**emper M. Fant, 86, of Culpeper passed away Saturday, February 9, 2019. He was born March 25, 1932 in Brandy Station to the late Orin Allen Fant and Willie Kemper Mills Fant.

Kemper, known to all as "Buddy", co-founded Fants' Amoco with its first location in Brandy Station in 1958. Buddy and Helen married August 3, 1960. The Culpeper location opened a short time later and he ran that until he retired in 1999. He was a member of the Culpeper United Methodist Church, an avid Civil War relic hunter, and you could often find him piddling in his workshop if he wasn't enjoying the occasional round of golf. In the years approaching retirement he and his wife Helen enjoyed antiquing and opened several shops at various times from Culpeper to Ruckersville.

He is survived by three sons, Kemper Mills Fant, Jr, Timothy Scott Fant (Brenda), and William Terrell Fant (Stacie).

Additional survivors include grandchildren, Ashley Brooke Fant, Kemper Mills Fant, III, Katie Marie Fant, Sara Ellen Fant, Skylar Nicole Fant, Sydney Mills Fant, Camryn Alyssa Fant, Olivia Jane Fant, and Will Brill whom he thought of as a grandson; and one great granddaughter Hadlee Layne Armstrong.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Mahanes Fant; and one brother, Orin Allen Fant, Jr.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Found and Sons Funeral Chapel, 850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper, VA.

A graveside service will be held on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at Culpeper National Cemetery, 305 US Avenue, Culpeper, VA with military honors provided by Culpeper VFW Post 2524.

Found and Sons Funeral Chapel of Culpeper is serving the family.



## Events


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### Visitation

 **Wednesday**, February 13, 2019

 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

 **Found and Sons Funeral Chapels & Cremation Service**  
850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper VA 22701

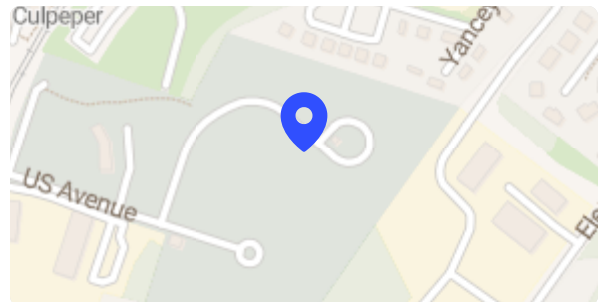


### Graveside Service

 **Thursday**, February 14, 2019

 11:00 AM ET

 **Culpeper National Cemetery (Old)**  
305 US Avenue, Culpeper VA 22701





## Tribute Wall

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LS

**Lillian Sykes** lit a candle in honor of Kemper.

February 17 at 8:53 PM



LS

**Lillian Sykes** posted:

TIM AND FANT'S FAMILY I JUST SAW THIS AND AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR ALL LOSS I SEND MY SYMPATHIE AND PRAYERS TO YOUR FAMILY .

February 17 at 8:53 PM

TH

**Tammy Hartman** lit a candle in honor of Kemper.

February 17 at 3:59 PM



AM

**Allen Martin** posted:

Met Buddy right after moving to Culpeper and patronized the gas station and garage for many years after that. Had many enjoyable conversations along the way with this very nice guy!

February 13 at 2:00 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Fant family.

February 13 at 9:42 AM



JK

**Jennifer&Philip Keyser Jr** posted:

We are sorry to hear of your loss, our prayers are with the family.

February 13 at 5:45 AM



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CC

**Carolyn Chavers** posted:

Tim and Family, So sorry to hear about your father's passing. May the memories you have of him give you comfort at this time. Jerry and Carolyn Chavers

February 13 at 4:34 AM

SS

**Steve Southard** posted:

Fant boys, So sorry to hear about your Dad. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you all and the family.

February 12 at 11:55 AM

DZ

**Debbie Zinn** lit a candle in honor of Kemper.



February 12 at 11:30 AM



**Linda Bradley** posted:

He was always so nice to me when I would stop in for gas or repairs, a truly nice man. RIP

February 12 at 9:04 AM

VW

**Valerie Webb** posted:

He was always such a kind man. We went to the same church for many years and I always loved talking to him and Helen. Such a nice couple! I'm sure he will be missed. Prayers for the family are going up.

February 12 at 7:59 AM

ET

**Eugene Triplett** lit a candle in honor of Kemper.



February 12 at 6:56 AM



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JP

**Jean H. Payne** posted:

So sorry to learn of Buddy's passing. He was a fine gentleman and I know he will be sorely missed by his family and friends. My sympathies to all of you. May God give you peace and comfort until we all meet again.

February 12 at 4:36 AM

BM

**Brenda & Terry Marshall** lit a candle in honor of Kemper.



February 12 at 4:10 AM

MT

**Maude Taylor** posted:

What can you say about such a fine gentlemen - Buddy and I had been friends since our high school days and no one could ever have a better or truer one. R,I,P. my friend until we all meet again. You will be greatly missed. Maude Taylor

February 12 at 3:55 AM

WT

**Wanda Tolson** lit a candle in honor of Kemper.



February 12 at 12:43 AM

WH

**Walt And Hermine** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Fant family.



February 11 at 3:06 PM



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**Tom Lester** posted:

Buddy Fant was a first cousin to my mother Jean Tyree Lester. They played around the neighborhood with Allen Fant and Max Brown. All first cousins and were very similar to the "Our Gang" tv show of 80 years ago. I remember Buddy and Allen when they first purchased dump trucks and stayed with my grandparents in Richmond as they helped to build the Richmond Petersburg Turnpike in the 1950's. I remember the first Amoco station in Brandy Station and spend quite a bit of time their matching Coke bottle cities with Buddy and his friends We watched the NY Giants famous championship game in the bitter cold. Buddy took me and my first shotgun to Orange County for a squirrel/deer hunt together. My first hunt and the animals won. I will always remember Buddys 1950? Ford. He was 12 years older than I was but was my idol in many ways. I will always remember (if i can at 74) the many happy holidays we spent at the Brandy Station home. I currently live in Lithia Florida and will be unable to attend the funeral in person. However, I will be their in spirit with Kim, Tim, Terry and all the rest of the family. I am positive that Buddy is now with his family that went before him. Lodie, Kemper, Allen, Betty, and Helen now can enjoy his presence. A wonderful son, brother, father, and grandchildren is now with his Lord and Savior. Tom Lester

February 11 at 1:28 PM



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