



Louis "Naz" Nazareth Rhodes

January 3, 1946 - August 24, 2015

Louis Nazareth "Naz" Rhodes, 69, passed away Monday, August 24, 2015, at Baptist East in Memphis, Tennessee. He was born to Louis Nazareth Sr. and Myrtle Hall Rhodes on January 3, 1946, in Jackson, Miss. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Booneville where he attended the Fellowship Sunday School Class every Sunday. He was a longtime member of Booneville Lions Club. After teaching music and band for 35 years, Naz retired from Northeast Mississippi Community College.

Naz graduated from Mendenhall High School. He earned his Bachelors degree in music from the University of Southern Mississippi, a Masters degree from Mississippi State University and post-graduate work from the University of Mississippi.

He was a devoted husband, father, brother, grandfather, uncle, teacher, and friend. He was known for his gentle soul, being patient, kind and loving. He was loved by anyone who met him. His peaceful demeanor could be seen in the quiet way he walked and in his soft spoken words. As a musician, he offered the listener a glimpse into his heart. His favorite phrase was, "I'm just smelling the roses." This is what he lived by: take time to smell the roses, never miss out, watch the birds, listen to the quiet stillness of the world, and have a cup of coffee.

Funeral services will be Thursday, August 27, 2015, at 3:00 P.M. at First Baptist Church in Booneville. Minister Dr. Lynn Jones will be officiating and Greg Keenum delivering the eulogy. Visitation will be Thursday, August 27,

2015, from 12:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. in the church. A graveside service will be held in Mendenhall City Cemetery, Mendenhall, Miss. on Friday, August 28, 2015 at 11:00 A.M.

He is survived by his wife, Sarah Bradshaw Rhodes, whom he married June 25, 1977; one son, Naz Rhodes III of Cleveland, Miss; one daughter, Rebecca Rhodes Dodson (Brandon)of Collierville, Tenn; one granddaughter, Milly Grace Dodson; sister, Rosalind Lee of Mendenhall, Miss; and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Myrtle Rhodes; sister, Rebecca Rhodes; grandparents, George and Sarah Kinard Rhodes and David and Kate Upton Hall.

Pallbearers will be John Coleman Bradshaw, Spencer Bradshaw, Byron Bradshaw, Nathan Bradshaw, Will Gangwer and Tyler Gangwer. Condolences may be made to the family at boonevillefuneralhome.net.

Cemetery Details

Mendenhall City Cemetery

Mendenhall, MS

Tribute Wall

CP

“ You’ve been gone a long time but I’m still dreaming about you and our HS days, especially band. Although we lost touch after HS, you have always need a special cherished little buddy. See you soon! Hugs and love!



Charles Prestwood - March 16, 2020 at 10:31 PM

AM

“ Mr. Rhodes was one of my band directors when I attended Pearl Junior High. He was a wonderful and inspiring teacher of music. I am so sorry for your loss.



*Angie (Graham) Moak
Pearl, MS*

Angie Moak - June 01, 2016 at 12:01 AM

SH

“ Our sympathy goes out to you, Naz's family. We count it a blessing to have worked with Naz at NEMCC and be in church at First Baptist Booneville with him. God gave Naz a real music talent and he used it to benefit others. May God give you strength and His Peace as you deal with your loss. God bless you. Robert and Sue K. Honeycutt

Sue K. Honeycutt - September 07, 2015 at 01:47 PM

CP

“ I have fond memories of my buddy Naz during our HS days in band at Mendenhall. It was evident when he achieved first chair trumpet in the 9th grade that he was gifted. I've followed his career from afar all these years and my love and admiration of him has never diminished although our active communication has. RIP my friend. My heart is hurting.
Chuck "Charlie" Prestwood

Chuck Prestwood - August 29, 2015 at 01:22 PM

DB

“ Prayers going out to the family. I was in the NEMJC Band 84-86 and it was always a pleasure being around Naz. RIP my brother. You will always be remember.



Dale Berryman - August 28, 2015 at 06:08 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Louis "Naz" Nazareth Rhodes.



August 26, 2015 at 02:22 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Louis "Naz" Nazareth Rhodes.



August 26, 2015 at 10:59 AM

TF

“ I'm sending prayers and good thoughts to Naz's family during this time. He was always one of my most favorite people and truly the most laid back, cool person I've ever had the pleasure of knowing! The Showband from Tigerland back in 1988-1990 certainly wouldn't have been the same without him. He will truly be missed...
Love, Tanya Finch, Booneville, MS

Tanya Finch - August 26, 2015 at 08:21 AM

KS

So sorry about your loss. Our prayers are with you and all your family!
Tom and Kay Somers

Kay Somers - August 26, 2015 at 01:27 PM

KE

To Sarah and your family,
What a pleasure it was be around Naz! He could always put a smile on your face and and his manner was so refreshing! Cool truly was his definition. We loved being in Sunday School with you two. God bless you!
Dan and Kathy Eaton

Kathy Eaton - August 27, 2015 at 09:44 PM

VB

“ My condolences to the Rhodes family. I am a 1975 graduate of Pearl McLaurin High School and was a member of the Fighting Pirate Band. I remember when Mr Rhodes came to Pearl. I was probably in the eighth grade. The Pirate Band was not anything special at that time. But he worked with Porter Burke and Deloris Parker to begin the proud tradition that Pearl High School knows today. I remember him fondly as a nice easy-going man that wanted everyone to do their best. Our motto in those days was "Perfection through perseverance". These are words that i have thought of often during times that I thought I could not succeed at something.

God's Grace to the family.

Vicki Bozeman

Flowood MS

vicki bozeman - August 25, 2015 at 10:00 PM