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The following obituary and tribute to Buddy Aldridge was written by his daughter, Kala.

It is with a heavy heart that I announce the passing of my daddy, Buddy Aldridge, on August 6th at home, surrounded by his closest friends and family after a thankfully short battle with cancer.

He carried many names; Buddy, The Bud Man, Daddy, Husband, Poppy, Uncle Buddy, Mr. A and Harry, and yet each of us knew him in a special way and have our own stories to shareof the joy he brought into our lives.

Buddy was born December 11, 1955 to Harry Jr. and Joy Aldridge in Monticello. He was the oldest of his four siblings, and although a native of Jasper County, moved around to Decatur and Little Rock, Ark., before moving back to Monticello when he was in the sixth grade. Always the rebel, exceptionally smart, with an adventurous spirit, every person that crossed his path quickly became his lifelong friend.

After graduating high school in 1974 from Jasper County, he attended some college, and then went on to join forces with his father and brother, David Aldridge, in the family egg production business, Triple A Egg farms. He married my mother, Suzanne Humphrey, in 1982, and they were very happy until her unexpected passing in 1993.

After retiring in 2007, he spent his days traveling, golfing, being with his friends and family, and during this time met his loving wife, Sandy Dennis, in 2013, and enjoyed each moment together.

His surviving torch and love have been passed to his daughter and son-in-law, Kala and Josh Denny of Mansfield; granddaughter, Lilee Denny of Mansfield; wife, Sandy Dennis; of Monticello; siblings, Johnny and Bryan Aldridge, David and Linda Aldridge and Beverly and Ken Cox, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and best, lifelong friends.

There is not nearly enough room to lay out the beautiful life of my father. He was an icon to this town and in the lives of so many people. Please take the time to share your memories of Buddy with each other and keep his light alive for many years and generations to come. He will be missed greatly, but will live on through us and his LoveJoy Farm, until we meet again one day.

Buddy’s cremation was arranged by Jordan Funeral Home and he will lay to rest in LoveJoy Cemetery. A private celebration of his life will be held soon. Chin Chin!