



Mr. Joseph Alford Finch

December 3, 1948 - March 13, 2026

Joseph "Buddy" Finch passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones on March 13th, 2026. Known to family and friends simply as Buddy, he will be remembered for his steady presence, generous spirit, and the love he shared with those closest to him.

Buddy served his country in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. In recognition of his dedication and service, he was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal for his service in the Marines.

In addition to his military service, Buddy had a deep love for music. He was a devoted member of the County Line Band for several years, where he enjoyed playing lead guitar. Music brought him great joy and allowed him to share his talent and passion with friends, fellow musicians, and the community.

Buddy was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Iona Finch, and his sister, Catherine Gurley.

He is survived by his longtime companion of sixteen years, Carolyn Joyce Willard, with whom he shared a devoted life. During those years, Buddy became a cherished father figure to Carolyn's daughters, Deniese Hetzman (Greg) and Danielle Little (Landon), and a loving grandfather figure to their children, Allison Burns and Brantley Genry.

He is also survived by his siblings: Lenora Tillman, Betty Moody, Bonnie Tillman, Eugene Finch (Joetta), Thomas Finch (Kathleen), and Johnny Finch, along with many nieces and nephews who will remember him fondly.

Visitation will be held Thursday, March 19, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00

p.m. at Cottage Hill Memorial Funeral Home, followed by a funeral service from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Buddy will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His kindness, love of music, and devotion to his family leave a lasting legacy.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Cottage Hill Memorial Funeral Home
7158 Cottage Hill Road
Mobile, AL 36695
(251) 380-6601

Service

MAR 19. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph Alford Finch.



March 18 at 02:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Joseph Alford Finch.

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“ We will miss you Buddy! Until we meet again 🙏❤️



Danielle Little - March 17 at 09:28 PM



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