

Otto Woodrow Fisher - d. 2-21-92 C  
"Buddy" or "Doc"

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We have gathered here to turn  
our thoughts to God from whom  
we receive our days and years  
and unto whom our spirits return  
when our earthly journey is finished

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We are also here to pay our  
tribute of respect and affection to  
one who has been a beloved family  
member and a dear friend for many yrs.

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No, we will not be paying  
final tribute to "Buddy" Fisher.

— Because directly or indirectly we  
will continue to pay tribute to those  
things — Buddy stood for and  
— exemplified in his life...

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For many persons who knew him,  
his sense of humor, his position  
outlook on life was like a ray of  
sunshine on a gloomy day.

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His Creator had given <sup>him</sup> ~~himself~~ a heart  
that could not stay sad for very long.

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"Buddy" or "Doc" as he was known  
to many of his friends was a  
warm and caring person who  
loved people and loved life...

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He was that comparatively rare person  
who always was thinking of others,  
a giving person whose affection for  
others was childlike and genuine and  
deep.

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Throughout his life Buddy was blessed with the ability to reach out to others with friendship and love.

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For most of us it can be said that the older we get the harder it is to make new friends.

Not so for Buddy!

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At the recent therapy sessions at the hospital he had befriended someone who ~~was~~ had similar health problems to his.

Buddy speaking from his last hospital bed was saying how sorry he was that he will not be able to be present at his friend's "graduation" from therapy!

But <sup>about</sup> ~~with~~ all else, we remember  
Buddy Fisher as a family oriented man.

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He loved his children and his grandchildren  
To his grandchildren he was <sup>very much</sup>  
known as "Bow-Wow"

And acc. to one of his grandchildren that  
name "defined a man of family,  
determination and honor."

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Buddy loved fishing himself and took his  
grandchildren fishing every chance he had.  
And in countless other ways made  
known his affection for them.

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As one of you expressed it the other  
day: "he was a good <sup>father +</sup> grandfather,  
a good husband and a good father-in-law  
... a good friend."

of course, Buddy's outgoings were L5  
would sometimes exasperate Hazel...

Those times, in particular when he  
would bring someone home for dinner,  
having forgotten to tell his wife that  
he planned to do so!

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During his life Buddy Fisher  
gave much love and friendship to others.

but ~~there~~ he also was one of those very  
fortunate persons who received from  
others - his family in particular -  
strength and support and genuine affection & love

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He gave of himself, gladly and  
unselfishly and generously, and those  
around him responded in kind...

Buddy was a man with a deep  
faith in God,

a man who not only enjoyed life  
but who thanked God for his life,  
his family,  
his church and  
his country

In Buddy Fisher's life the days  
of sunshine and happiness outnumbered  
by far the days of gloom & trouble.

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James Whitcomb Riley's poem  
strikes an appropriate note here:

"What delightful hosts are they  
Life and love!"

Lingerings I turn away  
this late hour, yet glad enough

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They have not withheld from me  
their high hospitality.

So with face lit with delight  
and all gratitude

I stay

yet to shake their hand and say,

'Thanks. So fine a time. Goodnight'

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We who believe in the God of Jesus Christ  
are not as those without hope.

We look forward to a heavenly  
reunion with all those he has loved  
and held so dear.

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Then we shall understand the mystery of  
our lives

And we shall praise + serve our Creator  
for ever and ever. Amen.