



## Chester C. Buck

October 3, 1926 - December 19, 2015

### Obituary of Chester Buck

Chester C. "Chet" Buck, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, went to his Heavenly Father on December 19, 2015 in Lady Lake, Florida at the age of 89. Chet was preceded in death by his parents, Amos and Isabel Buck, and is survived by his loving wife, Mary H. (née Hackett); children, Sandy (Greg) Pike, Chagrin Falls, OH, Jim (Kelly), Crofton, MD, Cynthia (Rod) Shoaff, Lakeland, FL, Don (Regina), Heidelberg, Germany, Alan (Lenore), Weymouth, MA, Ron (Elizabeth), New York, NY, and Richard (Thorie), Mashpee, MA, and grandchildren Peter, Greg, Jr., Libby, Melissa, Jillian, Graham, Tom, Maggie, Caitlin, Shannon, Lia, Tristan, Sam, Ava, and Kai, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by siblings Amos, Aldana Bond, Milton, Erline Dunn, and Herbert. Chet was born on Oct. 3, 1926 in Bradley, Maine. He graduated from Higgins Classical Institute (1944), Massachusetts State, and the University of Maine with a bachelor's degree in 1951, and earned two masters' degrees in Education from Bridgewater State College. He married Mary Hackett, the love of his life, in 1953. Moving to Barnstable, Mass. in 1959, Chet became a beloved history teacher and guidance counselor at Barnstable High School. He summered as a Marine Police Officer, and after retirement from Barnstable, was a member of the security detail at Oyster Harbors for 21 years. Chet and Mary raised seven wonderful children and had fifteen fantastic grandchildren who remember "Trapper" as a loving,

dedicated, motivational, and multitalented father and grandfather. Chet's loving guidance and belief in the importance of education provided strong encouragement to his family. It was one of Chet and Mary's proudest accomplishments to have had all seven children earn their bachelors' degrees or higher. Chet joined the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1944, where he rose to the rank of staff sergeant. In WWII he served in the European Theater, stationed in both Italy and Germany while a member of the Fifteenth Air Force. Chet enjoyed his family and friends, Cape Cod, The Villages, and Maine - especially his camp at the Summit, golfing, boating, scuba diving for lobsters, and reading, as well as big band and classical music. A member of many clubs, he enjoyed making new friends and exchanging stories. He was extremely pleased to have traveled to much of the world and to have enjoyed so many different people and experiences, and he often remarked that he'd been incredibly fortunate to have lived a full and wonderful life. Chet will always be fondly remembered for his devotion to his family and friends, his storytelling, and his love of the outdoors. He achieved much success both personally and professionally. His integrity, unique sense of humor, friendly nature, and dedication to his family and friends earned him the respect and friendship of many. He will be greatly missed by his family and by all who knew him. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. at St. Timothy's Catholic Church, in The Villages, Florida. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Chet's life. A memorial service, to be announced later, will be held in Hyannis, Mass. in Spring 2016. His interment will be at the Bourne Veterans Cemetery in Bourne, Mass. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Disabled American Veterans at [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org).

Online condolences may be left at [www.beyersfuneralhome.com](http://www.beyersfuneralhome.com)

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL



# Tribute Wall

TG

“ Dear Mary and family, On behalf of the entire Brotherhood of Phi Eta Kappa fraternity at the Univ. of Maine, may I express our sincere condolences. Chet was certainly one of a kind, and I am very proud to have known him. ~ Terry Grindle '77, Phi Eta Kappa at UMaine, Bucksport, Maine

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**Terry Grindle** - January 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Dear Mary & family, You must know how it hit me to read of Chet's passing in the BDNews. I can't imagine how hard it is for you and your children to bear with it. Chet & I went to Mass. State for ASTRP Army school on July 5th, 1944. We spent a lot of time discussing our mutual ASTRP students We roomed together in Phi Eta Kappa at U. of Maine. We had to compose the Class song at graduation at the last minute as our classmate hadn't done it. (Cornel Univ. music) We snowsledded at the Smmit with other Fraternity Brothers. We corresponded continuously over the years. We lunched together with you Mary, Gib Chaisson & Wife in Lincoln, Me. I was always amazed at the Stamina and Fortitude of Chester Buck, and how far out of his way, he would stop to help strangers in need. Farewell, Chet. Fraternally Art .

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**Arthur Dentremont** - January 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ Dearest Sandy and Greg, We send our heartfelt sympathy to you and your entire family on the passing of your father. Know that you are in our prayers during this time of sorrow. Perhaps the words of St. Paul will bring you some peace, and even joy, when he said, 'We will be changed in the blinking of an eye'. Love, Georgiann and Vince Massa

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**Vince and Georgiann Massa** - January 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ To the buck family I meet Chester the 70 when I had bought this house on 1Paul 's way in sandwich mass. The road way private and we only had right of way . Chester came to my house and said to honor the rights off the road he would have to put a stick on the road he showed me what he ment. He was a very nice person. After that one time he would stop and do it every year , I will miss the talks that we had together Our best to all off the Bucks family We do send our best to MI do look forward to that service also In Hyannis mass this summer my Phone number is 508-428-7336 Yours truly  
The Dubreuil

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**Andre&barbara Dubreuil** - January 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GI

“ *Chester C. Buck*

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**Gina** - January 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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**Gina** - January 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Dearest Aunt Mary, Sandy, Jim, Cynthia, Donnie, Alan, Ronnie, Dickie and families, please accept Rachael and my deepest condolences. You all remain in our thoughts, love and prayers as you grieve the loss of Uncle Chet. He was a wonderful man who, with Aunt Mary, raised an exceptional successful loving family. May all the cherished memories you have and share remain forever with you and not dim with the passage of time. I love you all and know I am with you in heart and spirit. God Bless each of you and may God watch over you during this difficult time. Love always, Matt*

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**Matt Hackett** - January 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Our most sincere condolences to your entire family. My mom especially wanted me to let you all know she was thinking of you. God bless. The Mannings

Gerard Manning - January 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ We are so very sorry for the loss of Mr Buck. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Ron, Mrs Buck and your entire family. With love, Gina and Greg

Mr & Mrs Choquette - January 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ To Mrs. Buck and the whole extended Buck family, my thoughts & prayers are with you. Mr. Buck was my guidance counselor and always friendly neighbor, in perhaps the greatest neighborhood to grow up in, in the world! May your many happy memories get you through this difficult time. Thinking of you all. - Maureen

Maureen (Farley) Scott - January 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Mary and family, Joyce & I grieve with you on the passing of Chet. We have fond memories and enjoyed the luncheons in recent years. God will see you through this time of trouble and our prayers will be a request to Him to do just that.

Royce & Joyce Wheeler - December 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss. I was fortunate to have met Chet, a wonderful man. I knew him for a short time but he made a impact on me as I'm sure he did with everyone he met. My deepest sympathy to the family.

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**Tammy Thacher** - December 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ My deepest sympathy to the entire Buck family. Mr. Buck was my high school guidance counselor. He was such a positive presence, and a genuinly great person. He will be missed. Rest in peace Mr. Buck.

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**Jennifer Plantinga** - December 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Dear Mrs. Buck, Some teachers remain in your thoughts and your heart forever. Mr. Buck, my Civics teacher in high school in the early 1960s, is one of those for me. He was a wonderful teacher, but more than that, he was a kind and caring person with a warm smile. Even his eyes would "smile". It is so nice to read what a full and rich life he had ~ so many children and grandchildren, and so many life experiences. Thank you, Mrs. Buck, for sharing that. May your memories and love for each other bring peace to you and your family in the days ahead. My sincere condolences, Beverly Smith, Class of 1965, Barnstable High School, Hyannis, MA

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**Beverly Smith** - December 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HN

“ Chet was one of my favorite teachers in the early '60's at Barnstable High School. He was admired by many of us students for his outgoing manner, good humor and concerns for all. In the early 80's we had the opportunity to to stay at his camp here in Maine and I recently had a conversation with a relative on Cape Cod about Chet's times as a teacher and marine police officer. I have never forgotten him and know I will be among the many who will miss him. Harry Nickerson of Lamoine,Maine (formerly of Cotuit,MA).

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**Harry Nickerson** - December 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Ron and family, I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. He always made me feel welcome when I went to the house to visit and had a lot of fun going on the boat while he and the boys dived for lobsters while I got a tan. He was a good man who lived a good and full life and along with your mother, raised 7 wonderful children, who followed in his good footsteps. May he be in everlasting peace and God Bless.

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**Steve Samaras** - December 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ Mary and family - I bought my property in West Dennis from Chet in early 80s - still live and work here. Spoke often to Chet after the sale and over the years. A real gentleman and a very good business man. He often talked about his proud family and gave advice as a counselor. I am so sorry for your loss may Chet rest in peace.

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**Tim O'Hearn** - December 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *Mr. Buck was our student advisor for the Class of 1968. He was well respected by his students and a very kind and funny man. The Class of 1968 was very fortunate to have him as a teacher and dear friend. My heartfelt sympathies to his family. He will always be remembered fondly. Pam Crocker Brown*

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**Pam Crocker Brown** - December 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Mr. Buck's passing. Our love and prayers for Mary and the family.*

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**Ray and Jean Payne** - December 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Sandy, So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.*

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**Robin Carroll** - December 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Chester C. Buck*

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December 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM