



Darrell J. Buckmeier

January 28, 1938 - September 25, 2020

The world is a little different today. A great and amazing man, Darrell J. Buckmeier, known as "Buck" to his family and friends, has left us to be with our Father in heaven. Darrell J. Buckmeier, 82, of The Villages and Anchorage, Alaska, passed away on September 25, 2020.

Buck is survived by his wife, Ann Egemo Buckmeier; five children: Todd Buckmeier, Rod Buckmeier, Tom Buckmeier, Tim Buckmeier and Kim Buckmeier; two step-children: Joe Egemo and Jo Ann Wallace; thirteen grandchildren: TJ, Josh, Travis, Trevor, Carley, Rachel, Reka, Ryan, Chase, Jessica, Taylor, Kinley and Maleah; and a legacy of great grandchildren. We could not have asked for a better husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, mentor, teacher and friend.

Buck was born in Mitchell, South Dakota, on January 28, 1938. His skill and love of competitive sports led him to play on a full athletic (football) scholarship for the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. Later, he shared his loves for science and sports, coaching and teaching for more than twenty years in the Anchorage, Alaska school district. Whether teaching science and coaching hockey at Hanshew Junior High School, or coaching basketball and teaching astronomy and geology at Robert Service High School, his passion was always on display.

Physically active until his passing, Buck loved commercial fishing in Kenai, Alaska with his children. He was known both for his 'green thumb' raising fruits and vegetables and for sharing them with friends and neighbors. A Christian, Buck is described by those who knew him as the kindest man you'll ever meet.

After losing former spouses, Buck and Ann were married in March of 2008. They enjoyed traveling together around the country to visit family and friends and they never missed an opportunity to fish or hunt together. Ann has lost the love of her life, sharing their favorite exchange- Have I told you lately that I love you? "You'll be forever in my heart and in God's arms. Rest in peace, my love."

A memorial service with family and friends will be held outdoors at the Buckmeiers' home on Monday, September 28, 2020 at 10:45 a.m. with Reverend Tom Ash officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations made in Buck's memory to The Villages Hospice House, Cornerstone Hospice and Palliative Care, 601 Casa Bella, The Villages, Florida 32162.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL. Online condolences may be left at www.BeyersFuneralHome.com

Tribute Wall

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“ *My heart aches that Buck is gone. My heart goes out to you Ann. All the love that Buck gave showed in how happy you were around him. He will be so missed by so many people. I know you will keep him in your heart.*

barbara deSpain - September 30, 2020 at 11:18 PM

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“ *We were saddened to hear of Buck's passing. He was such a wonderful friend, he will be missed! Always a smiling cheerful person and a great teacher in and out of the classroom. His antics in the teachers' lounge kept us going on bad days. That humor put manysmiles on students faces as well. All of us had great respect for him♥
Condolences to all of the family. Keep his memory close in your heart; use them to light your way into the future!*

Tom and Jan Heinrich - September 30, 2020 at 04:51 PM

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“ *Our thoughts are with doing this trying time. I will miss my talks with him.*

Yours Truly:

Rich & Edie

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“ *If my wife, Pat, wasn't a victim of Alzheimer's, I would share the sad news about Bucks passing. Lack of memory wouldn't allow her to respond.*

Buck and I must have played basketball together for over 30 years. He was both a helpful and humble friend. He shared his life with me, as I shared mine with him. Being, that he lived above me on the hillside, he would stop and give me a ride to our basketball games, and on occasion I would drive and pick him up. I so admired Buck for his Christian beliefs and for the care he provided for his family.

He's an important part of my memories, and will be missed.

Bill Brokaw - September 29, 2020 at 03:00 PM