



Fern Buckley

March 26, 2012

Obituary of Fern Buckley

Fern Buckley, 94, of Leesburg, Florida, passed away peacefully while at Leesburg Regional Medical Center after a brief illness on Monday, March 26, 2012. She was a school teacher for 25 years, having taught at Fruitland Park Elementary and Skeen Elementary schools, and was one of the first visiting teachers for Lake County. She was a member of a teaching sorority, Alpha Delta Kappa and 93rd member of the Lake Co. Teachers Credit Union. She attended Bowling Green University in Ohio and Florida State University. She received her B.A. from the University of Florida and was a hardcore Gator fan until she took her very last breath. Her main football love was Tim Tebow.

Her husband of 65 years, Maurice J. Buckley, preceded her in death in 2004. She is survived by her four children, Maurine Buckley of Apopka, FL, Jill Shook of Leesburg, FL, Jack Buckley of Great Barrington, MA, and Brenda Buckley of Seaside, CA; four grandchildren, Donna Murphy, Caleb Gilbert, Michael Shook, and Alexander Pavelka; great grandson, Samuel Gilbert and great granddaughter, Hailey Jewel Shook Bosier.

Family will greet friends on Thursday, March 29, 2012 from 4:00 to 5:30 PM

and 6:00 to 6:30 PM with a memorial service at 5:30 PM at Beyers Funeral Home Chapel, Leesburg.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to United Way or the Salvation Army.

Services

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Memorial Donations

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Salvation Army, P.O. Box 491265, Leesburg, FL 34749 or United Way of Lake & Sumter Counties, P.O. Box 490720, Leesburg, FL 34749.

Tribute Wall

DB

“ *My Mom was a special person. She taught all of her children about giving and loving others. She truly lived by example. She was there when one of us would call for help or counsel. She spent every last moment of her long life trying to connect with those she loved. There was no sorrow at her departure. She passed on to a most beautiful world. I will miss her greatly but am happy knowing she is now without burdens in a place of great joy! ----Brenda Buckley*

Daughter Brenda - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ (The following is my notes from what I said at Mom's service) I went for a walk this morning, thinking about my Mom. I remembered the time she came to visit me when I lived in a yoga ashram. I was an initiated disciple of an indian guru. I knew that she and my dad were worried....that I had joined a cult. She spent time with me, she attended the services there, she met my guru. It was not a christian thing , but the precense of spirit was there, and she felt it, too. She not only supported me in my choice to be there, but she herself was initiated, and took a sanskrit name (Sharmila). She did not concern herself with what anyone else might think of her choice to do that. And it did not affect her very personal and strong relationship with Jesus. As I reflected upon that time with her, I thought, "how extraordinary", and what a statement about how she lived. I believe that regardless of my religious beliefs, that what really matters is that I make my choices in life from kindness, from love. When I have a choice to either forgive or to hold resentment, that I choose to forgive. The day, the moment of death will come to each of us. When that moment arrives for me, I can only hope that I have lived my life like my Mom did, that I have chosen love as she did. We are here to honor her because she has left her body. But she is not gone. I believe that she is in this room with us at this moment. And she will be with me each and every time I choose to love. I love you, Mom. Your son, Jack.

son, Jack (addendum) - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with your family. May you find peace in knowing the celebration going on in heaven as Fern is greeted by all of her family and friends that paved the way for her.

Sue Cordova - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Maurine and family, We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. Our love and prayers are with all of you. Enjoy and treasure all your wonderful memories. Much love, Judy & Freddie*

Judy & Fred - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *What a sweet, warm-hearted person she was. Mrs. Buckley's sturdy little house became a second home to our adolescent band of brothers, and she embodied the warm and welcoming spirit of the place. She was kind, patient, generous and wise, and took a sincere interest in us all. What I remember most about her, though, was her cheerfulness and keen sense of humor, reflective of an abiding positive outlook on life. She was one of the most loving people I've ever met. God rest her soul. Sara and I offer our condolences to Jack, Maurine, Jill, Brenda and all the Buckley family.*

Morris Kennedy - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Fern Buckley*

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Jill Sorry about the loss of your Mom. I always knew your Mom was a special person to raise such a kind, good , and special person as you - dear friend - I am so proud of your Lake Sumter endeavor. Keep in touch. Dee*

Dee Burke - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

C(

“ I will always remember Aunt Fern's Laugh! You couldn't hear it without laughing along. The summers on the Farm. And that winter when Justin (dad) thought he would teach that Sunshine State niece~ Brenda How to ice skate. If I recall that didn't work out so well. God Bless Aunt Fern and Thanks for your smile. Enjoy the reunion and laugh with your sisters. Love you all.

Cheri Frye (Cousin) - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Maurine, Jill, Jack, Brenda... My heart is with you all... I have such great thoughts, of the Love I have always felt for Aunt Fern..all of the wonderful summers, visiting. and the great times the Buckley Family came to the Farm..the years have flown by, but never the memories , they are close. Now she is with Uncle Maurice, Mom (Lois) and Aunt Edna..wrapped in Gram & Grampas Sharps arms.. leaving us all ...with a Legacy of Love Laughter..& Hope. what a great bunch of cousins...& Here is to You Aunt Fern))HUG((

Roni Frye Terranova - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Very sorry to hear of Fern's passing. I'm glad that she had a good life and lived to a ripe old age.

Simon Friedman - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VR

“ When I first met Jack,I knew from the start that you were a special Mom. The kind that any child would dream to have. I was always in awe of how beautiful you looked even in your old age, always ready to smile, so caring and loving. You called Jack everyday or he called you. I feel your happy spirit now that you are free. I will miss you so much. I love you. --Veronique.

Veronique Rignault - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Dear JackMy sincerest condolences to you and your family. It is a very special sacred deeply heartfelt and reflective time for all their is to be grateful about your mom, your family, friends and especially life. May your mourning be full and healing, may it also be one of celebrating the life of a beautiful soul....your Mom....May this lift you into a deeper place of knowing how the light shines within everyone and the love that connects us all.

George Kanu Bowie - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

YT

“ Dear Jack, So sorry to hear about your mother's passing. I am glad that she enjoyed her life so much and touched so many people's lives. Sending condolences to you and all of your family. Love from Yatri and Peter Taussig

Yatri Kathryn Taussig - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Mom, You loved me as a difficult child. You loved me as a troubled teenager. You loved me in each of the varied phases of my adult life. You loved my dad. You loved my sisters..... my friends.... my partner, Veronique. You loved your students... You opened your heart and your home to Raymond Coryell and to Clyde Robbins... and to so many others. Your love was unfailing and truly extraordinary .I am so proud of you and the life that you lived. I feel humbled and blessed to have had you as my Mom. And now your love has merged with the infinite love. I see you now... In Daddie's arms. In the lap of Jesus. In the light of spirit. I am still your little boy, safe in your arms. I am the man you raised, with my arms around you. Your love lives in me. Your son, Jack

Son, Jack Buckley - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Maurine, I did not have the pleasure of meeting your Mom. She is so beautiful and looks like she was loads of fun. I am so sorry for your loss. Much love, Marilyn*

Marilyn Reynolds - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Sincere Sympathy for your loss. She was a wonderful lady.*

Julie Clark - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Jill and Family, Although I didn't know Fern, I certainly heard wonderful things from Jill. She would talk about watching football with her mom and how excited she would get. Isn't it great that she continued to have such passion. You will have wonderful memories to cherish forever.*

Mary Heikkinen - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. She was one of my favorite teachers.*

Joyce Smart Womack - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ To my sweet mother, I miss you so much already! I am glad you had such a good life and slipped away peacefully. You were the perfect mother to all four of us, along with several foster children: like Clyde Robbins and Raymond Coryell. You had the biggest heart and most positive outlook on life of anyone I know, and I feel so fortunate to have had you for my mother, and "nanny" to my children! You were always my best friend, and always there for me, no matter what! Tell daddy "Hi", I love you both with all my heart!

Daughter, Jill - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Oh my, I was very sad to read this obituary in today's paper. I attended Skeen Elementary and Mrs. Buckley was my 2nd grade teacher. I loved her dearly. My mother was very active at school and we visited her home on Lone Oak Drive several times. I recently retired after 38 years teaching 5th grade. I remember Mrs. Buckley fondly as a great example of a wonderful teacher. The only family member I recall is Jack, who is I believe a year or so older. Know that your Mother is warmly remembered by those who knew her. With much fondness, Sue Littleton Wakefield

Sue Littleton Wakefield - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ My sincere sympathy to Mrs. Buckley's family. I have fond memories of Mrs. Buckley as my 2nd grade teacher at Skeen Elementary back in 1964.

Teresa Flowers Archer - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I am so sorry about your loss. Mrs Buckley taught me a lot in girl scouts. In Fruitland Park. She is really the ONLY one who taught me how to keep house. As I didn't stay home long enough for my Mother to teach me. Getting married @ 16. I sure didn't know alot.

Jean Smart - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Jill and Family, I wish you peace and comfort. Losing your mother, grandmother and great-grandmother is so difficult. Although I never met Fern, the affection shared by so many says so much. My heart goes out to each of you.

Terri Kracht - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Dear family, My heart goes out to you in the loss of your precious Mother. She was one of my elementary school teachers in Fruitland Park. I know she will be missed by many friends. May God bless you all as He comforts you.

Mary Ruth Gamble McClain - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PO

“ Dearest Maurine, Jill and family. We all know we must lose our mothers but we still want to keep them in our hearts. How very precious your mother was to me as one of her students at Fruitland Park Elementary. She went the extra mile (as Maurine knows) for me. I am so sorry she is gone.

Pat Beville Oliver - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM