



Richard Buck

April 2, 1947 - December 5, 2018

BUCK, Richard C.

"Buck"

Age 71

Grand Junction

Passed away Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at his home. Richard was born April 2, 1947, the son of the late Richard and Irene Buck and had lived in Grand Junction since 1969. Richard honorably served his country as a member of the US Army where he served in Vietnam as a Combat Engineer. He loved to fish, hunt, golf and working in his garden. Richard began his career of public service working as an EMT in South Haven and then went on to become a Registered Nurse where he worked for 31 years in the South Haven ER. After retirement he served 5 years as a traveling nurse.

Surviving is his wife of nearly 50 years Margie Jean; 3 children, Carrie McKeever, Rita Buck, Richard Buck; 4 grandchildren, Briauna, Chelsea, Brenden and Brittny; 2 great grandchildren, Keenai and Meadow; siblings, Kathe (Allen) MacCune, Cindy Newberry and Jim (Adrienne) Hutton; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 3 sisters, Dorothy, Ruth and Mary.

The family will meet friends on Sunday from Noon until time of sharing service at 2 PM, at the Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be directed to either Caring Circle Hospice or the family to assist with expenses.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 9. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Bangor Chapel
258 West Monroe Street
Bangor, MI

Celebration of Life

DEC 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DB

“ Jean, and family,

*I am so sorry to hear of Richards passing. You are all in my prayers.
R.I.P. Rich.*

Debra Bollwahn - January 01, 2019 at 12:03 AM



“ Wow, I just heard of Buck's passing tonight. I am so sorry for his passing and for missing his service. As a new nurse 26 yrs ago he helped orient me to nursing and to ER. He gave me a lot of insight and helped me develop my nursing skills. I partied with him at his 50th birthday at North Lake Inn and he came to my retirement party 6 months ago. He was always the "go to" person if something needed to be done with which he always came through. I hope Rita, Carry, and Rich along with Jean are and/or will be at peace with his passing.

Jon Towne - December 13, 2018 at 07:51 PM

CM

“ Where to begin? So many wonderful memories of the 17 years I worked in the E.R. at South Haven. Many of them with Buck. Marj would bake a Blueberry buckle and Rich would claim he did it. He and I were smoking behind the bushes outside the ER. An unnamed administrator came up the walk and we thought we were dead meat. Buck turned to me and said " I'll be Moses and your the burning bush." Such a kind guy to all our patients, even if they were rude.

So sorry Jean and family.

Carolyn Murray

Carolyn Murray - December 13, 2018 at 06:01 PM

RM

“ Jean & family we are so sorry to hear of Richards passing. He was such a nice person.

When ever I had to go to the ER I always hoped he'd be working. He always made things a little easier.

You are in our thoughts and prayers. ❤️

Robin Ramsey & Pat Martin



Robin Ramsey & Pat Martin - December 12, 2018 at 01:06 AM

MF

“ Mark & Sherry Olsen And Family lit a candle in memory of Richard Buck



Mark & sherry Olsen and family - December 11, 2018 at 10:47 PM

BH

“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. Buck was one of my favorite RN's and I missed him terribly when he left the hospital! He had tons of interesting 'nam stories, a laid back take on life and was always a pleasure to talk to. A genuinely nice guy, Buck could strike up a conversation with anyone as if he had known them for years. Although I didn't see him often the past few years, I will always remember that huge, infectious smile, loud "Ha-Ha!" laugh and down-to-earth personality. Buck touched many lives in SH and he will be sorely missed! God bless you all and keep you strong through this hard time.

Bret Hinz - December 11, 2018 at 10:04 AM

KH

“ *Buck was sharp, hard-working, and incredibly fun to share a shift with. I will always remember him with a great deal of fondness - especially when I call someone a rotter :) My best to Jean and family; I am so very sorry for your loss. Krista*

Krista Hinz - December 08, 2018 at 11:21 PM

RB

Thanks for sharing, I'm guilty of using Rotter also. Dad used to love making up words for things or switching people's names around. He used to call our cat "kitty smerlingtons". Or one of my favorites was he used to call Sheral Bradley "swearal Badely" lol 😂😂😂😂

Richie Buck - December 09, 2018 at 01:15 AM

MF

“ *My you rest in piece my friend*



Mines and Perysian family - December 08, 2018 at 08:32 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard Buck.*



December 08, 2018 at 07:06 PM

PW

“ I met Richard when I came here to work ER, with very little experience, and frankly, scared to death. Richard taught me a lot, and gave me confidence at work. Will miss him. Paul Wahby



Paul Wahby - December 08, 2018 at 10:42 AM

ST

“ Suzie Ghidotti Traudt lit a candle in memory of Richard Buck



Suzie Ghidotti Traudt - December 08, 2018 at 08:11 AM

MM

“ This man shaped the nurse I am today. His departure from the ED was significant. When he told me of the burden he felt coming in each day, he made me realize I was not alone, and that we are in this together. Thank you for showing me humor in this battle.

Mike Merrill - December 08, 2018 at 04:34 AM

SS

“ Shirley Snyder lit a candle in memory of Richard Buck



Shirley Snyder - December 07, 2018 at 09:20 PM



“ Cheryl Reel lit a candle in memory of Richard Buck



Cheryl Reel - December 07, 2018 at 08:15 PM

MH

“ Margie and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Quality, honorable, caring, smart, funny and loving. Just a few words that can be used to describe him. I will hold your family close to my heart as you go through this difficult time.

Mary Sue Hooper - December 07, 2018 at 08:12 PM

HH

“ Hope Doss And Linda Harness lit a candle in memory of Richard Buck



Hope Doss and Linda Harness - December 07, 2018 at 07:26 PM

NP

“ Nikki Peters lit a candle in memory of Richard Buck



Nikki peters - December 07, 2018 at 03:13 PM

NP

“ Carrie I am so sorry to hear of your Dad passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers my friend. 🙏 Love Nikki Peters

Nikki peters - December 07, 2018 at 03:12 PM

A(

“ I have such wonderful memories of Rich, and I was very sorry to hear of his passing. One thing that has always stuck with me is once as a child we went over to swim at Aunt Jeanie's and those mean old boys had taken all the diving rings. Rich went inside and got another special one for me to use. Take that boys! The things that stick with us... I wish for healing and peace to all of Rich's family and friends during this difficult time. He was a truly special man.

Love,
Amanda Knaebel (Amanda Barnhart)

Amanda Knaebel (Barnhart) - December 07, 2018 at 11:33 AM

LN

“ I have some great memories of that sense of humor and award-winning smile of Rich's. Jeanie and family: Once your horrid grief eases just a bit, may all of the goodness that was Rich flood your minds and hearts with joy , smiles, peace. He's happy again, and wants you to be as well. MUCH LOVE!
(Aunt) Lynda



Lynda Nietering - December 07, 2018 at 10:59 AM

DQ

“ I have no words at this moment. There will be along list remembering this man for his caring hands by the people who needed him when trauma struck. Others will remember him for different things but I am proud to say I knew him as a friend and good man, a good husband to Marge, and a good father. A grateful Nation Thanks You for Your Service Buck. Go rest high on that mountain Son, your work on earth is done. R.I.P. Hero !!!

Doug and Sandra Quinn - December 07, 2018 at 10:05 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Buck.



December 07, 2018 at 09:10 AM

MH

“ Where do I begin? Working with Buck was one of the best experiences of my life. His smile and laughter would always brighten up the room and make working in the ER more bearable. I remember all the fun we had playing jokes on Dr. Wahby and others. His compassion for the sick or hurt was always his number one duty while at work. His love for his family was never not showing. He was so proud of his three children and Margie Jean was the love of his life. Buck will be missed by many. May God's love be with his family in this most difficult time. Prayers for you all.



Martha Hathaway - December 07, 2018 at 08:28 AM

JR

“ Remembering "Buck" in the ER at South Haven you knew when he was on duty there was never a dull moment but every patient was in good hands. Thoughts and Prayers to his family .

Judy Rainey - December 07, 2018 at 07:46 AM

CQ

“ I will always remember the times I had to take my dad to the ER, he would feel so relieved when he seen that Rich was on shift. I thank you Rich for taking such good care of my dad. My prayers are with your family at this very difficult time



Cathy (Capps) Quinn - December 07, 2018 at 06:09 AM

SO

Our prayers are with your family, may God bless you, mark & the sherry Olsen and family. 🙏🙏

Sherry olsen - December 07, 2018 at 08:23 AM

LS

“ We are so very sorry for Richard's passing. I was a year behind Richard in Nursing School. We both spent the majority of our carreers at South Haven. He was one of the best nurses and person I've ever met. I loved listening to his life stories. He would always twist my last name around....Lightfoot and Brightlight. Rest easy, friend and colleague. Again, our sincerest condolences.



Ron and Linda Silverlight

linda silverlight - December 06, 2018 at 07:03 PM

AA

“ I have so many memories of Uncle Rich since I spent just as much time at his house as I did my own since his wife and my mom were best friends since high school. I'll always remember his dry wit and his great laugh. You will be missed by so many. Aunt Jean, I wish I could be there with you but I will be thinking of you and the rest of the family as you go through this life changing event. Love you all.

Andrea Appelhans - December 06, 2018 at 06:17 PM

SB

“ I had the priviledge of working with Richard in the Emergency Room. His knowledge was immense and he was a great teacher. You never had to worry what the shift would bring when you worked with him. His sense of humor was exquisite and there are many stories to tell. He loved his family with all his heart. I am honored to have shared 12 years of my life working with him. I am sorry for your loss Jean and family. Thanks for sharing him.

Sheral Bradley - December 06, 2018 at 06:03 PM

KH

“ Richard “Buck” was my mentor when I first started working as a nurse in the ER and then one of my best friends. For the last 22 years we have lived about a country block from each other. I will miss him so much and I know he will be missed by many for his kindness, knowledge, and humor. Rest easy my friend.

Kim Hungate - December 06, 2018 at 05:10 PM

KD

“ I have known Richard for many, many years. First, while he was an EMT and I was an LPN at South Haven Hospital's ER. And then years later after he was an RN in that ER and I came back to South Haven and worked in the ER with him until he left there. He was such an inspiration to me as a nurse. If only I had a thimble's worth of the knowledge he possessed as a nurse and human being. I missed him so much when he left SH ER, things were never the same. I knew that if ever I, or someone in my family, had to go the SH ER I wanted Richard to be the one taking care of me or them. Jean and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you. May God comfort you in the days ahead. My heart is so heavy, I can only imagine how you are all feeling. Richard you will be missed by so many. More than any of us will know.

Katherine Schewe Douglas - December 06, 2018 at 04:46 PM