



John Bishop Buckman

December 3, 1922 - June 10, 2019

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John B Buckman's life on earth ended June 10th, 2019. He was first born son to John B Buckman and Edith Eve (Bishop) Buckman December 3, 1922 in Hanover, PA. His younger brother and sister, Edwin and Jane, preceded him in death. After completing high school John attended Ursinus College in Pennsylvania until higher learning was interrupted by WWII. John enlisted in the US Army, seeking to join the Army Air Corp. His flight abilities were vastly surpassed by his gift for mathematics and its application to engineering. The Army was sufficiently impressed to invest immediately in advanced degree work at Washington University in Saint Louis. As the war was finally neared end, he met his spouse to be Bernice (Bee) Margaret Winkler of Shelbina, MO. They wed on June 19, 1947 and settled in Ferguson, MO. He began family life and a career as an electrical engineer and was recruited as a part time math instructor at Washington University by his favorite professor.

John's first job as an electrical engineer was with Knapp Monarch, a specialty was small electric motor manufacturer for home appliances and utilities. He and Bee within their first year together expanded the family adding first John Bruce, followed by William Chris, Marley Eve, Robert Kurt, Timothy Alan and Laura Jean. Shortly after Laura arrived John was recruited as the Director of Engineering at Fasco Electric in Rochester, NY. He and Bee learned to play Duplicate Bridge during Rochester years and his golf skills improved on Sunday mornings. John's passion for teaching mathematics resurged in service to Monroe Community College. In 1966 a new opportunity was won at AO Smith in Tipp City Ohio; as senior electrical engineer. The family settled in Troy, OH and John continued to work, play an occasional round of league golf and once again; teach mathematics at Wright State University. He eagerly replaced his slide rule with a Texas Instrument calculator; only to quickly seek an upgrade to a Hewlett Packard with all the newest bells and whistles. As soon as personal computers became somewhat affordable John, as always, was willing to learn new skills. He became highly computer capable; a skill that would serve him well his entire life; right up to the end. Later, John was instrumental in facilitating a new AO Smith motor manufacturing plant in Mebane, NC. Several years later as he neared retirement age he assisted in starting up a new motor factory in Juarez MX

for AO Smith.

As he neared retirement, he and Bee set sight on a new destination; Punta Gorda, FL. Upon retirement they completed the move and built Bee's 6th new home. Bee liked new homes. They lived there for more than 20 years and enjoyed Florida life (golf, bridge, friends, church) and proximity to John Bruce's home in Tampa. During his Florida years John focused upon learning and documenting his and Bee's family origin. He relentlessly pursued family history and was able to document 10 precedent generations of the Buckman family tree as early as 1667. Hurricane Charlie sufficiently stress tested their Florida commitment and after 18 months repairs John and Bee relocated to Central Indiana where Bee's 7th new home was built. This home was close to Marley whose support was invaluable to John and Bee sunset years. John was very grateful for her loving support.

John's questioning mind coupled with computer skills and the ever-expanding internet became invaluable to assist Bee manage health care choices as her needs increased. He was data driven and it became his passion to research better medical options to improve her health outcomes. Sadly, he lost the love of his life December 31, 2014 after 67 years. During her final year he developed preliminary signs of arterial disease. Its advent became his stimulus to take on a new lifestyle as he adopted the teaching and practice of Esselstyn plant-based diet in June 2015. Strict vegan dieting produced mostly positive results in his 93-year-old-body; his blood work showed marked improvement reversing declining trends.

John had become an Apple technology fan and always had an I-Pad and I-Phone within hand's reach. He and his I-Pad Pro were inseparable. It provided him access to enumerable educational resources on diet and nutrition, teaching university hospitals, alternative medicine, homeopathic solutions and holistic health resources. His children, and their children, and all in his sphere of influence became his new student body as he dared to evangelize healthy eating and alternatives to modern medicine closely coupled to an ever-expanding drug industry (Big Pharma).

John was a loving man. He especially loved small children. Nothing made him happier than to be with them. They gave him joy, and he reflected it back to them. He lovingly sought opportunities to stretch young formative minds by giving them more information at younger ages than classical or even modern education promotes. He looked for opportunities to convey to them his late in life insights so that they might not have to wait until it is too late in life to learn to live better.

John was heard to say there are three things, three legacy insights he would like to share with all; but especially for his family and all the children. First, for parents always look for a better way in all choices you make for them. Question that which is not generally questioned; seek more complete answers, do not settle for risk you do not understand. Second, everybody needs to agree that eating an American diet is bad for you, not

healthy. Look at the risks and make better choices and eat a healthy diet. Third, but not least; everybody needs to think about things and find the better way and then do it!

John was always willing to advocate for better and earlier math education. He promoted practical teaching methods developed by Kahn Academy. He was an active supporter to Holy Cross School financially and promoted insights for better mathematics curriculum, teaching methods and healthy food choices.

From his life's beginning to end John unceasingly committed to and treasured wisdom, knowledge, a loving family, wonderful love of children. He possessed a profound passion in his beliefs and commitment to his ideals. His persistence and stubbornness put an exclamation on his points of view.

He documented his family tree going back to its earliest years in what would become the United States of America. John has now moved closer to God with the love of his life Bee , sons Bruce (died 1988) and Chris (died 1992) and is survived Marley and Jim Webb of Anderson Indiana, Kurt and Gwenda Buckman of New Richmond, Ohio, Tim and Cecilia Buckman of Black Forest, Colorado and Laura and Joel Pearce of Round Rock, Texas. His roots now reach down into future widely branching generations. His six children grew the family by 15 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren who all lay claim to John's indelible mark on each of their lives. John's legacy is electronic, like all data, never to go away; He cannot be forgotten by these and all who knew him.

John, we love you, especially your loving heart!

Services:

Tuesday June 18, 2019

Location:

St Ambrose Catholic Church

2801 Lincoln St

Anderson, IN. 46016

Visitation: 9:30 — 11:30 am

Mass of Christian Burial 11:30 am

Meal & Celebration of Life following Mass at Assembly Hall.

Interment will be at a date to be determined.

Polk Grove Cemetery, Butler Township, Dayton Ohio

Memorial Contributions:

Holy Cross School

2801 Lincoln St

Anderson, IN. 46016

Contact: Harriett Russel, Business Manager

Comments



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Bishop Buckman.



June 17, 2019 at 12:17 PM



“ Ann, Laura, Ellen, Molly and Families purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of John Bishop Buckman.



Ann, Laura, Ellen, Molly and Families - June 17, 2019 at 10:58 AM



“ John B. Buckman and I are second cousins. Our grandparents were brothers and lived in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. John discovered our relationship about six years ago while doing research for his family history. He had great enthusiasm for our heritage dating back to land grants to our family from William Penn. As recently as three weeks ago, we were researching a relative who was Superintendent of Schools in Pennsylvania.

We discovered that we both had careers in mathematics and had many of the same interests. We also remembered many of the same people and stories from our early years back in Pennsylvania. It was an honor for me to know and have the opportunity to talk to John on the phone, email, text and most of all in person these last few years.

The one math question that we never computed was, after all these years, what is the probability that the two of us would randomly end up living in the same city (Anderson, Indiana)? We discussed the variables of this question, but never actually computed the astronomically small probability.

Knowing John and meeting some of his large family has been very rewarding. His love and devotion to his wife and family were evident in every conversation. We were all blessed to have had a relationship with John Bishop Buckman. He will be missed very much by the many people he touched.

G. Ross Buckman, Jr.

Ross Buckman - June 16, 2019 at 04:09 PM



“ It was an honor and an amazing privilege for my children to meet and get to know their great great “papa John”. I’ll never forget and always cherish the photos of my children with him and the joy in his eyes when they were around. He was a great man and will be missed dearly. I hope he is with grandma Bee right now building her another wonderful home in heaven. Rest In Peace

Alex Campbell - June 14, 2019 at 07:19 PM



“ I didn't have the privilege of knowing John, but I know and love his daughter Laura, and can only assume that the goodness I've known in her comes from her father & mother. Peace be with John and my thoughts are with Laura, your siblings and your entire extended family. What a great guy to have for your dad! - Matthew Gillaspie family, Iowa

Matthew Gillaspie - June 14, 2019 at 04:04 PM



“ Thank you Matt, you would of enjoyed dad and he you!

Laura Pearce - June 14, 2019 at 07:25 PM



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Laura Pearce - June 14, 2019 at 02:48 PM



“ Always a such pleasure to visit Aunt Bee and Uncle John. Love and prayers to all the family, Cousin Ellen Winkler

mary Ellen winkler - June 14, 2019 at 01:00 PM



“ Dad loved John very much
Mr Buckman was always very interesting to talk to
Rest In Peace
Mike

michael notorangelo - June 14, 2019 at 12:30 PM



“ Thank you, Mike. We have been going through pictures and will make sure that electronic copies of the Notorangelo's get sent !

Marley Buckman Webb - June 14, 2019 at 12:56 PM



“ John. I will miss our chats. I will carry the torch for the family now. Rest in peace, my friend. Hope your reunion with Bee, Ed and Jane went well. Rest in peace. Jody

Jody Buckman - June 14, 2019 at 12:27 PM



“ Love you Aunt Jody!

Marley Buckman Webb - June 14, 2019 at 12:54 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John Bishop Buckman.



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Loose Funeral Home - June 14, 2019 at 09:00 AM