



Bernard J. LaMontagne

August 3, 1930 - June 13, 2018

Bernard J. "Buck" LaMontagne, age 87, of Bradley passed away Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

Buck was born August 3, 1930 in Kankakee, the son of Bernard L. & Anna E. Pechauer LaMontagne.

He was a groundskeeper at Kankakee Valley Park District and later at Lewis University until his retirement.

Buck was a member of the 1950's National Championship Color Guard.

He was a parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley.

Surviving are one son, Kevin LaMontagne of Bradley; one daughter, Karen Harris of Bradley; four grandchildren, Nick Smith of Kankakee, Jesse (Kristy) Smith of Bourbonnais, Garrett Harris of Manhattan, and Allie Harris of Bradley; five great-grandchildren, Luke, Molly, Bentley, Nicholas, and Cashton.

Buck is preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation Rites have been accorded.

A memorial visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. memorial Mass on Saturday, June 30, 2018 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley.

Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUN **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Bradley, IL 60915
(815) 939-3573
<http://www.stjosephbradley.org>

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Tribute Wall

DB

“Buck was a good and decent man. Members of Kankakee’s baseball fraternity know Buck as the Ground Crew Chief. But Buck, in his own right, was an educator, teaching many of the young men who had the pleasure of working alongside him invaluable skills as he took Mother Nature’s simple gifts of grass and soil to an enhanced level of beauty. Buck also taught us about work ethic and commitment. To this day I can say the skills Buck shared with me as a young man continue to be practiced at home even though a bulk of them were put to test when my children were baseball/softball participants. I hope Heaven has its share of grounds requiring Buck’s care. We can be certain the facilities will be in great shape when its our time to suit up. Rest in peace Buck.

Dominic Borgialli - June 30, 2018 at 11:52 AM

JG

Amen Dominic!

Joseph Giacchino - February 14, 2019 at 03:47 PM

KC

“Truly a Great Man, Friend, and the best damn groundskeeper a baseball field could ever ask for? God Blessings Buck and RIP, Crow

Kenneth Carruthers - June 27, 2018 at 10:22 PM

TM

“I met Buck when I played for the Chiefs and when I started my umpire journey. I really enjoyed our times together. I will miss him now and look forward to when I will be called, "SAFE at HOME" May God bless your family, Tony Maners

Tony Maners - June 27, 2018 at 07:57 AM

LS

“ To Karen, My sympathy at the loss of your dad. Pray you have some good memories to sustain you and your daughter for many years.
Larry Skelly

larry Skelly - June 22, 2018 at 04:38 PM

TC

“ Buck was the Field Man at Lewis University when I played there in the early 80's. He was the best Groundkeeper in the nation as far as we were concerned. Our field rivaled any baseball field in all of baseball and we all loved Buck for his dedication to our program. I have been involved in Baseball ever since I graduated and Buck was a huge influence on me. I tried to have the same attention to detail that he had with my fields and my thoughts were that the kids would love to play on a beautiful field. Buck was a huge part of FLYER Baseball and my thoughts and prayers go out to all of his family and friends. RIP Buck! You are one in a million! All Flyers are grateful that you were part of our experience!

Tom Chlada - June 18, 2018 at 02:42 PM

MM

“ Buck was my husband's best man at our wedding, godfather to our oldest daughter, and a life long friend. I will dearly miss him.
Marlene Marion



Marlene Marion - June 18, 2018 at 10:23 AM