



Buryl E. "Buck" Knisley

February 16, 1942 - March 16, 2024

Buryl E. "Buck" Knisley, age 82, of Manteno passed away Saturday, March 16, 2024 at Northwestern University Medical Center. He was born February 16, 1942 in Kankakee, the son of Elwood S. & Jennie (Schaafsma) Knisley. Buck was married to Barbara DalSanto and Pamela Regas. Both preceded him in death.

Buck was a Truck Driver. He was a graduate of St. Anne High School. He enjoyed fishing and golfing. He enjoyed playing cards with his fellow veterans and friends at the Manteno VA, and weekly lunches and dinners with his family. Buck was one of the longest survivors with LVAD device, having used it for 13 ½ years.

He was a veteran of the United States Army, having served during the Vietnam Conflict.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Traci & Todd Wagner of Grant Park; one brother and two sisters-in-law, Robert & Jill Knisley of St. Anne and Shirley Miedema; one grandchild, Camden Wagner; and several beloved nieces and nephews. Buck is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Elwood Meidema and Kenneth Miedema.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2024 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Inurnment will be held at a later date at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Kankakee.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Illinois Veterans Home at

Manteno.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

2000 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

APR 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Tribute Wall

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“ I'm so sorry to learn of Buck's passing. He and I became real friends when I was his caregiver during the beginning of Covid. Assisting Buck with different things never felt like work. I'll miss you my friend.
Mike Bennett

Michael Bennett - March 31, 2024 at 06:38 AM

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“ Jolinda Jones lit a candle in memory of Beryl E. "Buck" Knisley



Jolinda Jones - March 21, 2024 at 07:25 AM

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“ Condolences to Buck's family & friends. He was a brightness in the lives of many at the Illinois Veteran's Home in Manteno. Also had a cheerful smile for all the guys there. Loved his smile for everyone. You are & will be missed. Rest in peace our friend.
Clarence & Cathie Miedema



Cathie Miedema - March 20, 2024 at 09:32 AM