



James "Jim" Buckner

October 3, 1942 - July 12, 2019

James "Jim" Buckner, age 76, of Bradley passed away Friday, July 12, 2019 at his home. He was born October 3, 1942 in Gilman, the son of Roger & Gertrude (Gerdes) Buckner. Jim married Christine Lovell on June 18, 1976 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley.

Jim owned Buckner Financial in Bradley. He was a Certified Public Accountant. He was also a life insurance agent and a real estate broker. Jim was a member of the American Legion, VFW, the Moose, and Exline Sportsmans Club.

He always had a smile for everyone he saw and never met a stranger.

He was a veteran of the United States Navy, where he served for 4 years. His tour of duty was spent on the Admiral Staff of an Aircraft Carrier.

Surviving are his wife, Christine Buckner of Bradley; one son and daughter-in-law, Ryan & Ashley Buckner of Kankakee; one daughter & her fiancé, Stacey Buckner & Ron Kwasman of Chicago; one grandchild, Adeline; and his mother-in-law, Norma Lovell of Bradley. Jim is preceded in death by his parents; one granddaughter, Sadie; and father-in-law, Paul Lovell.

Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. until the time of the funeral service at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Cremation rites will be accorded following the services. Inurnment will be held at a later date at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 16. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
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Funeral Service

JUL 16. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MM

“ So sorry to hear about Jim. Met him last year at his business and in the first 5 minutes felt like I knew him forever. Found out he knew my brother from college and from then on I could tell there would be nice conversations at each meeting. He was such a warm happy go lucky guy. He will be missed and I'm sorry I'm late hearing of his passing I would have liked to see him. Prayers of comfort to his family and friends. ❤️ ✨

Melanie Martell-McCoin - August 08, 2019 at 04:31 AM



“ . Grew up in Gilman with Jim where everybody knew each other. Even though he was 4 years older than me he always took time to talk to me and give some friendly advice. Going to miss him on Facebook where we would chat often. So sorry for your loss and prayers to the Family.

Robert Humphrey - July 16, 2019 at 12:32 PM



“ Cathy Zalac lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Buckner



Cathy Zalac - July 16, 2019 at 07:24 AM

KH

“ So sorry for your loss, prayers to the family...Kevin Hustedt & Family.



Kevin Hustedt - July 15, 2019 at 10:34 AM

LH

“ I'm going to miss you my friend. You truly believed in America and the American way of life. The Freedoms of democracy and the benefits of being an American sometimes consumed you and you spoke your piece and I had great respect for you because of that. Soon we will be together again.

Austin Howard.

Lyman A Howard - July 15, 2019 at 07:14 AM

JS

“ I met Jim about 44 years ago shortly after buying my home. A couple of weeks after we moved in there was a knock on our door and Jim stood outside saying "I am here as part of a welcome wagon to tell you somethings about your new town. We welcomed him in and he spent the next 2 hours filling us in on everything we would need to know about the area we had moved into. He was the best person to welcome people to the Village of Friendship. When he was leaving that night he turned as an after thought and handed me a business card telling me he was an agent for Northwestern Mutual and said if I was ever in need to talk to someone about insurance to give him a call. The policies he sold me I still have and the ones I bought when each of my two children were born are now in their hand 40 plus years later. 7 years ago when my accountant passed away I was walking through Krogers and Jim and I talked in the aisles and he agreed to do my taxes that year and has every year since. My wife always knew if I was with him I would be home in 1-1/2+ hours later as we always talked about more subjects except what we met for. He will be missed by all that ever had dealing with this GREAT man and friend.



Jeff Sr & Mary Jo Smith - July 14, 2019 at 10:18 PM

JB

“ Mr Jim Buckner was a great person. Jim prepared my taxes last year I'am greatful to have met him. I met with jim several times over the last couple years and each time I met with him we spent a lot of time talking about all sorts of things and little time about the tax return and spent well over an hour each time we met. I really enjoyed talking with him, he will be missed !



John Blumenthal - July 14, 2019 at 01:07 PM

MM

“ MR MRS sent a virtual gift in memory of James "Jim" Buckner



MR MRS - July 14, 2019 at 12:08 PM

SK

“ Mr Buckner was a very nice man. I am so very sorry to see that he has passed away. I have been a Crossing Guard at Bradley West for many years and I have always parked in the parking lot where his office is. He always had a smile and wave. When I was a kid and went to West with Stacy, she would walk home with me sometimes after school and go to his office. I loved that he remembered me from all those years ago. His smile and nice conversations will be missed. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.



Stacy Koerner - July 14, 2019 at 10:17 AM