



## Leo Francis Buck

October 16, 1914 - January 6, 2014

Leo F. Buck, age 99, passed away on January 6, 2014 while resting peacefully at his residence in the Bickford, House Bourbonnais, IL. His wife of 66 years, Ruth M. Jensen Buck was at his bedside. Mr. Buck was born October 16, 1914 in Chebanse. His parents are the late Frank and Alice Provancal Buck.

Mr. Buck was a lifelong resident of Kankakee, County. He spent his early years farming and later retired from the A. O. Smith Corp in 1979 after over 30 years. A twice wounded World War II Infantryman, who rose to the rank of Tech Sergeant. Leo Buck fought in major battles from the beginning to the end of the campaign in the South Pacific.

For the past 70 years he has been a member of St Patrick's Catholic Church and the Holy Name Society of Kankakee. He will be most remembered for his devotion to his wife and family, his friendships to all and for putting the wants and needs of others in front of his own dreams and desires.

In addition to delivering Meals on Wheels for more than 10 years, he spent every free minute of his time for 8 years as a key member of the Kankakee Westview Spurs Club. The Spurs voluntarily transformed a rock field behind the current Kankakee High School into one of the premiere multi-sport complexes in the state of Illinois. Additionally Mr. Buck worked with Sister Josephine teaching the English language to those immigrating into the area.

He is survived by his wife Ruth Jensen Buck of Bourbonnais, his daughter Ann (Ron) Schramm of Chicago, IL, his sons Alan (Norma) Buck of Hillsboro, IL, , Mark (Dianne) Buck of Indian Shores, FL and Jay (Amanda) Buck of Tucson, AZ; He has 4 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

He is survived by his brother Don (Judy) Buck of Kankakee and sisters Mary Buck Rathman of Bourbonnais, Gertrude Buck Howe of Herscher, Loretta Buck Bebiak of Owosso, MI and Evelyn Buck Howe of Belding, MI. He was preceded in his death by his brothers Vincent and William Buck, and sister Ceceila Buck Baldwin.

Visitation will be from 3:00pm to 6:00pm on Friday January 10, 2014 at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A Funeral Mass will commence at 10:00am on Saturday January 11, 2014 at St Patrick's Catholic Church in Kankakee and be followed by interment at Mount Cavalry Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Patrick Church ([www.stpatrickkankakee.com](http://www.stpatrickkankakee.com)), Hospice of Kankakee Valley ([www.hkvcares.org](http://www.hkvcares.org)), American Cancer Society ([www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)), or American Heart Association ([www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org)).

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary

2000 E. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 10. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
295 Main St., NW  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Mass

JAN 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
428 S. Indiana  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-6716

# Tribute Wall



“ *Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Leo Francis Buck*



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**Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes** - January 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *Allen and Mark, we are saddened to hear of the passing of your Dad. May the kind words spoken before me and the memories his long life you cherish bring you great comfort and peace in the days ahead. Blessings to you, your Mother, and the entire family. Sincerely, Gary and Kate Leming*

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**Kathy Leming** - January 18, 2014 at 02:05 AM

PA

“ *Mrs. Buck, Al, Mark, Jay, and Ann ( your whole family) We were very sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Buck, his obituary was a great tribute to him. Regretfully we were out of town and unable to attend. Your family was in our thoughts and prayers. Our deepest sympathy. Peter & Melissa Athanasopoulos.*

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**Peter Athanasopoulos** - January 12, 2014 at 02:03 PM

BO

“ *Sending our sincere sympathy.*



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**Bob & RuthAnn Ostendorf** - January 12, 2014 at 09:36 AM

PL

“ *My sincere sympathy to Mrs. Buck and family.  
May you find peace and strength in your  
memories.*



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**Patricia LaFaber** - January 09, 2014 at 09:50 PM

JB

“ *"Aunt Ruth" and family  
My sincere sympathy to all of you... You had great shoes and tight  
laces to love and be with Leo for 66 years  
Fondly Jackie Cyrier Bieber (the girl that thought you were my aunt)*

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**jackie bieber** - January 09, 2014 at 03:54 PM

BS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. God  
Bless Mr. Buck.*

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**Benny & Charlene Skeldon** - January 09, 2014 at 12:10 PM

JF

“ To the Buck family you have been my second family for as long as I can remember, please know how much Leo meant to not only to me but my entire family. He was a perfect example of what a husband/father/grandfather should be. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Jerry and Lori Naese Family** - January 09, 2014 at 09:04 AM

CG

“ God bless you Mr. Buck. You and Mom raised a loving, caring family which any parent would be proud. Our gratitude to you and your family for taking us in as part of your family.  
Chick and Carolyn

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**Chick and Carolyn Gianotti** - January 08, 2014 at 02:32 PM

SH

“ my condolences to the family.  
sharon (clive miller's little sister) crevier

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**sharon** - January 08, 2014 at 11:50 AM

SL

“ My condolences to Mrs. Buck and his children. I remember many, many happy times in the endless hours spent playing in their backyard as I grew up. Heaven has gain another asset.

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**Sandra LaFaber-Fancher** - January 08, 2014 at 11:03 AM

JC

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Buck family at this time. RIP Mr. B*

*Jeff Cooper  
Tennessee*



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**Jeff Cooper** - January 08, 2014 at 10:50 AM

SL

“ *Sandra LaFaber-Fancher lit a candle in memory of Leo Francis Buck*



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**Sandra LaFaber-Fancher** - January 08, 2014 at 10:47 AM

VT

“ *RIP Leo. He were a wonderful man who always had a big smile on his face and a great sense of humor. One of my favorite residents at Bickford who was always joking around with me!! I will miss you.*



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**Vicki Tousignant** - January 07, 2014 at 09:24 PM

TR

“ *So very sorry in the loss of your Husband and Dad. I remember many fun filled family reunions. Terry and Vicki (Boone) Regnier*

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**Terry & Vicki Regnier** - January 07, 2014 at 05:55 PM

CS

“ God made only one Leo Buck, more lovingly called Grandpa Buck in my lifetime. I have been reflecting on his life and have to say I have never ever heard Leo raise his voice or speak unkindly of anyone. There is not a sweeter man that I have known. He is truly the salt of the earth and everyone who knew him could not help but love him.

Grandpa Buck was a quiet servant always doing what was needed to make everyone happy, but behind the scenes and never needing recognition. His smile and his eyes spoke to you deeply. I am so blessed to have had this man in my life since my high school days, which is a LONG time. Leo, I will miss you, but if each of us is able to live life as completely as you did for 99 years, we will live abundantly and not be sad to leave this precious life on earth.

May you rest in serene peach, until we meet again. Love you!

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Cindy Swaim - January 07, 2014 at 03:33 PM

CS

*That would be serene peace, but peach isn't bad either!*

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Cindy Swaim - January 07, 2014 at 03:35 PM

AM

“ I feel very fortunate to have had 30 years with my Grandpa Buck. There are so many fond memories to look back on. Some of my earliest are of my grandparents many drives with me to meet my dad. The drive seemed so long as a young child and I of course, would always need to use the restroom. I'd give Grandpa 3 minutes to find one and he always did. Being such a caring person he made my many sick days much better. He made sure I took my medicine and I recall a few prizes if I did. I now have countless videotapes of recorded Full House and The Brady Bunch as Grandpa knew they were my favorites. He always attended school Grandparents Days. My cousins and I would spend hours on the swing set and Grandpa would keep pushing us while smiling and joking. Grandpa was always great at building forts in the living room and playing on the floor with us. We also loved when he would wrap our shoes with plastic bags and rubber bands so that we could go play in the snow. Grandpa loved being outdoors in his garden or picking up leaves in his yard. He always made a pile of leaves for us to jump in at the end. He made the best over easy eggs and often helped in the kitchen with the dishes. As we got older our grandparents taught us the importance of giving back to the community. We loved going with our grandparents to deliver Meals on Wheels. I also remember being with them while they taught English and thinking that it was really neat that they were spending their time helping others.

My grandpa was a very patient man, as he would sit in a chair and let me comb his hair for as long as I was content. As I got older, Grandpa would pick me up from school almost everyday and I was able to then enjoy afternoons with he and my grandmother. Often he would have the Cubs on, but he would even allow me to change the channel.

Gatherings for birthdays, holidays and all other special occasions were even more special with Grandpa Buck there. I especially loved the smiles on my grandparents face when we surprised them with a limo and a party for their 50th Anniversary.

*I was lucky enough to have my grandfather attend my high-school and college graduations and he recently watched me walk down the aisle at my AZ wedding from the comfort of his home through a live feed.*

*Grandpa had the best smile and I know he is smiling down on all of us. My family and I are the luckiest to have known such a wonderful man.*

*Love you Grandpa! Amie*

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**Amie** - January 07, 2014 at 03:27 PM

CS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Cindy Swaim** - January 07, 2014 at 03:27 PM