



Ruth M. Buck

March 12, 1920 - January 1, 2018

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1920-2018

Ruth (Jensen) Buck, age 97, passed away on January 1, 2018. She was born March 12, 1920 at

Barrett Hospital (Briggs-Lillie Mansion) in Kankakee, Illinois to Momence residents of Danish

descent, James and Jensina "Sina" (Hyrup) Jensen.

On February 15, 1947, Ruth Jensen married Leo F. Buck and they shared 66 years of marriage prior

to his passing in 2014. They raised their family and lived in the same home in Kankakee's White

City neighborhood for over 54 years before moving to a retirement community apartment in

Bourbonnais, Illinois.

Ruth Buck will be most remembered for her devotion to her husband, family, relatives, friends and

those in need. Concern for others was a hallmark of her life.

Her 54-year career in the medical field started at St. Mary's Hospital in 1939 when she was hired

and trained as a Lab Technician by Sister Mary of The Holy Family. In 1956, she became a Medical

Assistant as she started service with several physicians. Most notable was her

24-year tenure with

Dr. Thomas P. Hickey, followed by 8 years with Dr. Raymond Mallot who took over the practice when

Dr. Hickey passed.

For years Mrs. Buck and Dr. Hickey spent many Fridays visiting various Catholic Parishes, including

their Home Parish of St. Patrick's in Kankakee, for the purpose of providing free medical care to

the Priests and Nuns of the area.

As a volunteer, Ruth Buck was a founding member of the Kankakee Westview Spurs Sports Boosters

Club, delivered Meals on Wheels, delivered mail at St. Mary's Hospital, taught English with Sister

Josephine's immigrant program, served as the President of the Bickford House Residents'

Association and was an active participant in various other benevolent endeavors.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Leo F. Buck, her sisters Marge Berry and Iris

Griggs, along with her brother James L. Jensen.

She is survived by children Alan (Norma) Buck of Hillsboro, IL, Ann (Ron) Schramm of Chicago, IL,

Mark (Dianne) Buck of Indian Shores, FL and Jay (Amanda) Buck of Tucson, AZ, as well as, sisters-in-law

Beverly Jensen of Kankakee, Gertrude Howe of Herscher, and brother-in-law and sister-in-law

Donald and Judy Buck of Bradley, and many special relatives and friends.

She has four grandchildren, Jennifer (Chris) Winder, Amie (Jeff) Miksta, Zachary (Jessica) Schramm

and Ellen (Hunter) Schramm Keil; plus four great-grandchildren, Evan Winder, Emily Winder, Ayla

Miksta and Merrick Schramm.

In deference to inclement weather, services will be as follows:

Visitation 3:30 pm to 6 pm on Friday, January 5, 2018, immediately followed by a Celebration of

Life service at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, in Bourbonnais.

Entombment at Mount Calvary Cemetery will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St.Patrick's Church in Kankakee, St.

Mary's Hospital or Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary

2000 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 3:30 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 Service

JAN 5. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JS

“ Sincerest thoughts and prayers to Alan, Ann, Mark and Jay and your families. Ruth had a servant's heart. She was a godsent mom. And, she with Leo provided valuable life lessons of encouragement and caring. They were critical to our neighborhood unity in White City. Memories of your mom and your wonderful family are a true blessing. Christ be with you and God Bless.

Jim Scime Family

Jim Scime - January 06, 2018 at 09:50 PM

MB

Thanks Jim...Prayers for your Dad! What great role models.

Mark Buck - January 13, 2018 at 08:39 AM

MF

“ *Michael Scime Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Ruth M. Buck*



Michael Scime Family - January 06, 2018 at 02:37 PM

MS

The Buck family are lifelong friends and we always had the utmost respect for them. Ruth was a wonderful, prayerful and giving person. She and her late husband Leo were truly loving parents and respected by all. She lived a long and generous life and will be missed by all who knew her. Our heartfelt condolences go out to the Buck family in this sorrowful time. We know the Lord welcomes her with His open arms.

Michal Scime - January 06, 2018 at 02:54 PM

MB

Thanks Mike...we all have fond memories of each others parents!

Mark Buck - January 13, 2018 at 08:40 AM

 Pamela Zeedyk

“ *A wonderful lady! Mrs. Buck was a huge part of my life: school, medical care, and her work at St. Mary's. Loved her. Pamela Voss Zeedyk*

Pamela Zeedyk - January 06, 2018 at 11:05 AM

MB

Thanks Pamela!

Mark Buck - January 13, 2018 at 08:41 AM

PB

“ *What a wonderful life she lived that touched so many.*

Paul Buck - January 06, 2018 at 10:00 AM

MB

Paul...you and your wife are great members of our family. She cherished your friendships. Thanks for staying in touch and all the visits. Your parents and ours were not only relatives but great Friends.

Mark Buck - January 13, 2018 at 08:44 AM

BP

“ *Beulah Pennell lit a candle in memory of Ruth M. Buck*



Beulah Pennell - January 06, 2018 at 02:03 AM

MB

Thank You Ms. Pennell...Much appreciated.

Mark Buck - January 13, 2018 at 08:45 AM

KR

“ *Kristin lit a candle in memory of Ruth M. Buck*



Kristin - January 05, 2018 at 04:18 PM

KR

“ *Sending my love from Florida! Grandma Buck gave Amie and I so many amazing memories from the time we were kids even into or adulthood! I remember playing at the house, in the basement, snicker doodles in the freezer, meals on wheels trips, and so much more! We had great times together! I'll never forget the watch she wore, the car in the garage, or the smile on her face! Thank you Grandma and Grandpa Buck for giving me lasting memories! May you fly high eternally!*
All my love, Kristin Sinopoli (Korstick)

Kristin - January 05, 2018 at 04:16 PM

JK

My deepest condolences to all of the Buck family! Jayne Korstick

Jayne Korstick - January 05, 2018 at 04:26 PM

MB

Thanks Kristin and Jayne...great memories with Amie. Yes the Snicker Doodles always. The car was a 1966 Studebaker. It is being refurbished back to a showroom perfect condition by the Hodak family.

Mark Buck - January 13, 2018 at 08:51 AM

LE

“ *Sending love and deepest condolences to the Buck family. Ruth was such a blessing in my life! Her gentle spirit and warm heart (and her calls to Florida to check in on me) will be deeply missed.*
Linda Engels

Linda Engels - January 05, 2018 at 03:30 PM

MB

Thanks Linda for all you have done for our family!!!

Mark Buck - January 13, 2018 at 08:52 AM

JB

“ *JULIE BLANDING lit a candle in memory of Ruth M. Buck*



JULIE BLANDING - January 05, 2018 at 03:03 PM

JB

Precious memories of you will forever be in my heart. You were truly one of a kind Ruth.

JULIE BLANDING - January 05, 2018 at 03:05 PM

MB

Thanks Ms. Blanding/

Mark Buck - January 13, 2018 at 08:53 AM



“ Hugs and prayers are with Ruth's loved ones of whom she was so proud! May God give you His peace and comfort.



Mary Quiroz Thomson - January 05, 2018 at 11:58 AM

MB

Thanks Ms. Thomson. You were a great teacher and now a great volunteer,

Mark Buck - January 13, 2018 at 08:54 AM

BL

“ *My entire Ferrias & Close family absolutely loved Ruth Buck & Dr. Hickey! I can remember going to see them at The Volkman Building on Court Street. My mother, 2 of my sisters & I would go for our shots & office visits. Ruth would say " who wants to go first"? So we would parade one by one into see Dr. Hickey. Ruth would always give us candy afterwards & tell each of us what a good girl we were. Ruth was an excellent, sweet caring nurse & person. I know Dr. Hickey & my family in heaven were waiting in line to greet Ruth as she got her Angel Wings. God Bless Ruth! My thoughts & prayers are with Alan & the entire Buck family. God Bless Always!*

Barbie Ferrias LeClaire - January 04, 2018 at 12:06 PM

MB

Thanks to the Ferrias/LeClaire family. Yes, her and Dr..Hickey were a great team! They truly cared for their patients.

Mark Buck - January 13, 2018 at 08:57 AM

DS

“ I first met Ruth when she was at various Westview activities as one of the boosters. I remember fondly how she, Leo and Marge would be quickly serving up popcorn to the waiting crowd. Then, I worked with Marge for many, many years at City National Bank and I'd see Ruth when she'd come in to do her banking business or to see Marge. Every time I went to Bickford to visit with Marge, we'd walk over to Ruth's room to say hello and chat. Heaven most certainly received another angel and those of us left here are better for having known her. God's blessings to all of her family and may your sweet memories sustain you. Dorcilla

Dorcilla Schoolman - January 03, 2018 at 05:38 PM

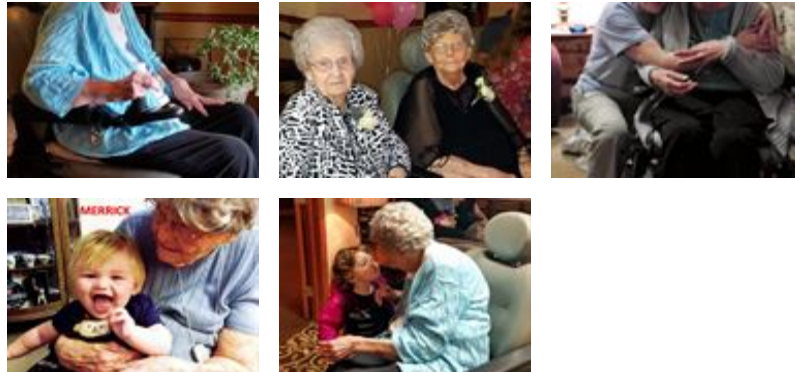
MB

Dorcilla...You were always a good friend to both my mother and Aunt... The spoke very kindly of you. Thank you very much.

Mark Buck - January 13, 2018 at 09:00 AM



“ 100 files added to the album LifeTributes



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - January 03, 2018 at 08:30 AM

PA

“ *Saddened to hear the news of Mrs. Buck's passing. Many great childhood memories growing up with her children in the White City neighborhood. I'm in Florida for the winter and regrettably can not attend services. Thoughts & prayers to a wonderful family. Pete & Melissa Athanasopoulos.*

pete athanasopoulos - January 02, 2018 at 10:56 PM

BL

My entire Ferrias & Close family absolutely loved Ruth Buck & Dr. Hickey. I can remember going to Dr. Hickey's office in The Volkman Building on Court Street with my mother & 2 of my sisters. Ruth would always say "who wants to go first"? We would take our turns & parade into see Dr. Hickey & after each visit Ruth would give us some candy & tell us how good we were. Ruth was a very sweet & caring nurse & person. I know Dr. Hickey & my family in heaven were in line to greet Ruth as she received her Angel wings. God Bless Ruth. My thoughts & prayers are with Alan & the entire Buck family. God Bless Always.

Barbie Ferrias LeClaire - January 04, 2018 at 11:47 AM

MB

Pete and Melissa... Thanks for the comments. She lived in White City for 54 years. What great memories and great parents we all had! Hit em straight in Florida and hope we can get together down here.

Mark Buck - January 13, 2018 at 09:05 AM

DN

“ *Ruth's passing leaves a huge void in the Jensen family. She was the glue that held the dwindling family together through the years. Always loved the 4th of July get togethers and all of the fun stories that Ruth had to share. Our deepest sympathy to the family.*
Jim and Dianne (Nelson) Newberry

dianne Newberry - January 02, 2018 at 10:23 PM

JB

So many memories of "aunt" Ruth. I was surprised to find out she was not my aunt and that Iris and Marge were her sisters. She was a great lady, my sympathy to all of you.

jackie bieber - January 03, 2018 at 06:10 PM

MG

A life dedicated to family, church and community. Must have brightened a million lives. RIP

mac gretz - January 05, 2018 at 12:18 PM

MB

Jim and Dianne...Thanks for the kind comments. They don't make families like the Jensen family anymore. Families that value each other and constantly remain dear friends. Ye the 4th of July always brings back great Jensen memories.

Mark Buck - January 13, 2018 at 09:10 AM

GG

“Gloria Graham lit a candle in memory of Ruth M. Buck



Gloria Graham - January 02, 2018 at 09:32 PM

AM

“ I LOVE YOU Grandma Buck!!!

Angel just now!

Jan 1, 2018 is a very special day.

Gpa Buck was so ready to have you right now. You two are smiling ear to ear, hugging tightly and loving each other and family always!

Always my special one to talk to...we talked and still talk about soooo much!! 🙏❤️



Amie Miksta - January 02, 2018 at 08:30 PM

MA

Love you Amie!

Margie - January 02, 2018 at 08:35 PM



Your grandparents were such wonderful people. Deepest condolences to you and your family. RIP Leo and Ruth, together again in eternity.

Vicki Sanford-Tousignant - January 02, 2018 at 08:56 PM

BW

I lived next door to them in the Dovenspikes old house on N. Seventh for years.

Brian Williams - January 03, 2018 at 05:08 PM

CR

Sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. Growing up in white city and my brothers playing with Allen. Fond memories rip 🙏

candy pecchenino ray - January 04, 2018 at 12:43 PM

MB

Vicki...Thanks for support given to both of them during your time at Bickford,

Mark Buck - January 13, 2018 at 09:24 AM

MB

Thanks Mr. Williams...what a great neighborhood!

Mark Buck - January 13, 2018 at 09:24 AM

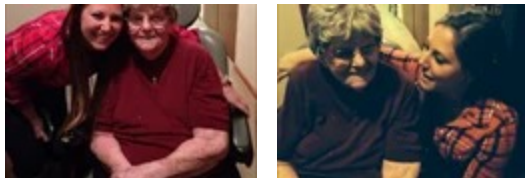
MB

Thanks to the Pecchenino/Ray family... Just reminiscing with your old neighbor Sam Ashmore about all those good times in White City!

Mark Buck - January 13, 2018 at 09:28 AM

EB

“ Ruth had a large impact on my life. I loved getting to know her and Leo over the years of working at bickford. She was one of the sweetest women I knew and we spent plenty of days talking. She would always be worried about me or any of the other girls that were around. The day I moved to florida and had my last shift at bickford was a hard one. She was in the hospital at the time and she called me from her hospital room when I was driving to my new home just to make sure I was safe on the road and that she would miss me. Every time I came home to Illinois I made sure to stop by bickford and spend time with her. I will never forget the kind woman she was and have kept every card, note, and thing she has sent me. I am so honored to know someone who was so proud of her family and loved so many people. I will miss you, Ruth!



emily breyman - January 02, 2018 at 04:56 PM

AM

Beautiful!!! :) <3 so so so glad that the two of you were so connected. Makes a smile on my face!!

Amie Miksta - January 02, 2018 at 08:37 PM

MA

Not long ago we were looking at all your wedding pictures again on my phone. She kept saying how happy she was for you Emily..and how pretty you are. Blessed with good memories! She always thought of others. Loved when you would visit ❤️

Margie - January 02, 2018 at 08:40 PM

MB

Thanks Emily and Margie... You both meant soo much to her...but I go not need to tell you that,, she told you everyday.

Mark Buck - January 13, 2018 at 09:21 AM

MK

“ I will miss you so much! Knowing you made an impact on my life. Ruth was kind, smart, quick, strong, and never gave up...a real fighter. Overcame many set backs. Memories....I have so many. From dressing you up for all occasions to our talks every morning getting you ready for the day. We had our inside jokes and sayings that would always make us laugh. We laughed a lot too. Sharing your family, parties, and "The Buck Thanksgivings". Ruth would call me at home when she 'just' missed me. That I will carry in my heart forever. She loved to hold hands, and with all the girls too. She was loved by many who took care of her. It's not over....I will get to see her again one day. What a joyous reunion that will be <3 Until then you will be locked in my heart.....I Love You ~ Margie Kenney



Margie Kenney - January 02, 2018 at 04:16 PM

JR

For the past two years I've taken care of Ms. Ruth , I passionately called her and have enjoyed the privilege of knowing her and her beautiful family. She was very strategic in helping others and making them feel loved. Me personally have been honored and blessed to receive wisdom about marriage, children, the workplace and friendship. She was one of the sweetest, kindest person I know and she "kept it real" as the young folk say. You will truly be missed Ms. Ruth and you're forever in our hearts. Rest on from all your labor and we shall meet again someday Love You❤️

One of your favorite nurses👩🏻🩺 "Joyce Ringo"

joyce ringo - January 04, 2018 at 08:02 PM

MB

Thank You Joyce!!! You made a difference in her life and all of her kids lives as well. We feel blessed for having you in our lives during our time of need. You ae one wonderful Nurse and Lady.

Mark Buck - January 13, 2018 at 09:31 AM

