

## Thomas L Buckley

July 24, 1954 - January 30, 2025

Thomas L. Buckley, age 70 of Buckingham, passed away Thursday, January 30, 2025. He was born July 24, 1954 in Kankakee, the son of Viator and Alice (Crawford) Buckley. Thomas married Beverly Matern on July 26, 1975 at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Herscher.

Thomas was a heavy equipment mechanic for Local Union 150, spending many years at Azzarelli Construction (KVCC) of Kankakee. He was a lifelong farmer.

Thomas was a parishioner of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Herscher. Surviving is his wife, Beverly of Buckingham; one son, Scott (Alison) Buckley of Reddick; one daughter, Lisa (Matt) Patchett of Herscher; two sisters, Mary Alice Buckley, Marjorie (Matthew) Chorski; two brothers, Timothy Buckley, Terrance Buckley; five grandchildren, Halie, Kade, and Allie Kohl, Austin and Addyson Buckley; two sisters-in-law, Mary Ann Senesac and Pam Matern.

Thomas is preceded in death by his parents; one son, Brian Buckley; three brothers-in-law, JR. Matern, Gary Matern, and Dan Senesac.

Married to his wife, Beverly, for 49.5 years his belief in commitment and faith were some of his greatest contributions to his family heritage. He left a rich legacy of his love of agriculture and mechanical abilities to the next generation of Buckley's in his grandchildren, who gave him the motivation to choose a new path in life.

A stranger to no one he will be deeply missed venturing through the rural neighborhood.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 2, 2025 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, Kankakee. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 3, 2025 at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Herscher. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Cabery.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Cemetery, Cabery

Cabery, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 2. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

FEB 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church  
350 N. Main Street  
Herscher, IL 60941  
(815) 426-2153  
<http://www.saintmargaretmaryherscher.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sincere condolences.  
Sue and Pat Foley  
Michele and Matt Cannon*

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**Michele Cannon** - February 02, 2025 at 12:58 PM



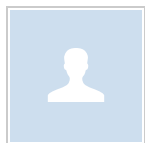
“ *Such a great person. Sending prayers to all who loved Tom. RIH*

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**Sue Tolly** - February 01, 2025 at 10:38 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas L Buckley.*

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February 01, 2025 at 04:39 PM



“ *Fancy Heart Holder Pendant was purchased for the family of Thomas L Buckley.*

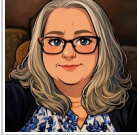


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February 01, 2025 at 04:39 PM



“ *My sincerest condolences for the entire family. Friends like Tom are a once in lifetime. My love and prayers to all of you. Fare-Well my dear friend, until we meet again. Your friend Rick Bewsey*

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**Rick Bewsey Sr.** - February 01, 2025 at 11:20 AM



“ We share so many great memories of Tom, he was always there to lend a helping hand either mechanically or on the farm. He was a fellow union brother, gave my boys many tractor rides, and he will be greatly missed by our Family. Prays to you Bev, Scott, Lisa, Allison and all your Family.



*Vern Tompkins and Family*

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**Michelle Tompkins** - February 01, 2025 at 08:13 AM

MM

“ MR MRS sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas L Buckley



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**MR MRS** - February 01, 2025 at 07:44 AM

JB

“ Our deepest sympathy to Bev, Scotty, Lisa, Terry, Tim, Marge, Mary Alice and the extended families. Tom was a great neighbor and friend who has been part of our lives since we moved to Buckingham in 1991. Tom was a gentle and kind soul who had a wonderful sense of humor and loved his family. We spent some time yesterday talking about some of our favorite memories of Tom - some made us laugh and some made us cry but we we know without a doubt he will be missed. Rest in Peace Tom until we meet again. Jan and Cliff

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**Janice Boback** - February 01, 2025 at 07:44 AM

MP

“ *My sincerest condolences to the family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Mary (Feller) Prince*



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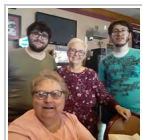
**Mary Prince** - January 31, 2025 at 11:09 PM

SS

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Tom out at Azzarelli's. He was just one of those larger than life characters that we occasionally run across. I truly appreciated his humor, sarcasm, and passion for work. I know Tom had some demons as we all carry something with us that we could change. In my book, Tom was a good man and a good worker. Your family is in our hearts and prayers. Scott&Diane Sweeney Fort Myers, FL*

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**Scott Sweeney** - January 31, 2025 at 09:17 PM



“ *MaryAnn Senesac lit a candle in memory of Thomas L Buckley*



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**MaryAnn Senesac** - January 31, 2025 at 08:25 PM

GG

“ *You have my sympathy prayers for the family.*



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**Gloria Graham** - January 31, 2025 at 06:06 PM

CM

“ Tom was a great guy and had a good sense of humor. He could always make me laugh. I even named one of my cats Tom Buckley. He will be missed. Praying for the family 🙏

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**Catherine Mau** - January 31, 2025 at 05:27 PM