



## William Busler

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William (Bill) R Busler of Bourbonnais, passed away February 14, 2023 at the age of 90.

He was born March 5, 1932 in Parrottsville, Tennessee, the son of Dellie and Dovie Busler.

Beginning in a humble one room schoolhouse in White Plains, he went on to graduate from the University of Tennessee with a PhD in Chemistry. He went on to work as a chemist in water treatment with Philipps, Nalco, and Rhone-Poulenc.

Bill served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and was stationed at Norfolk VA and Keflavik Naval Air Station in Iceland.

On June 4, 1960, he married the former Patricia Jean Barno. Together they raised five children.

Bill enjoyed bike riding, golf, sudoku, and listening to music, especially classical.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Pat; their five children, Mary Hope

(Scott) Pleckham of Herscher, Greg (partner Theresa) of Homewood, David (Elena) of Sacramento CA, John (Paulette) of Elwood, and Susan (Mike) McKay of Key Largo FL; and many wonderful grandchildren and great grandchildren of which he very much enjoyed visiting with.

Visitation will be held from 3 p.m. until the time of the 5:15 p.m. funeral Mass on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

A procession will leave the funeral home at 9 a.m. on Friday, February 17, 2023 for interment, with military rites, at 10 a.m. at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

Memorials may be made to Uplifted Care or Donor's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road  
Elwood, IL 60421

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 16. 3:00 PM - 5:15 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I knew and worked with Bill from the day he started at Nalco Chemical Company back in about 1969, I think. I always considered him a good friend and we traveled together often on business because we worked in water treatment research together for several years. But we were friends during all his time at Nalco.

Bill was always a friendly, easy going guy who got along with everybody, even me.

One day, maybe over 15 years ago, not sure when, Joe Guardia (another Nalco retiree, passed) and I, both retired, drove down to Bourbonnais to see Bill and his lovely wife, Pat. Then, the three of us old guys had lunch and spent the afternoon talking about the old days when we worked together in Nalco water treatment research. It was a good day.

I also remember socializing with Bill during the days of my old investment club and first meeting Pat and all their young children, over 50 years ago.

So, I have many good memories of Bill and express deep sympathy to his family and friends, and wish them the best of luck in the future.

Thanks for the memories,  
Ralph Nielsen

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**Ralph R Nielsen** - February 19, 2023 at 05:31 PM

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“ I worked with Bill for many years in research at Nalco Chemical Company. We were group leaders together. Bill was a more experienced chemist than I and was always patient and helpful to me. Bill's keen sense of humor always had you thinking. I am so glad that Bill enjoyed a long life filled with many family memories.

My heartfelt condolences to the family.  
Bill Lindenberger

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**William Lindenberger** - February 17, 2023 at 07:31 PM

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“ I am very sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Busler. I always enjoyed coming over and talking with Mr. and Mrs. Busler. He had such an infectious laugh. May he rest in peace in God's eternal Kingdom.

*Rosemary McDonnell*

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**Rosemary C. McDonnell** - February 17, 2023 at 11:32 AM