



## Gerald Buckman

October 9, 1916 - October 26, 2019

Gerald (Jerry) Buckman, 103, went to be with His Lord on October 26, 2019.

His more recent years were spent in Riverside's Miller Center and Butterfield, where he was well cared for by the dedicated staff.

He was born in 1916 and raised on a farm southeast of Herscher with two sisters and one brother. He lived a full and wonderful life accompanied for over 78 years by wife Marie Buckman.

Married in 1939, Jerry was devoted to developing the family business that he had founded, Home Appliance and Heating in Kankakee (now known as Home Furniture, Plumbing, & Heating) while Marie supported him and raised their four children. Jerry was an avid volunteer who worked with Kankakee area physically & mentally handicapped, and on the Kankakee County Board. He and Marie were also active volunteers in their church, St Paul's Lutheran Church, for 65 years. Jerry's

hobbies

included restoring cars and telling jokes. The couple enjoyed dancing as well as

extensive travel throughout the United States and overseas. Memorable family trips

included camping in National Parks and visits to world fairs on both coasts.

Jerry was preceded in passing by his wife Marie Legg Buckman, sister Isabelle Geiger; brother Art Buckman; and two children Bruce Buckman and Christine Hubert.

Jerry is survived by his sister, Verdelle Salm; his two children, Doris Buckman and Gary

Buckman; devoted family friend Candice Chandler, four grandchildren Dan Buckman,

Dana Wilkey, Jackie and Sarah Snow; four great grandchildren Lauren Fox, Aislinn and

Charlie McGuire, Adeline Snow-Hufnagel; and two great, great grandchildren Jaxon and

Archer Fox.

Other surviving members of the immediate family are Dorothea Buckman, Jeff Fox,

Keith Wilkey, Peter Snow, Sam Hufnagel, and longtime caregiver, Melissa DuBois.

Visitation at Schreffler Funeral Home, 1900 West Court St., Kankakee, will be on

November 8th from 4pm until 7pm and on November 9th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

at 348 E Merchant St., Kankakee, from 9:30-10am with services beginning at

10am. In

lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

[www.stpaulslutheran.net](http://www.stpaulslutheran.net)

Please visit [www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com) to leave the family your thoughts,

memories and condolences on the online guestbook.

# Cemetery Details

## Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 South 3000 E. Rd.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel  
1900 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-2421  
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

## Visitation

NOV 9. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
348 E. Merchant St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

## Funeral Service

NOV 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
348 E. Merchant St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901



# Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald Buckman*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *My mom, Verla Schuldt Reutter, knew Jerry from St. Paul's and always admired the time and talents he and Marie devoted to the church. In later years they became closer friends when they lived at Butterfield Assisted Living. Mom is now in Miller Skilled Care and unable to attend his funeral. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Your parents truly lived their faith and now rest in Jesus' loving arms!*  
*Debra Schuldt Weerts*

**Debra Weerts** - November 08, 2019 at 10:38 AM



“ *"Well done, good and faithful servant..."*

**Carol Schneider** - November 07, 2019 at 12:24 PM



“ *Deepest heartfelt sympathy!! A fine Christian man ....who left a mark on many!!! Thank you Mr B always enjoyed our talks.....much respect & love Jude 3*

**John Heil** - November 06, 2019 at 04:47 PM

DP

“ I use to work for Mr. Buckman after I got out of high school I made deliveries. His son Gary & I are friends . Dennis Phillips



Dennis Phillips - November 06, 2019 at 09:08 AM

MW

“ Mindy And John Wennergren lit a candle in memory of Gerald Buckman



Mindy and John Wennergren - November 06, 2019 at 02:14 AM

MW

Thinking of you in this time of great loss and sadness.

Mindy and John Wennergren - November 06, 2019 at 02:16 AM

GK

“ The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:  
The LORD make his face shine upon thee,  
and be gracious unto thee:  
The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee,  
and give thee peace.  
Numbers 6:24-26 (KJV)



Gary Krumwiede - November 04, 2019 at 07:37 PM

CM

“ *Cathie Miedema lit a candle in memory of Gerald Buckman*



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**Cathie Miedema** - November 04, 2019 at 01:23 PM

MD

“ *Melissa Dubois lit a candle in memory of Gerald Buckman*



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**Melissa dubois** - November 03, 2019 at 09:46 AM

JP

“ *When I was a small boy, I'm in my 70's now, living in Bonfield we and most of our neighbors were customers of Jerry's. He was pretty much the entire sales staff and my father love "dickering" over prices with Jerry who I think enjoyed also. He was fine man and Kankakee was better for his presence. My sympathy to his entire family.*

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**Jim Puswaskis** - October 30, 2019 at 08:02 PM

MC

*When I became a resident at Westwood Oaks my unit was just a few doors from his. He was so welcoming and we enjoyed sharing stories of our past as well as connecting with those we both knew. What proved most interesting was, when he learned my maiden name, Lehnus, asked if I might have known Reuben. What a connection, "he's my Dad," I told him. Then Gerry went on to tell that his first trucking job was given him by my Dad. That was just the beginning of lots of stories, jokes and reminiscing. Gerry was a legend in himself. Yes, he became a good friend. The world was a better place thanks to his many contributions at all stages of his life. My condolences to his family.*

**Miria Lehnus Chicke** - November 09, 2019 at 08:35 PM

 Amy Williams

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Amy Williams** - October 30, 2019 at 02:43 PM

 Amy Williams

“ Amy Williams purchased the Garden Accent - A heart of gold stopped beating... for the family of Gerald Buckman.



**Amy Williams** - October 30, 2019 at 02:38 PM

LD

“ *Lisa Donahue lit a candle in memory of Gerald Buckman*



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**Lisa Donahue** - October 30, 2019 at 11:15 AM

KD

“ *My dad often talked about Mr. Buckman. He praised Mr. Buckman as a man who loved God, his family, and his friends. He was a businessman whose dealings were always done with a sense of honesty, kindness, and loyalty.*

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**Kim DesLauriers** - October 29, 2019 at 03:18 PM