



Buck Williams

December 15, 2012

Richard M. "Buck" Williams, Jr., 69, of Onondaga Hill passed away Saturday at home, surrounded by family, following his battle with cancer. Born in Washington, DC, he graduated from Princeton University with Bachelor's and Master's degrees and a PhD in Oceanography from Oregon State. He retired as an engineer from Lockheed Martin after 21 years. After retirement, he enjoyed travelling, spending time with his grandsons, and his hammock. An avid reader, gardener and nature lover, he also volunteered at Onondaga Hill Free Library and the MOST. Buck is survived by his loving wife of 47 years Carole (Crooks); three daughters Carrie (Ken) Hassett, Katie (Todd) Mersch and Kristine Williams; a brother Jeff (Rebecca) Williams; two delightful grandsons, Owen and Emmett Hassett. An Expression of Gratitude for Life and Love will be held at 6:30 pm Wednesday at the Onondaga Hill Presbyterian Church, 4797 Makyas Road, Syracuse. Arrangements by B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, 10 Genesee St, Village of Camillus. Contributions in lieu of flowers to American Cancer Society, PO Box 7, East Syracuse, NY 13057 or Hospice of CNY, 990 7th North St., Liverpool, NY 13088. Please sign the guestbook at www.BLBUSH.com

Tribute Wall

BM

“ Carole, my heart goes out to you and your family. I always thought very highly of Bucky. He was extremely intelligent, always kind, and often very humorous. You know you have the thoughts and prayers of the entire remaining members of RPHS '61. God bless you.

Bruce Marcoon - December 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Carole, We were very sorry to hear of Buck's passing. I will always remember riding with Buck in his station wagon minus a gas gauge. He always had the mileage written in a book. We enjoyed a wonderful visit with you both at the 50th class reunion. Buck was a wonderful classmate, and our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.

Jay Newcomer - December 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dear Carole, In 7th grade, Bucky and I were the tallest in the class and he often was "stuck" with me as a dance partner at community classes. At the 50th, I expressed my thanks to him. He replied "It was fine". What a gentleman! My heart goes out to you and your family. He was an RPHS Superstar.

Barbara Boulton - December 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FG

“ CAROLE AND FAMILY: I FEEL SO BAD TO HEAR OF BUCKS PASSING.HE WAS ONE OF THE TRUE GENTLEMAN IN OUR CLASS AND I ALWAYS ADMIRER HIS INTELLIGENCE.A KNOW THIS IS A TERRIBLE TIME IN YOUR LIFE.ACCORDING TO OUR FAITH WE WILL ALL BE TOGETHER AGAIN.IF THAT BE THE CASE I WILL LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING BUCK AGAIN.WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY FRED

FRED GANGLOFF - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ Carole, I am so sorry. Buck was always a favorite classmate of mine and I have enjoyed every visit with the 2 of you (out here, or back there). He was one of the 15 as Graham called us that went all of the way through school together. My prayers are with you and your family. Fondly, Nancy

nancy (Schellman) Chesterton - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ Dear Carole, Our hearts are broken for you and your family. Your sweet gentle giant's battle was fought well and is complete. All who knew Bucky would know that he gave it his all, just as he gave his love Carole, his family and his work and community the best that he had. Our last memory of Buck will be from the reunion where he danced the night away with Carole and friends, savoring the special time we had together for all they were worth. I am so glad he was a part of all of our lives and we will treasure his memory forever. We send hugs and comfort to you.

Sue and Irv eberhart - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Carole and Family, It is with deepest sadness to learn that "Bucky" had passed. He will truly be missed. It was my pleasure to be associated with a great, thoughtful and at times, a very funny human being. The 1961 Class of Ridley Park High School has lost one of its best classmates.....God Bless

Jack Fedena - December 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ Dear Carole, Girls and families. Buck will always be a part of your lives, just as he was so present in the lives of many people, including us. He will be so missed. Sympathy, Love and Prayers sent to all of you.

Fred and Anne Meckley - December 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ My deepest sympathies go to you and your family Carol. This is such a difficult road for all of you, but we all know that Bucky will never really leave you. He was a remarkable man, obviously a terrific husband, father and grandfather and he will be with all of you and watch over each and every one of you. I'm so glad we had the chance to spend time with you at our last reunion - that's how I'll remember both of you. God bless. Kay

Kay Klein - December 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ So sorry to hear that Bucky has passed on. I know the entire Class of 61' from Ridley Park High School share in your loss. My deepest regrets. ME

Thom Wiernicki - December 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Dear Carol and Family I am so sorry to hear about Buck. There are no words to express the loss of a loved one. It has been six years since I lost my wife and she is still in my thoughts. Remember the all the good days for me it helps to bring a smile on my face. If you need anything I am here if you need to talk.

Chuck Pennewill - December 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Dear Carole and family, Please accept our sympathy at this sad time. You have lost a wonderful husband, father, and friend. We hope that the memory of the good times, of which there are many, will help to ease the pain of his loss.

Sandy and Bill Cooley - December 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Carole, I am so saddened to hear of your loss. You and the girls are in my thoughts during this difficult time. sending you heartfelt sympathies, warm memories and a big hug.

Krystal Scott - December 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ We will miss Buck's gentle spirit and humor but it is always there in our memory. Our sincere sympathy to Carole and his daughters and extended family.

Bette & Jerry Hart - December 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ Another light is gone from "The Hill". Buck will be missed by all who knew him. May our memories of Buck live forever.

Howard Crook - December 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Carole and Family -- I am so sorry to learn that your beloved "Buck" has passed from this earth. May the memories you shared give you some solace through the difficult days ahead. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers. With sympathy and love, Marilyn Hanson*

Marilyn Hanson - December 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ *Buck was a kind man who understood the importance of education. We are thankful that he passed through our door for a short time. Sorry for your loss. Linda Green Executive Director The Newland Center for Adult Learning & Literacy (The Learning Place)*

Linda Green - December 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ *To Carole and Family: It is with the deepest sadness that we learned that Buck has finished his fight here on earth. Be assured that you are all in our daily prayers. May each of you feel the comfort of our Heavenly Father in the days and weeks ahead.*

David and Maryanne Ennis - December 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *Carole, Carrie, Katie & Kristine.. I cannot truly express in words just how sorry I am to hear of your loss. Howard Crook said it best..Another light is gone from "The Hill". Buck will be missed. Know that you are all in my heart and prayers.*

Steven & Rhonda Arnold - December 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Dear Carol and girls We are so sorry to here of your lose at this time of year. We know as we have lost also this past week. We send our deepest sympathy and prayers.

Connie and David Isgar and family - December 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Bailey and I so enjoyed Buck two summers ago on the Cape. Bailey still talks about the Grampa who played with her. She also talks about Owen and Emmitt often. Our sincere sympathy go you all of the Williams family, Jane and Bailey Decker

Jane Decker - December 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ We were so saddened to hear the news. Our sincerest sympathies to the entire family. Hillary & Kay

Hillary Hunter & Kay Hilsberg - December 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM