



Jack Ronald Buzzard

June 29, 1934 - March 23, 2020

Jack Ronald Buzzard, 85, of rural Weir, went to be with the Lord on March 23, 2020 at Medicalodge in Pittsburg, Kansas.

Jack, or "J. R." as family called him, entered this life on June 29, 1934 at Racine, Missouri to Jack Roosevelt and Leah Frances Crawford Buzzard. He was raised on a farm near Seneca, Missouri and was a 1952 graduate of Seneca High School.

He always had the desire to become teacher and work with children. After receiving his master degree in 1967 from Kansas State College of Pittsburg. Jack's first teaching job was at Dennis, Kansas. For the next six years, he taught grades 5-8, as well as coaching both boys and girls in the major junior high competitive sports and was principal at Service Valley School in USD504. He then taught one year at Exter, Missouri. In 1975 Jack moved to Longton, Kansas to teach junior high students and was a principal for three years at Elk Valley Grade School USD283. While at Longton, he met his wife, Ella Jean Harrigan and they were married July 16, 1977 at Longton. They then ventured to Seneca, Kansas where Jack was principal of Corning Grade School and sixth grade teacher at Frankfort, Kansas in USD 380, retiring in 1995 after 33 years of teaching. His students affectionately called him "Mr. B."

In 1997, Jack and Ella decided to return to southeast Kansas to be closer to family and to help take care of her aunt and her mother. They built a home near Weir.

He was a member of St. Bridget's Catholic Church in Scammon and was a member of the Knights of Columbus there. He enjoyed reading, taking care of the yard, traveling, and attending high school sports events. Jack and Ella had traveled to all the states except for three.

Jack is survived by his wife, nephews, Mark Buzzard, Shawn Harrigan, Jason Thomas and Arron Thomas and niece Shelly Young. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Francis L. Buzzard.

Memorial Mass will be at a later date due to the coronavirus. Private Burial will take place at St. Bridget's Cemetery in Scammon, KS with Fr. Jeremy Huser as Celebrant. In lieu of flowers the family asks expressions of sympathy to be in the form of memorials to the Harry Hynes Hospice and/or St. Bridget's Building Fund. Friends may drop off or mail memorials to the Bath-Naylor Funeral Home 104 W. Main St. Weir, KS 66781.

Condolences may be left at www.bathnaylor.com. Arrangement and services are under the direction of Bath-Naylor Funeral Home of Weir, KS.

Cemetery

St. Bridget's Catholic Cemetery

Scammon, KS, 66773

Comments



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Jack Ronald Buzzard.



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“ Ella,
My thoughts and prayers are with you as you mourn the loss of your husband. May your memories bring you comfort.
Loretta Ferraro Scott

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“ Jack Ronald Buzzard was my father. My parents divorced when I was eight but I do have memories of our life before then. Since he was not involved in most of my life I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to leave these memories that I do have of him at this final time.

I remember going to grandpa Jack and grandma Leah's house on Sunday afternoons, I remember going to the races where my uncle Frances raced his stock car and playing with my cousins Mark and Shelly. I wanted to be a racecar driver when I was little! I remember the big old farmhouse we lived in when my daddy taught school in Dennis, Kansas. How could I forget, I fell off of the top bunk in the middle of the night and ran across that scary old house to my parents bedroom to jump in bed with them. I recall going to the school at service Valley with my dad while he was working after hours and on weekends running all over the school playing and pretending. How precious is a child's imagination and memory.

I remember he played the piano and he was a good horsey. I wished we could've had more time together in this life but I know we will in heaven.

Linda Kay Buzzard Byfield
Fairview, OK

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