



George C. Buckingham

May 5, 1925 - January 29, 2017

George Cottier Buckingham, 91, of Okoboji passed away on Sunday, January 29, 2017 at the Hawkeye Care Center in Spirit Lake.

George was born on May 5, 1925 in Bethany, NE to George and Bess (Brown) Cottier. He graduated from Estherville High School and the University of Iowa. He also served his country during World War II in the U.S. Army Air Corp. He was a Tail Gunner receiving the Purple Heart. After he was honorably discharged from service, George was united in marriage to Mary Elsenbast. To this union 4 children were born.

George worked for Pigott Inc. for many years out of Des Moines. He designed numerous libraries in Western Iowa.

He was a member of St. Alban's Episcopal Church where he also served as a Senior Warden. He was also on the Board of the Iowa Great Lakes Sanitation District where he served as Treasurer. He was also on the board of trustees for the Dickinson County Memorial Hospital.

George enjoyed golfing. One of his proudest moments was when he shot a hole in one on July 4, 2005 at Emerald Hills Golf Course. He also loved to travel and listen to music, especially Glenn Miller selections.

He is survived by his son David Buckingham and significant other Christine Fox of Spirit Lake; daughters Susan (Keith) Kellen of Milford; Nancy (Jeff) Hawn of Spirit Lake and Julia Davis of Spirit Lake; three grandchildren Tyler and Clay Hawn and Holly Davis; and George's significant other Helene Wood of Canyon Lake, TX.

His parents, one sister and eight brothers preceded him in death.

Memorials may be given in George's name to St. Alban's Scholarship Fund.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Spirit Lake. Burial of his cremains will be in the St. Alban's Church Columbarium. A visitation will be on Friday, February 3, 2017 from 4-6 p.m. at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Arrangements are under the direction of Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Service

FEB 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Alban's Episcopal Church
Spirit Lake, IA

Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of George C. Buckingham*



Robinson Funeral Home - February 03, 2017 at 02:19 PM

LF

“ *Liz, Mollie, Jim, Joan and families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of George C. Buckingham.*



Liz, Mollie, Jim, Joan and families - February 02, 2017 at 05:58 PM

JH

“ *John And Jan Huntsinger lit a candle in memory of George C. Buckingham*



John and Jan Huntsinger - February 02, 2017 at 02:57 PM

HD

“ Harv And Sandy DeGraw lit a candle in memory of George C. Buckingham



Harv and Sandy DeGraw - February 02, 2017 at 02:23 PM

RN

“ Our deepest sympathies to George's family. David shared his childhood memories with me after learning of George's passing. Prayers to those left behind. 🙏



Rhonda and David Nelson - February 02, 2017 at 10:11 AM

SD

“ David, so sorry for your loss. Hugs to you and our family.

Sally Christensen DeLoss - February 02, 2017 at 07:49 AM

JO

“ JoAnnAsa lit a candle in memory of George C. Buckingham



JoAnnAsa - February 02, 2017 at 07:02 AM

JO

Sincere sympathy to the whole family. George was a kind neighbor and will be missed

JoAnnAsa - February 02, 2017 at 07:06 AM



“ *Norm Meinking lit a candle in memory of George C. Buckingham*



Norm Meinking - February 02, 2017 at 04:54 AM

JH

“ *Jeanie Hawn lit a candle in memory of George C. Buckingham*



Jeanie Hawn - February 01, 2017 at 07:45 PM

AS

“ *So sorry for your loss. Treasure all your great memories.*



Andrea and Jeff Schwarck - February 01, 2017 at 05:13 PM

MM

“ *Mary McClurg lit a candle in memory of George C. Buckingham*



Mary McClurg - February 01, 2017 at 02:28 PM



“ *Rachael Bergquist lit a candle in memory of George C. Buckingham*



Rachael Bergquist - February 01, 2017 at 11:53 AM



“ *Nancy, Susan, Julie, and Dave, I am so sorry for your loss. ❤️*



Matthew Hawn - February 01, 2017 at 01:56 AM



“ *Lisa Reiman lit a candle in memory of George C. Buckingham*



lisa reiman - January 31, 2017 at 09:57 PM



“ *Wayne Williamson purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of George C. Buckingham.*



Wayne Williamson - January 31, 2017 at 08:24 PM

RH

“ To The Buckingham family - So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. He was a great friend of my parents. You have our deepest sympathy during this difficult time. Rod and Mary Hawkins and family

Rod and Mary Hawkins - January 31, 2017 at 07:39 PM

MR

“ To the children of George. My sincere sympathy to all of you in the passing of your Dad. He was a very nice neighbor and John & I enjoyed visiting with him.
Marilyn Rees

Marilyn F. Rees - January 31, 2017 at 02:50 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of George C. Buckingham.



January 31, 2017 at 11:42 AM

NR

“ Nancy Lago Reiman sent a virtual gift in memory of George C. Buckingham



Nancy Lago Reiman - January 31, 2017 at 09:20 AM

PA

“ *Sympathy and prayers to Susan, Julie, David and families.*

Pat Andersen - January 31, 2017 at 08:32 AM

PA

So sorry - and Nancy.

Pat Andersen - January 31, 2017 at 02:24 PM

AM

“ *Alan & Reba Munson lit a candle in memory of George C. Buckingham*



Alan & Reba Munson - January 31, 2017 at 07:33 AM

MS

“ *To Susan, Keith and family, we are so sorry to learn of George's passing. The loss of a parent is difficult. Sending comfort and love, Marilyn and John*

Marilyn Siske - January 31, 2017 at 06:24 AM

PT

“ *Paula E Krogman Tietz lit a candle in memory of George C. Buckingham*



Paula E Krogman Tietz - January 30, 2017 at 10:33 PM



“ *Denise Gilmore lit a candle in memory of George C. Buckingham*



Denise Gilmore - January 30, 2017 at 09:20 PM



“ *Susan, Keith and family, we are so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Ron, Tina Zimmerman and family.*

Ron Zimmerman and family - January 30, 2017 at 07:53 PM



“ *David & all: I miss the humor I used to hear with any of his telephone greetings; blessed be your memories. from, Martha Oskvig of Milford*

Martha Oskvig - January 30, 2017 at 04:26 PM



“ *My favorite memories will be of George at the Dick Bauman Big Band enjoying the Glenn Miller tunes. Peace to you and your families. Laura Hanna*



Laura Hanna - January 30, 2017 at 04:06 PM

FM

“ *To all of George's children,
My sincere condolences on the death of your father. He was a good
man and a special friend. I cherish the time we spent, both in
Church and at home. He will be missed! Five-five-twenty-five!
Blessings,
Fr. Carl Mann*

*Rest eternal, grant to him, O Lord;
and may light perpetual shine upon him.
May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed,
by the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

Fr. Carl Mann - January 30, 2017 at 11:11 AM

LB

“ *Lynann Burns lit a candle in memory of
George C. Buckingham*



Lynann Burns - January 30, 2017 at 10:32 AM

TH

“ *TJ And Maxine Huntsinger lit a candle in
memory of George C. Buckingham*



TJ and Maxine Huntsinger - January 30, 2017 at 07:40 AM

JC

“ Jeff & Linda Christoffer lit a candle in memory of George C. Buckingham



Jeff & Linda Christoffer - January 30, 2017 at 06:41 AM

JM

Susan, Keith and Family, We are so sorry for your loss. We will remember George for his big, happy personality. Our hearts go out to you.

Jan and Doc

Jan Mahoney - January 30, 2017 at 05:39 PM

LJ

“ Larry And Mary Ann Jansen lit a candle in memory of George C. Buckingham



Larry and Mary Ann Jansen - January 30, 2017 at 06:39 AM

MP

To the Buckingham family, Glenn and I are sad to hear of George's (handsome George to us) passing. Our thoughts are with you at this time. Mitzi Porter

Mitzi Porter - January 30, 2017 at 09:04 AM

RL

So sorry to learn of your loss and mine of a dear friend for over 70 years--we go back to my JC days in Estherville, then Iowa City and finally Spirit Lake. I have many great memories of George during all those years--he will be missed!

Raeburn Newell Louscher

Raeburn Newell Louscher - February 03, 2017 at 02:44 PM