



Lloyd "Buzz" Pickering

April 16, 1930 - August 3, 2024

Lloyd "Buzz" Pickering, 94, of Richmond, IL, passed away Saturday, August 3, 2024, while in the company of family members, at his residence.

A lifelong resident, he was born in Richmond, IL on April 16, 1930, a son of the late Viletta (Peet) and Arlie Pickering.

He was married to Marie Johnson on Jan 17, 1959, in Richmond and she died April 11, 2014.

A graduate of Richmond-Burton High School in 1948, he obtained his bachelor's in 1952 and his master's degree in 1956 from the University of WI-Stout and was an engineer at Watlow-Gordon in Richmond for 34 years, retiring in 1990. He was a member of A.S.T.M. (American Society for Testing & Materials) for 25 years and Sec'y on Temperature Measure for 5 years.

A member of Grace Lutheran Church, he was Vice President of church council for the building committee for 5 years, Past Master of the McHenry-Richmond Masonic Lodge #158 and the Freeport Consistory 32nd Degree Masons, a former member of the Paul C. Hoffman American Legion Post #253 and former member of the Richmond Rotary Club.

He served in the U.S. Army as a SSGT in HQ and HQ from Oct 1952 to Oct

1954.

Buzz was an active hunter and fisherman and loved to spend time at his cottage in the Lower Eau Claire Lakes, WI.

Survivors are two daughters Wendy (Mike) Curelo, of Spring Grove, IL and Karen (Milt Alderman) Boxell, of Auburn, IL; three grandchildren Jordan (Cari) Curelo, Dillon Curelo and Johnie Boxell. He was preceded by his parents and a brother Francis "Gene" (Janet) Pickering.

Visitation will be from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday Aug 6, 2024, with Masonic Services at 7:00 p.m. at Ehorn-Adams Funeral Home 10011 Main St, Richmond. The funeral ceremony will be at 10:00 a.m. Wed Aug. 7, 2024, at Grace Lutheran Church 6000 Broadway, Richmond. Interment will be Richmond Cemetery in Richmond, IL with military honors.

Memorials to Grace Lutheran Church 6000 Broadway St., Richmond, IL 60071.

For information, please visit www.ehornadams.com or call 815 678-7311.

Cemetery Details

Richmond Cemetery

5800 Broadway Rd.
Richmond, IL 60071

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ehorn-Adams Funeral Home (Richmond)
10011 N Main St
PO Box 375
Richmond, IL 60071
(815) 678-7311
bruce@ehornadams.com
<http://www.ehornadams.com>

Funeral Service

AUG 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

Grace Lutheran Church
6000 Broadway
Richmond, IL 60071
(815) 678-3082

Tribute Wall

DU

“ Dear Karen - I am sorry and deeply saddened by your family's tremendous loss of your precious father. Please know each of you is being held close in thought and prayer during this painfully difficult time. Sending my heartfelt condolences and many hugs for all.



Debra Jo Endres-Ard | Lizton, IN USA - August 07, 2024 at 08:23 PM

JM

“ Karen and Wendy, Thank you for sharing your wonderful dad with me! He and your mom were great friends to my folks and great fun to be around. So many wonderful memories; my entire childhood is full of them. They did that for us ❤️ Safe passage, dear Sir



Jill Popenhagen Murtagh - August 06, 2024 at 11:39 AM



“ Deepest sympathy to you all. Buzz and family friendship goes back to our parents and early days in Richmond and their cottages in Gordon. Our school days and many organizations we each were members of. Many years. Oh how fast they go by. Buzz is at peace now and probably holding hands with Marie. Blessings to you all.
Betty Buchert Waspi

Nana Waspi - August 05, 2024 at 04:12 PM

KC

“ Kelly, Bobby and all of the Collins purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Lloyd "Buzz" Pickering.



Kelly, Bobby and all of the Collins - August 05, 2024 at 03:02 PM

KC

“ Kelly, Bobby and all of the Collins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lloyd "Buzz" Pickering.

Kelly, Bobby and all of the Collins - August 05, 2024 at 03:02 PM

MA

“ My condolences and Prayers to Wendy, Karen and family. So sorry for your loss, may his memory be a Blessing.

Mark Anderson - August 05, 2024 at 01:43 PM

FB

Dear Wendy, Karen, and Families,

I am surprised and saddened by the loss of your patriarch because I had seen "King Buzz" in July strongly reigning over "The Loopie" Race around Lower Eau Claire Lake's circuit road. Elegant in his cape and crown, he lent some dignity to the humorous event by sharing longtime lake history with us neighbors. Shortly before his death as this was, I wish both Marie and Vi could have witnessed his undying strength of character and his warmth and love.

I am so thankful that my own family (Otis), now a 100 year cottage down the road from Buzz and Marie's, enabled me to witness change the way Buzz did. Fortunately, I had two very lengthy talks with Buzz, both the summer of '23 and '24; and I was very impressed with his wisdom about change and also his eloquence around the topic of acceptance.

Besides the many parallels between the Pickerings and Otises, Buzz and I had a stellar talk last summer about how to handle change in the health care system. It remains very trying and exhausting for both patients and doctors, yet Buzz shared with me a fair, cogent, and eloquent letter to his cardiologist that I still believe would serve as an excellent model of accurate and dignified communication between the "two sides".

This was a person whose warmth, friendliness, humility, and reasonableness were, and are, very much needed on this planet. I shall always think of the wonderful interiors and smiley exteriors of Vi, Buzz, and Marie when I walk past their corner.

Faith Otis Bailey - August 08, 2024 at 05:18 PM