James P. Buchanan

September 23, 1936 - March 18, 2017

Former Boone County Prosecutor and retired attorney James P. Buchanan, 80, died Saturday, March 18 at Methodist Hospital.

Mr. Buchanan was born on September 23, 1936 in Clinton, Indiana, the son of Warren B. and Sallye P. Buchanan. After graduating from Rockville High School, where he played football and basketball, he attended Wabash College, graduating in 1958, then the I.U. School of Law in Bloomington, graduating in 1961.

In February 1964, Mr. Buchanan married Margaret (Peggy) Bentley Buchanan whom he met while attending Indiana University. He served in the U .S. Navy from 1961 to 1965, honorably discharged in 1965 as a LTJG.

The Buchanans moved to Lebanon in 1965, when Mr. Buchanan joined the law firm of Stewart and Richardson. He later began his own law practice, Buchanan and Buchanan, maintaining offices in Lebanon and Rockville.

Mr. Buchanan was a member of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity, the Boone County Bar Association, and the Indiana State Bar Association. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, was an avid reader, and hiked frequently in Lebanon’s Memorial Park and Eagle Creek Park, and in Arizona while vacationing.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy Buchanan of Lebanon; daughter-in-law, Pamela Buchanan, Zionsville; grandson Thomas Buchanan, Indianapolis; granddaughter, Sarah Buchanan, Zionsville; granddaughter Lindsey Dils Bruggenschmidt and her husband Alex, of Zionsville; great-granddaughter Nora Bruggenschmidt; sister Elizabeth Buchanan and brother-in law, Roger Henderson of Tucson, Arizona; sister-in-law, Sue Jackson, Fayetteville, Arkansas, and nieces and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and sons Christopher G. and John B. Buchanan.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Those who wish to do so may contribute in James P. Buchanan's name to The Boone County Cancer Society, 117 W. Elm St., Lebanon, IN 46052 or Mental Health America of Boone County, 1122 N. Lebanon St., Lebanon IN 46052.

Arrangements entrusted to Myers Mortuary.

Tribute Wall

James P. Buchanan

November 27, 2022 at 01:43 PM

Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James P. Buchanan.

April 06, 2017 at 04:28 PM

GT

So saddened to hear of Jim's passing. Recalling many good times (and some wild times) at R H S years. Always enjoyed being around him---many interesting political discussions and thoughts, and, a great sense of irony and HUMOR ! Loved a good joke and stories. Got a lot of that, no doubt, from his Mom, Sally. Enjoyed our case discussions too and Rockville matters. We had some cases together and always enjoyed that. PRAYERS to his family and HOPES for the future.

IN SINCERITY -----atty george and wanda tofaute

george tofaute - April 01, 2017 at 06:34 AM

LG

Peggy, so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I apologize that Helen and I will not be able to share our condolences with you personally at Jim's memorial service. We want you to know we are thinking of you during this most difficult time. Your CHS wildcats "59" Classmate, Larry Gambaiani

Larry Gambaiani - March 31, 2017 at 09:30 AM

MB

Peggy, Found the Mortuary after all. Loving you so much, and making Donation to MHA of Boone Co. in Loving memory of Jim. So sorry I can't be with you on Saturday. Mary Charles

Mary Charles Bentley - April 04, 2017 at 08:57 PM

KL

So very sorry for your loss.

Kathy Linton - March 29, 2017 at 10:43 AM

MO

I remember Buck from Rockville High School. He was a man we all looked up to. A great athlete and a gentleman. When I went to Indiana University I always needed a ride back to campus when I would go home on week ends. Buck was always there for me. One time we dropped Peggy off in Greencastle and Buck and I continued on to Bloomington and for some reason, we ended up in Indianapolis. Thought we would never end up on campus. Warren took care of my mother's estate and each time I would go in the office, Buck would be there. Still the same gentleman that I remember from my high school and college days. May the Good Lord give all of you comfort in this trying time. Mary Catherine Barnes Overpeck

Mary Catherine Overpeck - March 27, 2017 at 02:12 PM

LI

Libby, former secretary, in honor of Jim's memory.

Libby - March 24, 2017 at 07:51 AM

SA

I send my deepest sympathy to Peggy Buchanan and all who were associated with James. May you know peace and comfort.

Sally Applegate-Rodeman

Sally Applegate-Rodeman - March 22, 2017 at 08:03 AM

BC

Beth Carney lit a candle in memory of James P. Buchanan

Beth Carney - March 21, 2017 at 07:45 PM

MA

Matt Averill lit a candle in memory of James P. Buchanan

Matt Averill - March 21, 2017 at 06:38 PM

JM

I knew Jim from when I worked at Kroger. What a WONDERFUL man. Sending my condolences from Florida. RIP Jim.

Jason M - March 21, 2017 at 02:08 PM

JP

Judy Pettifer lit a candle in memory of James P. Buchanan

Judy Pettifer - March 20, 2017 at 06:35 PM