



Russell C. Buchanan

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Russell C. Buchanan, 80, of Decatur, IL passed away November 7, 2020 at Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Russell was born September 17, 1940, in Decatur, to Robert and Margaret (Jones) Buchanan. Russell was an Eagle Scout with Troop 25. He proudly served in the United States Navy from 1956 to 1962. He was employed for 32 years by Norfolk and Southern railroad in Decatur, IL as a pipe fitter/welding instructor. He served some of that time in Bluefield, West Virginia. He married Barbara Jean Cherry on April 25, 1990 in Bluefield, West Virginia. Russel retired in 2002 and he and Barbara moved to Nashville, TN. He had a soul for fishing, was a master gardener, an avid poker and billiard player. And Russell loved a good practical joke.

He is survived by his loving wife of 30 years, Barbara; one son, Rodney Buchanan; one daughter, Jamie (Russell) Snoke of Decatur, IL; step-sons, Steve (Nancy) Cornell, David (Mary) Cornell of Decatur; one step-daughter, Cathy (Rob) West of Indianapolis, IN; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his step-father, Kenneth Wheeler; his son, Randy Buchanan; half brother, William Wheeler and Step-brother, Richard Wheeler.

Visitation services to celebrate the life of Russell Buchanan will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, November 12, 2020, at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Private family graveside services will be held at a later date in Graceland Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to Alzheimer's Association 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

The family of Russell Buchanan is being served by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Ave. Decatur, IL. Please view the online obituary, send condolences, and share memories at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



Events

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Visitation


 **Thursday**, November 12, 2020


 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT

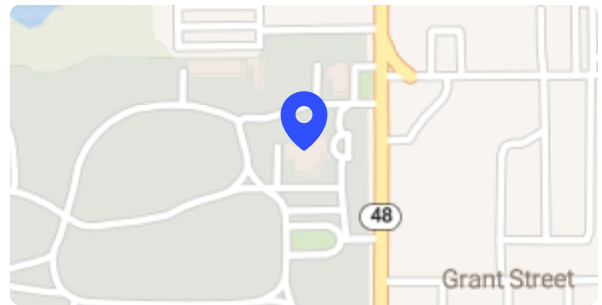
 **Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home**
2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur IL 62526



Cemetery Details

 **Graceland Cemetery**
2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur IL 62526

 **(217) 615-0724**





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DW

Dean Williamson posted:

Although we never met Russell, we know of his legacy through Jamie and family. We pray the Comforter in Matthew 5:4 is with you daily and hope your family reflects on the good times to shine as a city on the hill that cannot be hidden. Dean and Cindy Williamson

November 23 at 6:28 AM

MP

Marcia Powell posted:

We will miss Russ so much! We especially loved visiting Barb and Russ in Mt. Juliet, TN. We loved their home there and Russ really enjoyed his beautiful garden in back. Russ and Barb showed us around the Nashville area for years when we would visit and that is part of the reason we knew we would love living there too. When I think of Russ I see him with that mischievous light in his eyes. Thank you Russ for being our friend! ❤️

November 9 at 9:47 AM

MC

Mary Cornell posted:

I will always remember the time I spent with you these past 10 yrs.. I will never forget the good time I share with you .. and will always remember your sayings and my favorite "PROVE IT!" Luv you forever.. your daughter Nlaw forever. MaryCornell. ❤️

November 8 at 1:09 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Russell by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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