



John J Buckley

June 30, 2024

John Joseph Buckley, surrounded by his family, passed away peacefully at his home in Demarest on Sunday. He was 89.

Very proud of his Irish heritage, John was born in New York City to parents Thomas and Mary (Flynn) Buckley, originally of Limerick, Ireland.

John grew up in the Fordham section of the Bronx, and graduated from Rice High School at age 16. He then attended Iona College on a basketball scholarship, earning a bachelor's degree in business. After college, John was drafted into the United States Army, and played baseball and basketball in Germany as part of Special Services. He later obtained a master's degree in education from the University at New Paltz.

His love-filled, blessed marriage of 64 years to Dorothy (Banton) Buckley first brought him to Parkchester in the Bronx, where all four of his children were born. The family soon moved to Demarest, NJ, where they participated in the many happy joys of their community. John coached Little League, and helped start U-Gals Softball. He was a member of St. Joseph's Council, led weekly CCD sessions, and served on the Northern Valley Council for troubled teens.

John's business career was twofold: he transitioned from serving on the Committee on Special Education and his 20-year position as a high school

counselor in New York City to building the successful Wall Street recruiting firm John Buckley Associates until he retired in 1997.

John was predeceased by his parents Thomas and Mary, and his brother, Bill. He is survived by his brother, Thomas; wife, Dorothy; children Thomas (Kimberly Gdula), Dorothy (Michael McCarthy), William (Maria Carluccio), and John (Jackie Nitsche); and grandchildren Olivia, Ella, Grace, Quinn, John, Mohana, Ava, and Glynnton, who were a source of unbounding love. John's greatest joy was his children and grandchildren. Known by all as a jokester and a supporter, he was a very big part of their lives.

The wake for John will take place 1-4 pm and 5-8 pm on Friday, July 5 at the Barrett Leber Funeral Home in Tenafly; the Mass will take place 10 am on Saturday, July 6 at Sacred Heart Church in Haworth, followed by the interment at Rockland Cemetery in Sparkill, NY. Please consider your charity of choice in his honor.

As football season is soon upon us, John, a NY Giants season tickets holder for more than 60 years, would want all to shout out a cheer for both the Giants and the Notre Dame Fighting Irish!

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 5. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home
148 Dean Dr
Tenafly, NJ 07670
(201) 568-8043
<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation

JUL 5. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home
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Funeral Mass

JUL 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church
102 Park St.
Haworth, NJ 07641

Interment

JUL 6 (ET)

Rockland Cemetery
201 Kings Hwy
Sparkill, NY 10976

Tribute Wall

SJ

“ Shelley J. planted a grove of 10 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John J Buckley.

Shelley J. - July 11, 2024 at 10:28 AM

MO

“ Mike and Nanci O'Rourke planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John J Buckley.

Mike and Nanci O'Rourke - July 05, 2024 at 01:07 PM

MO

“ Mike and Nanci O'Rourke purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of John J Buckley.



Mike and Nanci O'Rourke - July 05, 2024 at 01:07 PM

TF

“ The Juliano Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John J Buckley.



The Juliano Family - July 04, 2024 at 08:41 PM

AP

“ Alberta P. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John J Buckley.

Alberta P. - July 04, 2024 at 12:48 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John J Buckley.*



July 03, 2024 at 09:02 PM



“ *DuBoyce family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John J Buckley.*

DuBoyce family - July 03, 2024 at 09:02 PM



“ *The Swatek family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John J Buckley.*



The Swatek family - July 03, 2024 at 01:49 PM



“ *Erik and Michele Link planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John J Buckley.*

Erik and Michele Link - July 02, 2024 at 02:39 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John J Buckley.*



July 02, 2024 at 02:39 PM

RV

“ Rob & Mary Verderese planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John J Buckley.

Rob & Mary Verderese - July 02, 2024 at 12:07 PM

RV

“ Rob & Mary Verderese purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of John J Buckley.



Rob & Mary Verderese - July 02, 2024 at 12:07 PM

JF

“ Jochnau, Huey and Sheahan families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John J Buckley.

Jochnau, Huey and Sheahan families - July 02, 2024 at 09:55 AM

JF

“ Jochnau, Huey and Sheahan families purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of John J Buckley.



Jochnau, Huey and Sheahan families - July 02, 2024 at 09:55 AM

VF

“ *Virtu Financial purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John J Buckley.*



Virtu Financial - July 02, 2024 at 09:40 AM

TF

“ *The Cummo Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John J Buckley.*



The Cummo Family - July 02, 2024 at 08:46 AM

WS

“ *With deepest sympathy purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of John J Buckley.*



With deepest sympathy - July 01, 2024 at 09:34 PM

WS

“ *With deepest sympathy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John J Buckley.*

With deepest sympathy - July 01, 2024 at 09:34 PM

MM

“ Mike, Wendy, Tom and Danny McGinley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John J Buckley.

Mike, Wendy, Tom and Danny McGinley - July 01, 2024 at 08:35 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John J Buckley.



July 01, 2024 at 08:35 PM

PC

“ Patricia C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John J Buckley.

Patricia C. - July 01, 2024 at 04:33 PM

PC

“ Patricia C. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John J Buckley.



Patricia C. - July 01, 2024 at 04:33 PM