



John Harry Buchalski

September 17, 1927 - August 4, 2010

Buchalski, John H.

Age 82, passed away August 4, 2010 at his residence. Born September 17, 1927 in Detroit. Retired from Utica Community Schools as a principal after 35 years. Met President Nixon in 1972 at the dedication of Eisenhower High School. Mr. Buchalski was a journeyman carpenter, he enjoyed fixing and remodeling homes as a hobby. He also went on to get his builders licence. He graduated from Eastern University 1951, where he played football and received a bachelors degree. He graduated from U of M in 1955 with a masters degree in education, received an education specialist degree in 1964 from Wayne State. He was also a World War II Navy veteran.

Beloved husband of Lorraine. Loving father of Brian, Dean, and the late Thomas, Claudia Hagen, Diane Marie Nice-Stewart-Buchalski, Brenda Buchalski, and Audrey Walsh-Buchalski. Proud grandfather of Melissa Porter, Nicki Nice, Rebecca Walsh, and Dean Stewart. Dear great grandfather of Jacob Porter. Brother of Irene Susitko, and the late Dorothy Snay. Visitation at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd. 3 blocks E. of Van Dyke, Utica, on Saturday 4-9 p.m. and Sunday 2-9 p.m. with a 7 p.m. prayer service. Instate Monday 9:30 a.m. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 44633 Utica Rd. between Van Dyke and M-59, Utica, until time of the mass at 10 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Memorials appreciated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Please share a memory at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

GC

“ My sympathy on the passing of Mr Buchalski. I didn't know him well but we met a few times in 72-73. That year, or back then may be, students weren't always nice to representatives: principals etc. But about him, even from rather tough students, I always heard: "He's very nice, we like our Principal". On Mr B's demand, I was even assigned to a little art job by Mr Teachworth. That memory's only a trivia but, when Mr B congratulated me, I thought: "So it's true, that Principal sure is kind; he's so busy & still finds time to come thank me in person!". I'm very grateful to Mr B for the opportunity he, with the Bd of Educat°, offered my fellow exchange stdts & me : attend 12th gr. graduate at Ike -cl.of '73. Such an experience sure influences one's life, therefore memories, of course. I was the '73 French exch stdt - & by the way, I also attended R Nixon's visit to the newly built school in 72. Thank you Mr Buchalski! My Condolences to your Family. Gilles Paul Cayla, Paris Fr.

Gilles Cayla - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our sympathy on the passing of Mr. Buchalski

IKE ClassOf 78' - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Dear Mrs.Buchalski and family, Our family is sending our prayers and condolences on the passing of Mr.Buchalski. We have such great memories of your family, you hold a special place in our hearts and we want to tell you how much you have meant to all of us. Blessings to you and the family, Judi and Brent Holland, Donna Carsey, Mike and Damon Oprea.

Judi Oprea Holland - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ To Lorraine and John's family - I am so sorry for your loss. My late husband Jess knew John well and remembered him from high school. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. In friendship, Betty Bennett

Betty Bennett - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NN

“ Dearest Dean, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your grandfather....my child you have endured alot of pain an loss in the last few years...the loss of both of your parents within the same year...I was so saddened to her about your mom when you stopped by to see me....and than to find out you also have lost both of your aunts....I hope n pray that God will guide you thru this grieving time in your life....You are strong...hang in there....May God watch over you and keep you safe....I worry about you....your a great kid....

Nanette Dust Neal - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. My prayers are with you all. I have fond memories of Mr. Buchalski - I'm a member of the IKE class of '75.

Kim Aubel - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Mr. Buchalski was our principal for the Class of 85 at Eisenhower High School and he will be greatly missed!

John Greenough - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Our prayers are with Aunt Lorraine, Dean and Brian. Uncle John was always so good to me - he knew my love of dill pickles and would drop off newly canned jars to our house - just for me! He was a very giving man - from Thanksgiving morning swims at Eisenhower HS, to sharing the cottage, to remembering details of life to ask about--and this just names a few things! He will be missed. Peace, Jane

Jane McKay Tierney - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. When I was a little girl I live by John and Lorraine on Oriole street, and as years went I ran into them on various occasions. My Aunt, Rosemary Head lived in back of them. I remember John as being a remarkable man, with a wonderful personality. Always smiling and always positive! My prayers are with you. Barb Kent

Barbara Kent/Parlett - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FZ

“ My sincere prayers and sympathy are with your family. God Bless You.

Florene Zanardelli - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ My deepest sympathys to the family. I always got along John Buchalski. I guess this was unusual for a student and an administrator to do. He taught me much while I was at IKE as Student Council President. Those lesson I have tried to carry through life. Thanks Mr B for everything.

Brian Holland - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM