



A.E. "Buzz" Beard

April 9, 1942 - November 7, 2021

Frankfort – A. E. "Buzz" Beard, age 79, passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 7, 2021, at Louisville Baptist Hospital East. He was born in Hardinsburg, Kentucky on April 9, 1942, to the late Arthur "Brick" and Bonnie Beard. He graduated from Breckenridge County High School and later from Eastern Kentucky University. Buzz was a Veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He served his first job with R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in Indianapolis, Indiana when he met his wife of 54 years, Kitty Swain Beard. They were married on November 25, 1967.

In 1969, they moved to Frankfort with The Nunn Administration as Director of a newly formed Board of Traffic Safety. After his service with The Nunn Administration, he started Beard Realty in which he was the sole broker until he opened the Coldwell Banker Franchise. Following, he served with Commonwealth Century 21 where he finished his real estate career.

He loved Frankfort, the community and the politics. He worked as the 6th District Chairman of the Republican Party and former President of the Jay-Cees in Frankfort. He was instrumental in starting the Crime Stopper's Program. Buzz served as the President of the Board of Realtors and was active in Lions Club and United Way. He was a member and served as Deacon at the First Presbyterian Church. Buzz was dedicated to civic leadership and his community.

In addition to his wife, Kitty, he is survived by his sons, Arthur Swain Beard (Ginger) and Christopher Hart Beard (Heather), both of Louisville; brother,

Ken Hart Beard (Susan), of Hinsdale, Illinois and grandchildren, Bryce, Wesley, Mary Swain, Olivia, and Camden Beard.

Services will be held at First Presbyterian Church at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16, 2021. Private burial services will follow at Frankfort Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 15, 2021.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or Franklin County Humane Society.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **15**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harrod Brothers Funeral Home
312 Washington Street
Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 227-4526
hbfh@harrodbrothers.com
<https://www.harrodbrothers.com>

Service

NOV **16**. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
416 W. Main Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

Tribute Wall



“ *A.E. "Buzz" Beard*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for peace in the coming days. I graduated with Buzz at Breckinridge County High School in June 1960. He was so sweet and a popular guy and good basketball player. He was someone of whom his family would have been proud to call husband, dad, and grandfather.*



Virginia Jeffries - November 15, 2021 at 09:04 PM



“ *Swain, I am sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I know how difficult these times can be for you and your family. You are in my prayers.*

Keith Matthews

Keith Matthews - November 15, 2021 at 04:15 PM



“ *You will be sadly missed. Bill and Peggy Swain*

Peggy W. Swain - November 13, 2021 at 07:36 PM

TH

“ Buzz and I grew up together here in Hardinsburg. We spent many afternoons fishing at the city lake. On occasion we would take a can of soup, build a fire to heat our soup and fish as we ate. Buzz always had an out-going personality and was liked by all. He was the favorite of his Aunt Ola and she would bring him cookies from the store, which he really liked! I remember that Buzz and Ken had a 24" bike on which most of we kids learned to ride. I often think of those good times we all had together and so thankful for friends like Buzz and Ken. Thomas Neal Hicks

Thomas Neal Hicks - November 13, 2021 at 12:48 PM

LL

“ Kitty so sorry to hear of the passing of Buzz. What a wonderful person he was and couple you were. I remember him being so instrumental in the purchase of our first home, and again providing a place to rent for a new band director coming to town. What a loss for all of us left behind but a gain for Heaven. Prayers and hugs for you and your family. ❤️❤️❤️

Louis and Dorothy Lockett - November 13, 2021 at 07:38 AM

CM

“ Our sympathies and prayers to your family. Mr. Beard was a very kind man and although we didn't know him well he took a chance on us as renters and about 8 years later we are still in the same house. So grateful he had faith in us. God bless!

Chermie & Scott Maxwell

Chermie Maxwell - November 12, 2021 at 04:15 PM

JK

“ So sorry to hear about my child hood friend and high school buddy. We had so much fun playing all kinds of sports in his back yard and drive way. Ken sorry for your loss, but we can remember all the great times we had growing up together.

John Kincheloe - November 10, 2021 at 04:45 PM

KE

“ My Daughter had the pleasure renting from him. He wasn't only a great Landlord: but a wonderful person. No matter where he saw you he would always speak to you. I saw him at Walmart one time and he stopped me and we had a wonderful conversation for about 10 or 15 minutes. He will be missed. May you R.I.H. Kathryn Edwards



Kathryn Edwards - November 09, 2021 at 09:01 PM

TM

“ Terri M. purchased the Mrs. Fields Large Combo Basket for the family of A.E. "Buzz" Beard.



Terri M. - November 09, 2021 at 05:48 PM

PB

“ My sister, Jacki, and I are cousins of Buzz and were very privileged to spend many summer holidays at Aunt Bonnie and Uncle Brick's home in Hardinsburg. We spent part of our summer vacation with them during Ken and Buzz's teenage years. I remember them being active in sports (we cheered for them at their baseball games) and meeting their many friends in the area. Buzz of course knew and was loved by all the townsfolk being the very congenial fellow that he was. Toward the end of the summer, he and his friends would be hard at work during the day helping local farmers harvest crops and cattle feed, baling hay and coming home exhausted and hungry for Aunt Bonnie's bounteous evening meals. When visiting Hardinsburg one summer, I remember Buzz's Kitty being proudly introduced to all the family. And so the very good beginning of a new chapter in his life and the unfolding years with a very fruitful partnership of mutual love and solid support with his dear wife Kitty and their growing family. A life well lived, Buzz will be sorely missed by all who had the privilege of knowing and loving him. Much love from his cousin, Patricia (Patty Sue).

Patricia Biggam - November 09, 2021 at 09:59 AM

JC

The best memories of my childhood are the memories of visiting Aunt Bonnie, Uncle Brick, Ken, and Buzz for several weeks in the summers in Hardinsburg. My sister Patty and I loved going to their ball games and just being around Buzz and Ken and their friends. I can remember Buzz telling me good-naturedly to “go play in the traffic” so I must have been a bit of a pest. In later years I continued to visit “My old Kentucky home” and my beloved Aunt Bonnie and it was a joy to have a relationship with Buzz and Kitty. My husband Mike and I were thrilled that they visited us in Michigan for a tour of some of our favorite up north spots and a fun and memorable snowmobile trip with Les and Judy Hurst and Mike's brother and sister-in-law Jacques and Marcia Bourdeau. You knew you were important to Buzz. Whenever we spoke on the phone he'd always say, “Well now Jacki, let me ask you this...” and he would listen to my opinion on something. He had a good, easygoing sense of humor that put everyone at ease. I am very thankful my memories of Buzz.

Jacki Bourdeau (Buzz's cousin) - November 10, 2021 at 09:23 AM

JC

*Kitty and Family:
Jeanne joins me in expressing our deepest sympathy on your great loss, as Buzz was a wonderful person great friend.*

James Codell - November 11, 2021 at 07:30 AM

PK

“ *Phoenix Kincaid lit a candle in memory of A.E. "Buzz" Beard*



Phoenix Kincaid - November 08, 2021 at 10:18 PM

JD

“ *JOANN DEAN lit a candle in memory of A.E. "Buzz" Beard*



JOANN DEAN - November 08, 2021 at 05:58 PM