



John Kendall Buck

April 25, 1941 - November 28, 2025

Mr. John "Jack" Kendall Buck, 84, of Newnan, Georgia, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, November 28, 2025. He was born John Joseph McCarthy on April 25, 1941, in Toledo, Ohio, to Daniel McCarthy and Marie Noll. Adopted by Kendall and Naomi Redrup a few days after his birth, Kendall's sister Bessie and her husband Earl Buck took in Jack when needs arose and raised him as their own son. Jack officially changed his name to Buck at the age of 18. He was preceded in death by all his parents; his brothers Don Buck, Larry McCarthy, and Mike Maze; and his sisters Shirley Sharp, Donna Fraley, and Sandra LaFontaine.

Jack grew up in Sylvania, Ohio. He graduated from Burnham High School (now Sylvania High School), where he excelled in sports as an accomplished wrestler and track star. He also excelled in music, where he played the cornet for his high school band. After attending college first at the University of Wisconsin as a football player and then at Bowling Green University, he returned to Toledo, where he met his beloved wife, Jane. They married and had two dear daughters, Beth and Jennifer. Jack was passionate and hardworking-his devotion to hard work was first and foremost a devotion to creating stability for his wife and his daughters. After marrying Jane, Jack began a lifelong career in the trucking industry, first as a driver for Consolidated Freightways and then as a Safety Engineer/Driver Trainer for Saunders Leasing Systems and Ryder Truck Rentals, moving the family from Toledo to Ann Arbor, to Birmingham, to New Orleans, and then to Newnan.

Over his career in trucking safety, Jack worked for the Department of Transportation Safety Institute, administering the Handicapped Driver Waiver Course; he was sought out as an expert witness as a safety consultant; and he organized the North American Truck Driving Championship Rodeos for many years. After his retirement from Ryder, he decided to drive his own truck again for a few years before leaving the industry.

Jack sang with a beautiful Irish tenor voice and played instruments, including the French horn and trumpet. He and his wife Jane sang in the choirs of the churches they were a part of over the years as well as community choruses. Jack enjoyed planning trips with his family and golfing. In his church life, Jack served as a deacon. His constant motivation was his faith in Jesus, and his faith impacted the way he lived. Jack knew no strangers, he loved people unconditionally, and he was generous with time and money.

Jack was known as Papa Jack to his grandchildren and great grandson. From donut runs, to annual grandparent camp, to holiday gatherings where he dressed up as Santa, his family is forever changed by the joy and fullness with which he embraced life.

Jack is survived by his cherished wife Jane; daughters Beth (Derek) Miller of Nashville, Jennifer (Guy) Richard of Smyrna; grandchildren, Kendal (Gary) Zhang of Nashville, Colette Miller of Breckenridge, Ruby Miller of Savannah, Schyler Richard of Smyrna, Jane (Micah) Messner of Pensacola, Ellie Richard of Smyrna; and great grandson Roman Zhang of Nashville. In addition, he is survived by his sister Gladys Shrewsbury of Genoa, Ohio, and brother Donnie (Ann) Maze of Walbridge, Ohio.

A Memorial Service will be held at Carriage Lane Presbyterian Church located at 101 Carriage Lane in Peachtree City, Georgia, on Saturday, December 13, 2025, at 11 o'clock am. Visitation will be held prior to the service at 10 o'clock am with a reception to follow the service.

Rather than flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to Reformed Theological Seminary (please designate the Atlanta campus) <https://rts.edu/development/> or to the Benevolence Fund at Carriage Lane Presbyterian

Church <https://www.carriagelanepres.com/memorial>. Condolences can also be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com. McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
care@mckoon.com
<http://www.mckoon.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Carriage Lane Presbyterian Church
101 Carriage Lane
Peachtree City, GA 30269

Funeral Service

DEC 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RA

“ Robert & Austyn purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John Kendall Buck.



Robert & Austyn - December 10, 2025 at 11:18 PM

PS

“ Praying for Jane & family during this loss of Jack. Jack was an amazing display of human spirit & LOVE (AKA Santa). His earthly deeds are over but the seeds of love & kindness he planted will bloom forever. Today we smile for the wonderful memories & thank GOD for our friendship. RIP Jack. Forever in our hearts. Paul & Gail

Paul & Gail Steele - December 05, 2025 at 12:53 PM

TC

“ The Castle purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John Kendall Buck.



The Castle - December 05, 2025 at 08:32 AM

CC

“ I loved Mr Buck. Just like everyone did.. and yes. I was blessed to sing with him at church . . And do lots of projects for him.. he was a wonderful project manager and boss.. I ALWAYS jumped at the chance to work for him . Mr Buck was a GIVER. He loved giving to the Lord's kingdom.. and loving people with the Lord's love. and of course..he didn't want people to know . He didn't want the credit... I witnessed his generosity many times . I'll just say.. Jack Buck was a SPECIAL BLESSING TO THE CHEROKEE PEOPLE that he loved . . I was blessed to be there when it happened.. he showed me what it means to be a GIVER.. and a Godly man . We miss him . But he does Not miss us. He is at his REAL HOME with the Lord Jesus.. more alive than he has ever been.. . I praise the Lord that I was blessed to know him. Praying for Jane and all the family !

Clay Callaway - December 03, 2025 at 08:37 PM

JS

“ My heart goes out to Jane, Beth, Jennifer and all of their friends. I have many memories of Jack from Emmanuel Baptist Church in Toledo, OH. I can still hear him singing “Til the Storm Passes Over” - and now he is singing in heaven! We will meet again someday, my friend!!

JoAnne Spitler - December 03, 2025 at 03:50 PM

BO

Jack and Jane were loved by our Emmanuel Baptist Church family and we were saddened when they moved out of town. Jack is fondly remembered for his passionately singing of Til the Storm Passes By. I am sure that memory will be shared by many. We are praying for you in the days ahead.

Butch and Marcia Stover, Toledo Oh - December 03, 2025 at 05:55 PM

JB

Thank you for these sweet memories and words of comfort.

Jane Buck - December 19, 2025 at 11:41 AM

JO

“ Our FOREVER favorite Santa! You will be dearly missed in our community! Thank you for all your volunteering Jack.

Joni - December 03, 2025 at 03:32 PM



“ Will always remember Jack's great organizational skills, (wrangling 25-50 elementary kids every week isn't easy!), singing with the Bucks in choir at Carriage Lane, and his inventiveness in coming up with games for the kids. He often called me "boss", but he was so fun to serve with! Will sing God's praises with you, Jack...just a little further apart. 🤔💕 May the Lord bless and keep Jane and your family until we are together again. -Susan Mitchell

Susan Mitchell - December 03, 2025 at 12:48 PM

DB

We cherish the memories of Jack's kindness and laughter that he shared with us as our neighbor. His life was a blessing, and our memories are a treasure.

Jane, our sincerest condolences go out to you and your family; you are in our thoughts and prayers. May you find comfort in knowing the Lord is near to the brokenhearted and will give you peace that surpasses understanding.

We'll miss our friend Jack, rest in Peace.

Anotha & Daisy Burt

"Psalm 116:15 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints"

daisy burt - December 06, 2025 at 05:01 PM