



Robert W. Buckner

January 28, 1935 - June 13, 2017

On 13 June 2017, Robert W. Buckner passed away from complications caused by pneumonia. Bob was born on 28 January 1935 to Lawrence and Elizabeth Buckner of the Bronx, New York. Bob graduated from DeWitt Clinton High School in 1952 and went on to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point. While at West Point he met the love of his life, JoAnn Paradiso... they married after his graduation in 1957 (go Army beat Navy). After serving in the military, Bob returned to “da Bronx” and attended Columbia University and became a Physical Education instructor. He taught at his Alma Mater, DeWitt Clinton, for 35 years. He loved his job and those he worked with. Bob especially loved the time when he was coaching. During his time at DeWitt Clinton, he was the head coach for the Clinton basketball team and assistant coach for the football team. After a successful run with high school basketball and football, he went on to coach basketball at Manhattan College. Bob and JoAnn raised four children in Hastings-on-Hudson, New York. He switched to coaching female sports at Hastings High School when his daughter, Barbara, was a member of the basketball team. Bob and his family shared many summers together at Coventry Lake in Connecticut, always hosting extended family and friends, leaving us with many special memories.

In retirement, Bob enjoyed summers in the mountains of Blowing Rock, North Carolina and winters in sunny Vero Beach, Florida. Bob is predeceased by his wife of 58 years, JoAnn, and his eldest son Richard. He is survived by his

children Barbara, Ted, Robert, and their families as well as Richard's wife, Apiwan, and her family, and Bob's brothers, Richard and Roy, and their families.

A celebration of life will be planned for a future date. In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to the West Point Association of Graduates (WPAOG), United States Military Academy at 1698 Mills Road, West Point, NY 10996 in memory of Robert W. Buckner, USMA Class of 1957.

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“ I was truly saddened to hear of the passing of Bob and, before that, his beautiful wife, JoAnn and their oldest son, Rich. Mr. and Mrs. Buckner were probably the kindest people I ever met as I grew up in Hastings and became fast friends with Rich. Barbara, Ted and Robert are cut from the same mold and really nice people.

I played a lot of basketball with Bob, who was actually my first coach when I was on a rec ball team with Rich when we were ten years old. As a young adult I played on week-ends in Hastings with Bob, my father and others. Nobody knew more about how to coach and how to bring out the best in a person out there on a court. Let's just say that he was a real floor general and a player/coach nonpareil.

He really was something special!

Only hearing about Rich's passing very recently and not in touch with any of the brothers and sister, I had Mr. and Mrs. Buckner on my mind and hoped to be able to contact them. Time has a way of slipping by faster than we hope it would.

I'm staggered to hear of such news that both parents had passed on.

If I can just say: I loved them all and wish Barbara, Ted and Robert the very best and will always remember them well. The best of the best!

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