



## Roger James Buzzard

June 26, 1932 - December 15, 2013

Roger James Buzzard, age 81, of Huntington, died at 5:39 a.m. Sunday (December 15, 2013) at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Roger was born on June 26, 1932, the son of Elbridge and Laura (Kocher) Buzzard in Wabash. He graduated from Lagro High School in 1950. He married Juanita Burkholder on April 5, 1953 at College Park Church in Huntington. He graduated from Huntington College in 1955 and received his Master's Degree from Michigan State University. He worked as a professor at Huntington College for ten years. After 29 years of service at Manchester College, he retired in 1997 as a Professor Emeritus. He was a member of the Huntington City Council for four years and he served as member of the American Red Cross Board. Roger was also a licensed private pilot. He was a Fulbright Scholar in India for a summer, and will be remembered by many students.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years - Juanita Buzzard of Huntington; two sons - Scott Buzzard of Huntington and Brian (Xu) Buzzard of East Amherst, New York; two daughters - Jennifer (Dan) Lance of Roanoke and Karen Bucher of North Manchester; two sisters-in-law - Ava Buzzard and Freda Buzzard, both of Huntington; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. His parents and four brothers - Wallace Buzzard, Dean Buzzard, Rex Buzzard, and Murl Buzzard preceded him in death.

Visitation of family and friends will be held from 2 - 6 p.m. Saturday, December 21, 2013 at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington.

Memorial contributions may be made to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **21**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary

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# Tribute Wall



“ Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Roger James Buzzard



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**Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary** - December 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Roger Buzzard was one of a kind! In a world where economics is so often about business, Roger connected economic theory to history, to political science and to our lives. I will always be grateful for his friendship both personally and professionally. Although when I think of him, my first thought will be of his wicked sense of humor!

Carrie Rager  
Manchester 1982  
Notre Dame 1984

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**Carrie Rager** - December 20, 2013 at 04:40 PM

KH

“ Dear Juanita,  
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I didn't know Roger but I knew you from teaching and always had a lot of fun whenever I was around you. I wanted you to know that I will be thinking of you in the days to come.

Sincerely,  
Kris Hittler

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**Kris Hittler** - December 19, 2013 at 06:29 PM

BC

“ I was privileged to have worked in an office near Roger's and enjoyed his wit, his laughter and his warm hugs that he gave so freely. He will be among my most favorite Manchester memories.

*Brenda Carver*

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**Brenda Carver** - December 19, 2013 at 09:28 AM

JT

“ Roger and I served many years together on Academic Policies Committee, and I learned a lot from him. He was a strong presence on our campus and in our classrooms. I'll always remember his intensity! Janina Traxler

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**Janina Traxler** - December 18, 2013 at 05:53 PM

LR

“ Scott, I am so sorry for your loss. my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your loved ones.

*Larry Rich*

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**Larry Rich** - December 18, 2013 at 02:27 PM

MA

“ Roger and his good friend, the late Jim Bishop, welcomed me to the Department of History and Political Science at Manchester College over twenty years ago. Roger's skill in the classroom, his easy rapport with students, and his dedication to life-long learning served as a model for me and many others who had the good fortune to work with him.

*Mark Angelos*

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**Mark Angelos** - December 18, 2013 at 08:22 AM

MZ

“ Our hearts go out to the family and many other friends of Roger Buzzard as we mourn his passing. He was a remarkable man. As a student at Huntington College, he was a model. The seriousness with which he took his academic work was almost flattering to professors who had him in class. His scholarly mind, one of the brightest we ever knew, was devoted to his discipline--economics-- which he regarded as a profound and challenging science. We were honored to have been invited to share in a number of family celebrations and saw how he delighted, with good reason, in his children and grandchildren. How we will miss our stimulating conversations with him!

*Mabel and Carl Zurcher*

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**Mabel and Carl Zurcher** - December 17, 2013 at 12:52 PM

SG

“ Thinking of you at this difficult time, Jenny... Never easy to say goodbye to our parents... hope you, Dan, and your kids are doing well. I fondly remember my time working for/with you at Lance's Market in North Manchester... eons ago! Shelly (Fitzgerald) Gilliland

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**Shelly Gilliland** - December 17, 2013 at 09:25 AM

MD

“ If I had taken a class with him my first or second year at Manchester instead of my last year, I might have become an economist.

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**Mark Shafer DDS** - December 16, 2013 at 10:12 PM

LW

“ Roger was a valued colleague in Manchester's Department of History and Political Science. I treasure the many conversations we had about politics in the academy and in the larger community. He had a keen sense of procedure and justice.

*Leonard Williams*

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**Leonard Williams** - December 16, 2013 at 05:44 PM



“ Roger Buzzard taught me Economics at Huntington University when he finished his degree at Michigan State University. He loved his subject and when he finished his notes class was over. Ray Seilhamer

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**Ray Seilhamer** - December 16, 2013 at 02:20 PM

JV

“ Jane Varney lit a candle in memory of Roger James Buzzard



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**jane varney** - December 16, 2013 at 01:47 PM

JV

*I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayer are with all of you.*

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**jane varney** - December 16, 2013 at 01:49 PM

RW

“ *The first lecture I attended at Manchester was with Professor Buzzard. I was spellbound by his eloquence and decided to major in Economics so that I could take as many classes as possible from him. Roger was a great teacher, mentor, friend and advocate. He was instrumental in helping me to secure a Graduate scholarship at Purdue. I thoroughly enjoyed his company in and out of the classroom and have fond memories of our times at "The Spillway". My condolences to his family and friends.*

*Randy Wilson  
Manchester College '80*

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**Randy Wilson** - December 16, 2013 at 01:43 PM