



Leo James "Jim" Buchta

October 28, 1943 - July 28, 2020

Leo James "Jim" Buchta, age 76, of Lick Creek, IL, passed away at 10:22 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 in Baptist Health Hospital of Paducah, KY.

He was born on Thursday, October 28, 1943 in Waukegan, IL, the son of Leo Edward Buchta and Mary Margaret (DeBates) Buchta Andrada.

Jim was united to Suzanne Zalewski on Saturday, January 23, 1965 in Kenosha, WI and together they have shared 55 ½ wonderful years of marriage.

His working career was with wholesale florist, Kenicott Brothers in Waukegan, IL, as branch manager where local florists purchased their flowers and floral supplies. Sometimes he would even help out as a "pinch hitter" when local florists needed help. Jim was lucky enough to retire from Kennicott Brother's after 35 years, on the exact same day his wife Suzanne retired from her job, September 30, 2005.

In his spare time, Jim loved woodworking, he could look at a picture of anything or imagine it and build it with no plans needed, flower gardening, there was never a tree he met that he did not want to transplant onto the farm somewhere and somehow. He loved fishing and hunting and being outdoors caring for his Alpacas and any other animals that would come his way. He was always interested in the many activities of his grandchildren including airsofting and building models with his grandsons and of course, lending a helping hand to any of his neighbors whenever they might have needed it.

He is survived by his loving wife, Suzanne Buchta of Lick Creek, IL; his daughter Tamra and her husband Gus Tracy of Powers Lake, WI; son, Michael and his wife Jill Buchta of Trevor, WI; 5 grandchildren, James, Maxwell and Camille Tracy and Ryan and Alison Buchta, his brother Thomas and his wife Judy Buchta; many neighbors and friends who will now cherish the memories he leaves behind.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Leo Edward Buchta and Mary

Margaret Buchta Andrada and his brother, Richard Allen Buchta.

To honor Jim's memory, please help your neighbors or plant a tree in your yard or a nearby park.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wilson-McReynolds Funeral Home, 900 N. Court St., Marion.

To leave an online condolence of memory please visit our website at www.wilsonmcreynolds.com or for additional information please call 618-993-2131.

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Nancy Schueneman - August 03 at 12:33 PM



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Patti Robinson - August 02 at 11:41 AM



“ Sue Christensen lit a candle in memory of Leo James "Jim" Buchta



Sue Christensen - August 01 at 08:19 PM



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