



## John Robert Buczowski

May 23, 2018

John Robert "Buck" Buczowski

God took Bucky peacefully on May 23, 2018 after a long illness and 54 years of happiness and fulfillment. Buck's devotion to family and friends was legendary. His sense of humor, humility, charisma, and generosity of spirit made him universally loved. He was a tour de force whose absence will leave a void in so many lives. Buck was as large in kindness as he was in stature at 6'7 and 300 pounds. Buck was recognized as a unique athletic talent: he was a big man with a rare combination of speed strength, and agility. Despite no training or practice in the shot-put, he effortlessly won 2 WPIAL, 2PIAA, and 1 Big East shot-putting championships. Buck played football at Gateway High School where he made All-American and was selected to the Gateway Hall of Fame. He played defensive line for the University of Pittsburgh before being selected as a first round draft pick of the Oakland Raiders in 1986. He also played for the Phoenix Cardinals and Cleveland Browns before injuries cut short his career. Buck was inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, Western Chapter. He is survived by his beloved son Brayden; his parents, Dianne and Robert; brother Jeff; sister Pam Kotvas and her husband Charles; goddaughter and niece Amanda; nephew Chuck; Brayden's mother, Rebecca; and Brayden's maternal grandparents, Leo Eger and Nancy Eubing. Friends will be received from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. on Thursday, May 31 and Friday, June 1 at the GENE H. CORL INC. FUNERAL CHAPEL AND

CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE, 4335 Northern Pike (412-372-2100). Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at North American Martyrs Church. Entombment following at Penn Lincoln Memorial Park in North Huntingdon. A gathering for family and friends will follow interment at site to be announced. In lieu of flowers or any 3rd party charities, donations are in exigency for his son Brayden Buczkowski, c/o 4515 Northern Pike, Monroeville, PA. 15146 or can be received at [gofundme.com](http://gofundme.com) under Buczkowski Funeral and Family Support.

# Cemetery Details

## Penn Lincoln Memorial Park

14679 State Route 30  
North Huntingdon, AK 15642

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 31. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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## Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

North American Martyrs Church  
Haymaker Road  
Monroeville, PA

# Tribute Wall

Cathy  
Torchia

“ *I use to spend many Thursday night karaoke and Friday as DJ at the Gold Rush years ago, I have so many wonderful memories. I was heartbroken to hear the news that Buck has passed. My deepest sympathies to all of his family and friends during this difficult time. Buck was one of the nicest guys I've ever know. May his Memory be Eternal!*

Cat

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**Cathy Torchia** - June 01, 2018 at 03:59 AM

NU

“ *R.I.P. You will be missed by so many!*



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**Nancy Uebing** - May 31, 2018 at 06:43 PM

CT

“ *I spent many Thursday nights karaoke & Friday nights as DJ at the Gold Rush years ago, with so many wonderful memories! The news of Buck passing is truly sad and heartbreaking. My deepest sympathy to all of his family and friends during this difficult time. He was one of the nicest people I've ever met. May his Memory be Eternal!*

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**Cathy Torchia** - May 31, 2018 at 12:25 PM

JJ

“ Jennifer Janke sent a virtual gift in memory of John Robert Buczkowski



Jennifer Janke - May 31, 2018 at 10:23 AM

JJ

“ Wishing you a beautiful life. I've known you since I was 6 years old. We went through a lot together building bars and late night dinners at King's eating ice cream with my mom and your dad. you will be missed by everyone. with love, Jennifer

Jennifer Janke - May 31, 2018 at 10:09 AM

JS

“ Jennifer And Mark Janke Sargent lit a candle in memory of John Robert Buczkowski



Jennifer and Mark Janke Sargent - May 31, 2018 at 09:47 AM

BS

“ Brenda Sowers lit a candle in memory of John Robert Buczkowski



Brenda Sowers - May 31, 2018 at 08:02 AM

JW

“ *Jay and Nadine West*



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**Jay West** - May 31, 2018 at 03:46 AM

VM

“ *Vincent (Vinnie) Mingo lit a candle in memory of John Robert Buczkowski*



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**Vincent (Vinnie) Mingo** - May 29, 2018 at 10:55 AM

“ *Footprints-in-the-Sand-Poem*

*One night I dreamed a dream.  
As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.  
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.  
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,  
One belonging to me and one to my Lord.*

*After the last scene of my life flashed before me,  
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.  
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,  
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,  
there was only one set of footprints.*

*This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.  
"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,  
You'd walk with me all the way.  
But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of  
my life,  
there was only one set of footprints.  
I don't understand why, when I needed You the most, You would  
leave me."*

*He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave  
you  
Never, ever, during your trials and testings.  
When you saw only one set of footprints,  
It was then that I carried you."*

*Will never forget you*

*Chuck & Chris Mingo and Family*



Rebecca Eger

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Rebecca Eger - May 27, 2018 at 07:55 PM

ST

*One of the kindest human beings ive ever know.Love you big fella and may you R.I.P.*

Stoney - May 28, 2018 at 07:03 PM

MV

“ *Buc..... a big guy with an even bigger heart.... whether you had anything or not you would give the shirt off your back..... rest in peace my friend.*

MICHAEL VESELY - May 27, 2018 at 10:13 AM

MU

“ *Mike Urick sent a virtual gift in memory of John Robert Buczkowski*



Mike Urick - May 26, 2018 at 10:42 AM

MU

“ Mike Urick lit a candle in memory of John Robert Buczkowski



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MU

“ I worked at the Gold Rush when BUCK and his mom and dad were owners he was a very good man and wish all the luck to his family.

Mike Urick - May 26, 2018 at 10:40 AM

CI

“ Never had to worry about getting in trouble with Daddy when Bobby was around because “it was always his fault:)”. Certainly not Vicky’s, Connie’s or Cindy’s;). Had great times at Grandma and Grandpap’s walking through the woods, hanging out in the tree house and riding Dolly; although Bobby did not master riding Dolly. Lord he could not stay on that horse, but Grandpap sure showed us how to ride. Daddy and I on the porch watching Grandpap ride Dolly with his cigarette flying out of his mouth and holding on for dear life ~ Daddy’s like “ok we got it now”. PS ~ I got thrown off that damn horse as well. Bobby was a dear cousin and we were very close growing up. Bobby ~ I love you, I miss you and you will forever be in my heart. Give a great big hug to Daddy from me. Until our paths meet again... 🌟

Cindy - May 26, 2018 at 08:53 AM

PA

Now that’s the real truth! Miss my little brother

pam - May 27, 2018 at 09:14 PM

RE

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



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Rebecca - May 25, 2018 at 09:27 PM

RE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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Rebecca - May 25, 2018 at 09:10 PM

RT

*"Buc" was one of the nicest men I have ever known. He was a friend and teammate, but above all else he was my "PAL"...he always cared more about how "you" were doing than himself..even when he was not feeling well...he is with GOD now and at peace..may his family be at peace as well...TANK TANTLINGER*

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Randy Tantlinger - June 01, 2018 at 11:51 AM