



## Elmer Jay Bucher

October 9, 1926 - May 28, 2015

Elmer Jay Bucher, age 88, of Rensselaer passed away at his home, surrounded by his loving family, on May 28, 2015. Elmer was born in LaCrosse, Indiana on October 9, 1926, the son of Albert J. and Marie (Stortz) Bucher. He was raised in LaCrosse where he graduated from LaCrosse High School with the Class of 1943. Elmer was a retired farmer who was commonly referred to as “The Sandman” as he sold and delivered sand to many people over the years. He enjoyed working with wood and especially enjoyed making wooden stools, loved to play Scrabble and to attend activities at the Senior Citizen’s Center. For seven years Elmer served as the Administrator at Parkview Haven in Francesville, Indiana.

On December 30, 1951, Elmer married his loving wife, Betty “Peg” Marti who preceded him in death on July 5, 1983.

Elmer was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church of Francesville, Indiana and was a past board member of Timber Ridge Apostolic Christian Home for the Handicapped. He was a Habitat for Humanity volunteer for many years, a member of the Jasper County Hospital Auxiliary and most recently received training to be a Hospice Volunteer.

Surviving Elmer are his loving daughters, Linda (John) Hodel of Roanoke, IL; Mary (Mark) Huber of Bloomington, IL; Rebecca Barnes of Lafayette, IN, and Elaine (Jeff) Sanders of Rensselaer; one son, James Bucher of Ft. Wayne, IN, 9 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and a brother, Ken (Carol) Bucher of Valparaiso, IN. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Peg, his

daughter Nancy, one grandchild, one great-grandchild and 12 siblings. Friends will be received at the Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer Sunday, May 31, 2015, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. CDT. Funeral services will be held at the Apostolic Christian Church in Francesville on Monday, June 1, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. EDT. Burial will follow at Roseland Cemetery, Francesville, IN. Memorial contributions may be made to the Jasper County Hospital Home Healthcare and Hospice or the Timber Ridge Apostolic Christian Home for the Handicapped.

# Cemetery Details

## Roseland Cemetery

13459 Co Rd 500 S  
Francesville, IN 47946

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 31.** 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer  
250 N. McKinley Avenue  
P.O. Box 70  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5123  
info@jacksonfuneral.com  
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

## Service

**JUN 1.** 10:00 AM (ET)

Apostolic Christian Church of Francesville  
210 U.S. 421  
Francesville, IN 47946  
219-567-9184  
francesvilleacc@hoosierinternet.com  
<http://francesvilleacc.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Elmer Jay Bucher*



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - May 29, 2015 at 03:34 PM

JS

*What a beautiful memory of a wonderful man and his family. Jeanie Vlach Shell.*

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**Jeanie Vlach Shell** - December 21, 2019 at 09:03 PM

MN

“ *We are so sorry for your loss and greatly admired Elmer. Over 40 years ago, as we were leaving VBS one of the young girls walked out of her sandal. Elmer quickly commented "It's ok to lose your shoe, just make sure you don't lose your soul". That young woman came to Christ and many others including ourselves. We are very grateful for Elmer and his godly, sweet spirit. May your memories be precious and may knowing you will be reunited in heaven give you great peace. Blessings, Mark and Kristel Novotny*

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**Mark and Kristel Novotny** - June 08, 2015 at 05:20 PM

JB

“ Hey guys I'm james jay bucher jr and would love to send flowers but I don't have money but I'm here to say love you grandpa Elmer, uncle Jeff , aunt Elaine, and the grandma I never met.  
In tears , your grandson

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**james bucher** - June 03, 2015 at 11:06 AM

KS

“ Thank you Elmer's family for informing me of his passing. I met Elmer while volunteering at Habitat for Humanity in Sarasota. He was a joy to work with. I never wanted to work with anyone else. He was as good a person as I have ever known. From what I witnessed, he ALWAYS spent his time helping others. And he was funny too, always making me laugh. Even when he was suffering leg pain, he was more concerned with others. Though he is no longer here on earth, he will always be a inspiration to me, he taught me so much. I am sorry you lost him. He is with his Lord.

*Elmer's friend,  
Kerry Scanlon*

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**kerry scanlon** - June 01, 2015 at 11:00 AM

WB

“ Our love and prayers are with cousin Elmer's family as we rejoice that he has arrived to be with the Lord in heaven. So many memories of his kindness, smile, and spirit demonstrated in his love of the Lord and the love for family and friends. Miss you Elmer. RIP.  
Lee and Wes Bucher, Carmel Indiana

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**Wes Bucher** - May 31, 2015 at 04:51 PM

NW

“ There are so many precious memories. Elmer blessed us and our children with love unmeasurable. Extending love and prayers in your loss. It truly is our loss as well. Love to each of you precious ones left here until you can all be united again by Jesus Christ in heaven. Love Brad and Nancy Wuethrich and family

Nancy wuethrich - May 31, 2015 at 03:45 PM

PH

“ I was 12 when John and Linda were married. Elmer and Peg were so kind and loving to me. In particular, I remember visiting with Elmer about coming to Christ. He treated me respect and answered my youthful questions. As I grew, I always enjoyed seeing him. Prayers for you all.

Phil & Lynne Hodel - May 31, 2015 at 09:03 AM

LY

“ We met Elmer at the Senior Center a short while ago. He was so nice and so sweet. Wish we could have gotten to know him better. He will be really missed. Our prayers are with all his family.

liz Yeoman - May 30, 2015 at 03:05 PM



“ Heartwarming Thoughts Boston Fern was purchased for the family of Elmer Jay Bucher.



May 30, 2015 at 01:07 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Greg and Dawn Wornhoff & family*

**Dawn Wornhoff** - May 30, 2015 at 12:15 PM

JD

“ *JACK DEGNAN purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Elmer Jay Bucher.*



**JACK DEGNAN** - May 30, 2015 at 11:07 AM

TG

“ *Elmer was truly a shining example of Christ love to all he met. His faith and love for our Lord was always evident. We loved the day that Elmer recited numerous memorized poems to us....very impressive (smile). He will be missed here, but what a celebration that must be taking place in Heaven. To you four sisters and Jimmy....what a remarkable dad you had and what a legacy he left!! Sending our love. Tom and Denise*

**Tom and Denise Gillespie** - May 30, 2015 at 08:37 AM



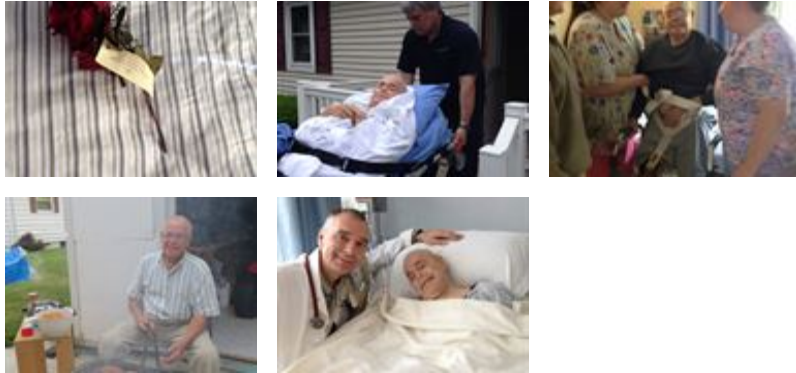
“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Elmer Jay Bucher.*



May 29, 2015 at 08:23 PM



“ 62 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - May 29, 2015 at 03:22 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of *Elmer Jay Bucher*.



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May 29, 2015 at 12:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Elmer Jay Bucher*.



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May 29, 2015 at 09:36 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elmer Jay Bucher.*



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May 29, 2015 at 07:08 AM



“ *Prayers for your family. My dad, Nick Knobloch enjoyed many wonderful memories with Elmer and spoke of him often. I remember Elmer's infectious smile. He left a legacy and touched many lives. With deepest sympathy from Dennis & Cindy Aupperle*

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**Dennis & Cindy Aupperle** - May 28, 2015 at 11:00 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Elmer Jay Bucher.*



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May 28, 2015 at 08:57 PM