



Edward "Ed" Francis Bucknam

October 27, 1958 - September 15, 2025

Edward "Ed" Francis Bucknam, 66, of Zanesville, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Monday, September 15, 2025, surrounded by his family. Born October 27, 1958, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he was the son of Marian and Joseph Cyckowski. On February 4, 1983, Ed married the love of his life, Maria (Hemingway) Bucknam, with whom he shared a lifetime of love, partnership and laughter.

Ed was the beloved father of Ryan (Allison) Bucknam, Christopher (Rebecca) Bucknam, Lauren Bucknam, and Michael Bucknam and the world's best "Papa" to his grandchildren Ryley, Audrey, Anastasia, Brooks, Lillian, Elizabeth, William, and Matthew- and to his grand-dog, Lupe. He is also survived by his siblings Mark Bucknam, Mike Bucknam, JB Bucknam, Andy Cyckowski, and Diane Cyckowski. And, in keeping with family tradition we must mention his "dog children" Daisy, Chica, and Uli. He will be remembered as the bright, steady light at the center of his family's world.

Ed dedicated his life to his family and his faith. A longtime member of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish and a proud Knights of Columbus brother, he lived his values through quiet service, steady kindness, and unwavering support for those he loved. He was also a proud U.S. Air Force veteran and spent the last 28 years working with MPW, where his dependability and work ethic earned the respect of coworkers and friends.

Edward was preceded in death by his parents, Marian and Joseph Cyckowski; his in-laws, William and Jean Hemingway; and his brother-in-law, Billy Hemingway.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to Dr. Edmund Folefac, the team at The James Cancer Hospital, and the Genesis Cancer Care & Hospice team for their exceptional care and compassion throughout Ed's long fight.

Visitation will be held on Friday, September 26, 2025, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at Hillis Combs Funeral Home, 935 Forest Avenue, Zanesville. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 AM Saturday, September 27, 2025, at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 144 N. 5th St., Zanesville, with Fr. David Young as celebrant. The United States Air Force & VFW Post 1058 will conduct full military honors directly following mass. A private family burial will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network (BCAN) or The James Cancer Hospital in Ed's memory. To sign the online register or leave a condolence, please visit www.hilliscombsfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **26.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hillis Combs Funeral Home
935 Forest Avenue
Zanesville, OH 43701
(740) 452-5494
directors@hilliscombsnestor.com
<https://www.hilliscombsnestor.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **27.** 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
144 North Fifth Street
Zanesville, OH 43701

Military Honor Service

SEP **27.** 11:30 AM (ET)

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144 North Fifth Street
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Tribute Wall

CU

“ It was my privilege to know Ed through his involvement at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. He was a talented and dedicated Lector, and he always took the time to talk to me after the early Sunday morning Mass. His kind and steadfast spirit was able to lift my own spirit if I was having a difficult week, and his smile is very memorable. I wish his family and friends peace at this time, and I know that his memory will be a blessing to all of us.

Christopher Urbiel - September 27, 2025 at 02:45 PM

DB

“ As a colleague at MPW it was a pleasure working with Ed. He always ready to help you and very dedicated person. He will be missed by many.
Rest in peace my friend...

Dimitri Buys - September 26, 2025 at 04:50 PM

CH

“ My heartfelt sympathy to your and yours at this sad time. Sincerely,
Carol Hoffman (MPW)

Carol Hoffman - September 24, 2025 at 10:58 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Edward Francis Bucknam, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten...
My thoughts
and prayers to the family of

US Air Force Veteran, Edward Francis Bucknam, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - September 24, 2025 at 06:05 AM

RW

“ *We are so sorry for your loss! Sending thoughts and prayers for your family.*

Rita Weiss - September 23, 2025 at 06:38 PM

DO

“ *I didnt know Ed for long but he was a great boss and well respected by many of us here at MPW. Praying for your family.*

Danielle Oliver - September 23, 2025 at 11:44 AM

MC

“ *My heart is with you and your family during this difficult time. Love you always. Ed was one of the good ones.* ”

Mavis Crane Crane - September 23, 2025 at 08:15 AM

KG

“ *Sending thoughts and prayers to you and your family. I worked with Ed at MPW and he was a wonderful person and will be missed.* ”



Kim Ghiloni - September 23, 2025 at 07:23 AM

KR

“ *Maria, Sending our thoughts & prayers to you & your family! Nelson & Kathy Reese* ”

K Reese - September 22, 2025 at 08:07 PM

KI

“ *My heart is breaking for you all. I know that Ed loved you very much as you did him. My prayers are with you all. Maria I'm so very sorry.* ”

kim - September 22, 2025 at 06:36 PM

TS

“ *Terra & Gary Schmidt sent a virtual gift in memory of Edward "Ed" Francis Bucknam* ”



Terra & Gary Schmidt - September 22, 2025 at 06:26 PM

TS

Condolences to you and the family.

Terra & Gary Schmidt - September 22, 2025 at 06:28 PM

DS

“ *I am very sorry for your loss . My prayers are with you. Ed was such a nice man and he shared his prayers with my family in our time of great loss. I have never forgotten that or his kind words. God bless him may he rest in peace*

DORIS SUTTLES - September 22, 2025 at 04:49 PM

JP

“ *Maria, My heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Ed's kindness, compassion, and friendship touched so many of us. He will be dearly missed, and our thoughts are with you during this difficult time.*

Justin Pierce - September 22, 2025 at 03:03 PM

RT

“ *Maria and Lauren, Sending you our sincere sympathy. We are so sorry to hear about Ed's passing. Thinking of you and the entire Bucknam family.*

Rob and Sue Thuma - September 22, 2025 at 02:46 PM