



Dr. Elmer F. "Bud" Gookins

December 14, 1940 - January 21, 2014

Dr. Elmer (Bud) Franklin Gookins, Jr. passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, January 21, 2014. He was born on December 14, 1940 in Zanesville, Ohio to the late Elmer F. Gookins, Dr. and Augusta (Zandlo) Gookins. He had been in the Army Reserves. He and his wife Sandra are members of St. Thomas Church.

He is survived by a loving wife of 45 years, Sandra (Starkey) Gookins, daughter, Kimberly D. (Tony) Ackerman, sons; Jason C. (Veronica Laws) Gookins, Bradley F. (Erin David) Gookins; grandchildren: Ashley Ackerman, Jenna Ackerman, and Chase Gookins; sister, Sharla Rose (Maury) Kenily; nephew Sean Kenily; nieces Audria (Geoff) Feicht and Kristin (Dan) Shuey, aunt Alice (Whiten) Mauk, Nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Dr. E.F. (Bud) Gookins was an internationally recognized authority in product safety, liability prevention and product excellence. He was a quality systems and management consulting firm. Since 1965, Bud had developed and implemented quality systems and conducted numerous training programs in quality and management concepts for diverse industries and service organizations.

He had held leadership positions such as President and Chief Executive Officer for manufacturing organizations, led corporate quality for Fortune 100 companies and sat on the Board of Directors for several companies. Dr. Gookins lectured and trained well over 20,000 people and published over 50 professional papers on human behavior, organizational development and

quality management systems and technologies-both domestically and internationally.

Dr. Gookins was a registered professional engineer; certified quality management systems lead auditor and member of the National Society for Professional Engineers. He was a “Fellow,” a past National Officer and was Vice-Chair of the “Product Safety and Liability Prevention Group” of the American Society for Quality (ASQ). He was also on the development committees for the Certified Quality Engineer (CQE) and the Certified Mechanical Inspector (CMI) for ASQ. Bud was the co-founder of the Ohio Award for Excellence Council and Vice-Chair of its Board of Trustees. He has taught courses as an adjunct professor for the business college, as well as the engineering college of several universities for over 39 years; i.e. Cleveland State, Lorain Community College, and Ashland University. In his doctoral studies Bud focused on the impact of human factors on quality and productivity performance and has conducted behavioral research in this field. He is the author of THE TASK PARADIGM.

Bud has received many awards and recognition for his work in the quality and management professions, including the international acclaimed EDWARDS MEDAL for outstanding contribution to the quality management movement worldwide, the GRANT MEDAL for his educational pioneering in quality, the ISHIKAWA MEDAL for his work in the humanistic aspects of organizational performance, the HARRY LESSIG MEDAL for his contribution to the inspection and testing technologies, and recently he was awarded and ASQ DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL for his work with ASQ over the years. He is the author of Achieving a Safe and Reliable Product, Quality Press, a contributing author to the Juran’s Quality Control Handbook, 5th edition McGraw-Hill, contributing author to The Product Liability Handbook, Quality Press. He was a member and Vice-Chair of the International TAG’s 69 & 176 for ISO Standards and Chair of the American National Standards Z-1 Committee for statistics in the United States.

Family will receive friends on Friday January 24, 2014 from 2-4pm & 6-8pm

with a Vigil service at 7:45pm at the Hillis, Combs & Nestor Funeral Home 935 Forest Ave Zanesville, Ohio. A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated 10:30 am Saturday at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church 140 N 5th St. Zanesville, Ohio with Fr. Peter Fagen as celebrant. Burial will conclude at the Zanesville Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to Genesis Hospice and Palliative Care, 703 Forest Ave., Zanesville, Ohio 43701. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.hilliscombsnector.com.

Cemetery Details

Zanesville Memorial Park

1475 Military Road
Zanesville, OH 43701

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **24**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Hillis Combs Funeral Home
935 Forest Avenue
Zanesville, OH 43701
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<https://www.hilliscombsnestor.com>

Visitation

JAN **24**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Elmer F. "Bud" Gookins*

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ *Bud brought me into the ISO quality world, encouraging me to give back and pay it forward. I will miss your inspiration. - Glenn Mazur*

Glenn Mazur - January 26, 2014 at 09:15 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Bud was a terrific man one who loved his famioy and put them first. He always made me feel special and treated my kids like his own grandkids. The last memory I have of him was when yall came to SC to visit and kim and i went to garage sales while he and Tony keep all the kids for the whole day. We love you all !!!!! No more suffering for himhe is with Jesus!!!!!!!!!!*

iannace family - January 26, 2014 at 06:34 AM



“ Sis, Klm, Jason, Brad:

My heartfelt sympathies go out to each of you doing this trying time. Bud was a special individual who touched many lives. Always there in a moment of strife with compassion, love and understanding. Always able to bring sunshine to a seemingly dismal event. Gave us the "tools" to understand how to handle these difficult times and move forward from them. Through these gifts that he presented us with, he has laid the foundation for us to live our lives till we are all reunited together again. God bless each and every one of you.

Jeff Starkey

Jeffrey Starkey - January 25, 2014 at 09:49 AM



“ Peace, Prayer Blessing Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Elmer F. "Bud" Gookins.



January 25, 2014 at 06:51 AM



“ Dear Sandy and family: I'm so sorry to hear of Bud's passing...may you and your family find comfort in your many memories that you hold dear and close to the heart and may God give you strength, peace and comfort today and always....with love and prayers, Darla (Linscott)

Darla Linscott - January 25, 2014 at 05:04 AM

RD

“ Bud brought me into Quality 33 years ago here at Bendix and I have never regretted a moment. He was a great teacher and mentor for me and continued to be so after all these years during our work together in the ASQ Product Liability group. You couldn't help but smile when he entered a room with that infectious smile and bounce to his step. Bud will be sorely missed but I am a better person for having known him. My most sincere sympathies to Sandy and the rest of the family and friends.

Ralph Dominguez
Grafton, Ohio

Ralph Dominguez - January 24, 2014 at 03:16 PM

CM

“ I will never forget our family picnics we had and getting together with everyone. He was a special cousin and he will always have a place in my heart along with the family. Aunt Ruth (Gookins) always thought fondly of him. Bud will never be forgotten.

Cheyrl (Donaldson) Mathews

Cheyrl (Donaldson) Mathews - January 24, 2014 at 12:51 PM

RG

“ Roger and the Gettys Group purchased the Joyfu I Memory for the family of Dr. Elmer F. "Bud" Gookins.



Roger and the Gettys Group - January 24, 2014 at 11:23 AM

KA

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Kimberly Ackerman - January 24, 2014 at 11:16 AM

GJ

“ *I had the pleasure for working with Bud on ASQ standards for many years. He was a great contributor to national and international standards and he will be missed. We will keep Bud and his family in our prayers.*

Gary Johnson - January 24, 2014 at 11:05 AM

DA

“ Dear Gookins Family,

My warmest thoughts and deepest condolences. I'm grateful I was able to know Bud and experience his light and wisdom - both from himself and through his beautiful family. Thank you for opening your home and sharing your family with me. I've always felt very welcome with the Gookins family. That generosity of spirit has enriched my life and brightened my path. Bud will be missed, though I know I'll continue to know him through the love, light, and warmth of his family.

My love, prayers, and gratitude.

Dominic Aulisio

Dominic Aulisio - January 24, 2014 at 10:00 AM

KA

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Kimberly Ackerman - January 24, 2014 at 08:35 AM

KA

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Kimberly Ackerman - January 24, 2014 at 08:29 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Elmer F. "Bud" Gookins.*



January 23, 2014 at 09:10 PM



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Navin S. Dedhia - January 23, 2014 at 08:42 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Navin S. Dedhia - January 23, 2014 at 08:32 PM

ND

“ I was saddened to hear the passing away of a dear friend and colleague. When I last saw him in Westchester, Ohio in September 2013, he was in good spirit during the meeting days. The ASQ Inspection Division lost one of the pioneers, well wishers and contributors of the Division. Division will certainly miss him. Bud was looking forward to receive the ASQ Distinguished Service Medal on May 4, 2013 in Dallas, Texas.

May the almighty God give sufficient strength to the Family Members to bear this heavy loss. May his soul rest in an eternal Peace for ever.

*-Navin S. Dedhia
San Jose, California*

Navin S. Dedhia - January 23, 2014 at 08:24 PM

SW

“ Jason:
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. I know how much he meant to you and how you loved him so very much. I love you brother and will be keeping you close in thought and prayer over the days ahead.

Sandy Wiechman

Sandy Wiechman - January 23, 2014 at 08:07 PM

BW

“ Dear Sandy, Kim, Jason and Brad

We are saddened to hear of Bud's passing away. Our heartfelt sympathies are with you at this time of sorrow. Bud and I had a meaningful friendship and business relationship through many years. We enjoyed the camaraderie on the golf course, the quality discussions over a cold drink as well as sharing in a meaningful friendship in our personal lives.

Bud set an example for others to live by. We will all miss him but his goals and achievements will remain in our hearts.

Bob & Elaine Westrick

Bob Westrick - January 23, 2014 at 07:25 PM

JS

“ *Bud was a true Quality professional. I didn't know him well, but feel honored to even have met him. He will be missed.*

Jackie Schaefer - January 23, 2014 at 07:08 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Dr. Elmer F. "Bud" Gookins.*



January 23, 2014 at 05:55 PM

JV

“ John Vandembemde purchased the *A Full Life* for the family of Dr. Elmer F. "Bud" Gookins.



John Vandembemde - January 23, 2014 at 05:18 PM

JL

“ Jim and Linda purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Dr. Elmer F. "Bud" Gookins.



Jim and Linda - January 23, 2014 at 01:59 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Dr. Elmer F. "Bud" Gookins.



January 23, 2014 at 12:03 PM

MJ

“ As I grew up I knew Buddy through my Uncle, Larry Lasure. Larry and Bud were childhood friends which lasted throughout their Lives. Bud always had kind things to say and it was an inspiration knowing him and his words of kindness when Larry passed really did help us. Bud will be sadly missed and our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Sandy and all their children. God Bless...
Mike and Phyllis Jewell



Mike Jewell - January 23, 2014 at 11:56 AM

CM

“ Craig and Kathleen McKinney purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Elmer F. "Bud" Gookins.



Craig and Kathleen McKinney - January 23, 2014 at 11:13 AM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Elmer F. "Bud" Gookins.



January 23, 2014 at 09:53 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Elmer F. "Bud" Gookins.*



January 23, 2014 at 07:24 AM



“ *Dear Jason, Veronica, Chase and The Gookins Family,*

We are saddened to hear of your Dad's passing and are thinking of you at this time of sorrow. May you remember the love and happy times-and find comfort in these memories. All of you are in our thoughts and in our prayers. God Bless.

*With our sincere sympathy,
Bill and Sandy Nourse
Your BG Church of the Nazarene Family*

Sandy Nourse - January 22, 2014 at 11:25 PM



“ *Dear Sandy, Jason, Brad & Kim,*

I spent so much time on Whitman Drive growing up in your kind, loving, welcoming home, and always appreciated Bud's caring and strength as a father and as an extraordinary professional. His children's great capacity for love, and the loyalty his family has shown to mine is a tribute to Bud's grace and graciousness.

*With love and deepest sympathies,
Matt Pierce*

Matt Pierce - January 22, 2014 at 10:42 PM

DR

“ Dear Jason, Veronica, Chase and family,
You are in our thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time. Please know that we are here for you if you need anything. I only had met your dad a couple of times, but he had a great smile and I know he was so proud of you, Jason, when you were playing and singing for church. May God be with you and bring you comfort and peace.
Love, Stan and Debbi Riggs

Debbi Riggs - January 22, 2014 at 06:43 PM

BG

“ 23 files added to the album *Photos of Dad*



Brad Gookins - January 22, 2014 at 04:18 PM

BG

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Brad Gookins - January 22, 2014 at 04:16 PM



“ *Sandy, Jason, Brad, Kim and Extended Family*

I'm so sorry to hear of Bud's passing. As I spent most of my childhood at the Gookins house, I cannot help but think of you all as family. I truly feel that Bud made a difference in my life and I will always have great memories of him. The thoughts and prayers of my family will be with him and all of you tonight. He will truly be missed.

Love Always,

Tony Schnur

Tony Schnur - January 22, 2014 at 04:09 PM



“ *Jason, Veronica, Chase and family: Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May you know others care as you walk through each day. Celebrate the wonderful memories your dad and your family have made together. God be near to bring comfort to all of you.*

Love and Prayers,

Dr. and Mrs. Larry D. Hamilton

Larry and Janice Hamilton - January 22, 2014 at 04:08 PM

EF

“ Jason, Veronica, Chase, and extended family,
I know how much your father meant to you, and I send you such love and prayers. What a great loss, but a huge gain that the Lord in Heaven has received. Know that God and your father will always be watching over you, loving you, and protecting you. I didn't know him personally, but if he was anything like Jason, I can bet that he was a wonderful person who loved everyone he ever came in contact with. May God bless you and your family, and know that you have my prayers.

Love, Emily Fox

Emily Fox - January 22, 2014 at 04:03 PM

TN

“ The Bowling Green Church of the Nazarene purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Elmer F. "Bud" Gookins.



The Bowling Green Church of the Nazarene - January 22, 2014 at 02:34 PM

PS

“ Jason, Veronica, Chase and extended family

What a great treasure has been lost, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers Jason. I really did not know your Dad Jason but if he was anything like you then he was a wonderful person and by reading his obituary I can see where you get your flair of explaining in detail.

Love

Patty & Dick Schmitz

Patty Schmitz - January 22, 2014 at 02:26 PM

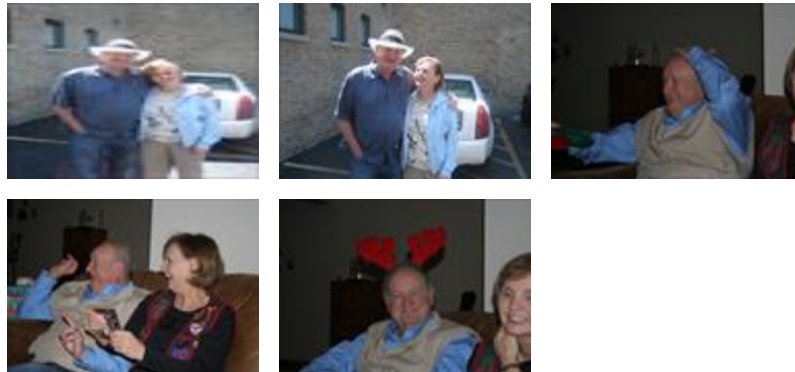
FO

“ Bud, we will miss you! Sandra be assured of my prayers, he was a good man and a faithful Catholic. I wish I could be there. God Bless Fr. Jordan Turano, OP

Fr. Jordan Turano, OP - January 22, 2014 at 01:39 PM

BG

“ 13 files added to the album Photos of Dad



Brad Gookins - January 22, 2014 at 01:33 PM