



## James Hilton (Buck) Lanford

October 11, 2013

The name on his birth certificate is James Hilton Lanford, but most people knew him as Buck, a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend.

Buck Lanford passed away on Friday, October 11, 2013 at the age of 66.

He was born to the late Jim and Nelle Lanford on January 15, 1947, in Atlanta, Ga. He graduated from Atlanta's Northside High School and married the former Joy Kirk in 1965. He attended Auburn University.

A "Man of Steel", he supported a family of six by working as a draftsman and salesman in the steel industry. A devout Christian and an active member of First Baptist Church of Atlanta, he served as a Sunday School teacher for 'High Octane', a class for school aged young men, for many years.

Buck was a dedicated and proud grandfather who thought nothing of traveling the southeast and beyond, becoming a fixture at various performances and athletic events involving his 11 grandchildren. As a hands-on grandfather, he spent several years coaching his grandson's little league baseball and basketball teams. No distance was too far and no task was too great when it came to supporting his grandchildren.

He loved God, family, and Auburn football.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Joy Kirk Lanford. He is also survived by four children: Lori Mote (Wayne) of Loganville; Buck Lanford (Traci) of Atlanta; Barry Lanford (Elizabeth) of Decatur; and Jay Lanford (Keri) of Smyrna, and 11 grandchildren: Kirk Mote, Clay Mote, Joy Mote, John David Mote, Will Lanford, Olivia Lanford, Alana Lanford, Noah Lanford, Hudson Lanford, Bradi Lanford, and Davis Lanford. He is also survived by his sister Jeri Ann Wall and brother Jim Lanford.

A memorial service to celebrate his life is scheduled for Saturday, October 19th at 2:00 PM, in the sanctuary at First Baptist Atlanta. A reception will follow in Lakeside Grille at First Baptist Atlanta. Memorial contributions may be made to either the National Prion Disease Pathology Surveillance Center (<http://www.cjdsurveillance.com/donation.html>) or First Baptist Atlanta (<http://www.fba.org/finance/methods-of-giving>).

# Tribute Wall



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