



## Thomas Robert Buck

December 2, 1947 - August 19, 2015

Thomas Robert Buck, age 67, of Richmond Texas, passed away suddenly in an accident on August 19, 2015.

He was born on December 2, 1947 in Grinnell, Iowa, to Harold and Alta Buck. Tom began his education in a one room country school and graduated from Grinnell-Newberg High School in 1966. He attended Luther College on a wrestling scholarship, making the varsity squad as a freshman.

Tom served in the United States Army, 173rd Airborne Brigade. He was honorably discharged in 1969 after a tour of duty in Vietnam. Tom was a Purple Heart recipient.

He spent most of his career as a Union Boilermaker, initially with the National Transit Division and finishing as a member of the Local 74 in Houston. He taught welding in the apprentice program for the Union and served on the Local Executive Board. He was a long term superintendent for Alstom. After retiring Tom drove a bus for the Lamar Consolidated Independent School District .

Tom had many talents showcased by his hobbies. He enjoyed hands on activities like woodcarving, gardening, and landscaping. He especially loved working on and riding motorcycles. Tom took every opportunity to ride his Harley Davidson motorcycles, creating great memories and many friendships along the way. His memory will forever remain in the hearts of his family and friends.

He is preceded in death by Harold Buck and Alta Ryan Buck. He is survived

by his wife, Marcia Dicke Buck; daughters; Nikole Buck, Tina Buck Wright, Leandra Buck, and son Eli Buck; grandchildren; Falken Wright, Adrienne Wright, Bronwyn Wright, Nikolas Paulson, Jessika Arvidson- Buck, and BrookLynn Buck. He is survived by brothers, Al Buck, Ed Debbie Buck, Jim Linda Buck, Fred Julie Buck, and sister Kathryn Mike Stark.

The family will receive guests from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 3, 2015 in the Chapel of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, September 4, 2015 in the Chapel of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg.

Interment, with military honors, will be held at 1:15 p.m. that afternoon at Houston National Cemetery in Houston, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Thomas' name to the charity of your choice.

# Tribute Wall

SL

“ So sad and sorry for your loss. Tom was a really good guy.

Susan Lura - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Rest in Peace Tom.

Danny King - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Tom and I were friends in the church my father pastored in Grinnell, IA, where Tom grew up, and I can tell from these postings that those qualities which were most endearing when we were kids never really changed. I always found Tom to be gentle, caring, helpful and kind in every way. Even then, he was soft-spoken yet knowledgeable in many things. Although our lives went separate ways when my family left Grinnell, I always treasured my memories of Tom and his siblings. They were a loyal, tight-knit family when I knew them, and each touched my life in wonderful ways that I will always remember. Rest in peace, old friend, and thank you for being my friend and blessing my life during those early years in Grinnell.

*May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
and rains fall soft upon your fields.  
Until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

Michael Pohlenz - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ We grew up together and had such fun. Your family was such an important part of my spiritual journey. Blessings to all.

Tom and Jan Palmer - September 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ My heartfelt condolences to Tom's family. Tom is a caring soul and I am happy that he found love in his life. Kathleen

Kathleen O'Dowd - September 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ We only knew Tom for 3 short years, but it seemed like forever. We will miss his kind smile and giving heart, especially where we shared moments with him at The Bohemian Hill, numerous cook offs, and in Beasley. He is in God's army now, and we are comforted knowing he is watching over us.

Rick and Debbie Wleczyk - September 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I did not know Robert real well but I always enjoyed visiting with him at the hill

Kirby Schultz - September 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

YT

“ I offer my condolences to the Buck Family. You all are in my prayers.

*And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

*Yolanda Turner Fluor*

Yolanda Turner - September 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Tom Buck, first of all was a good friend of mine, second was a great co-worker and lastly the best welding partner I had the pleasure of working with. Till we meet again my brother. Pick me up because I'm going your way!! Roman Alaniz

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**Roman Alaniz** - September 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Tom was a good friend and fellow rider. He often rode to lunch with the Friday Riders and if he didn't show up for a while someone would be asking about him. As many have mentioned, his white cap is what made him stand out and he was easily recognized anywhere. Tom was a true biker who rode every chance he could. I lived near Tom and would see him often around town on his bike. We would see each other at Home Depot or Kroger and would always have a little talk. Tom was a real handyman and would offer to help anyone in need. You will be missed Tom and may you rest in peace.

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**Ron Rieger** - September 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ Tom is one of those rare individuals that you are naturally drawn to like and be around. I got to know Tom at the STAR in New Ulm many years ago while we were riding, we shared our life stories and I remembered how much he loved his children and Marcia. My cap is off to a great friend that I will remember forever and one day meet again in Heaven when I hear that roar of his Harley greeting me. Love ya Bro.

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**Ed Prilucik aka Dragon** - September 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I couldn't remember the name but when I seen the picture I immediately recognized the cap. May you rest in peace.

Jim Cates - September 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Buck was a great rider and true gentlemen and it was my honor to call him friend. He will be missed and may he rest in eternal peace

Mark A. Flaum - September 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Though we were very young and our time together was short, you changed my life forever. Thank-you, Tom. Part magic, part tragic, but it was all good...Love forever, Peggy

Peggy Buck Ferron - August 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Rest in peace my friend.

Bob McCullough - August 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Anybody whoever knew Tom will say the same; one of the finest individuals a person would ever have the privilege to call a friend. Many times when out & about in the same establishment, he would disappear without a word. I once asked him about this and he told me he never says good-bye because he will see you again. I'm sure we'll both have some stories to share when we see each other again....

Mark Hamilton - August 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I'm so sorry to Tom's family and friends. He was a special person and a friend that I will miss and never forget.

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**Sheri Morgenroth** - August 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ Thanks so much for all you did. Ride on Until we meet again

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**Linda Ryan Trusty** - August 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Tom was a really good guy. Sorry to hear what happened. He deserved much better.

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**David Sanger** - August 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SC

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EM

“ You will be very missed tom

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**Eric mann** - August 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Tom was a wonderful friend and mentor. Always smiling. Always there to help anyone in need. He could and would do just about anything. When I shared some of my riding fears with him, Tom was there to offer advice and share life experiences. He made me realize, that I was not alone and no one is perfect. He had this amazing ability to light up a room with his smile. I find myself still waiting for him to sneak in the door. Many people have been coming to me with stories of their experiences with Tom and it never ceases to amaze me how many lives he touched. How many people just barely knew him, but their lives were changed in positive ways by the words he had said to them. Then, those of us who have known him for years, that now have a void in our lives, a broken heart, but in the end are lucky enough to have lasting memories of wonderful times spent together. Thank you, for making us all better people just for knowing you. Ride Free my friend. Gone, but never forgotten.

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**Tanya Hoch** - August 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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**Tanya Hoch** - August 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ We have many stories with Buck, living only a few houses away. Two in particular stand out....one day he rode up to Daddy's house, and gave him a brand new Flag to fly at this house....very sweet and thoughtful. Buck was the Man that did all the arrangement for the Flag Holders at Dad's funeral. Dad Adored him and Buck always would ride his motorcycle with Dad...never caring how slow he went. AND... Gerald and i were driving down 36 behind Buck....his WHITE HAT FLEW OFF HIS HEAD....! He kept going, we stopped and i got out and ran and picked the hat up...we surprised him driving up to their house and gave him his WHITE hat...! he was so happy!!!!!!  
RIP Buck

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**Nita Powell** - August 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Rest in peace brother. You will be missed.

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**Jim Grissom** - August 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ I'm going to miss my friend, we shared many of good times and rides together! He was always carefree and a great stand up guy. He loved life to the fullest and always showed that when you were around him. We will miss him and think about him and all the good times we had together. Our hearts and our most sincere condolences go out to his entire family. He loved to ride his bike all the time and I know he's riding in heaven. God Bless.

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**Randy & Lisa Schroen** - August 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ You have been a very special friend, a true gentleman and always there when friends called.  
We will meet again someday my friend

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**Bob & Linda Bolerjack** - August 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ GARY AND I HAVE BEEN MANY A MILE WITH MR. BUCK AT OUR SIDE...KENTUCKY BOURBON RUN, NOT ONCE BUT TWICE...STURGIS RALLY, S. DAKOTA AND NUMEROUS RIDES AS ESCORT FOR THE PATRIOT GUARD RIDERS.

THE ONE THING THAR SET TOM APART FROM EVERY OTHER RIDER WAS THE WHITE CAP HE ALWAYS WORE ATOP HIS HEAD THAT SEEMED AS THOUGH HE SURELY MUST HAVE HAD GLUED TO HIS HEAD!!! NO ONE EVER FIGURED HOW THAT WAS POSSIBLE. MANY TRIED, BUT NONE SUCCEEDED!

WE WILL CHERISH THESE MEMORIES FOREVER! RIDE HARD OUR FRIEND, AND ALWAYS RIDE FREE! GARY AND EDY HICKS

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**EDY and GARY HICKS** - August 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Chris and 'Fred' Tammy*

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**Tammy Baugus** - August 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM