



Kelvin Jay "Buck" Oliver

January 6, 1954 - March 8, 2017

Kelvin Jay "Buck" Oliver passed away on March 8, 2017 at the age of 63 in Lakeland, Florida after a short illness.

Buck was born January 6, 1954, in Cadillac, Michigan to Hubert "Jack" and Dorothy Oliver. He graduated from Cadillac High School in 1972 and from United Electronics Institute of Grand Rapids in 1974.

He began his career as an Instrument and Controls Technician with Inland Steel Company in East Chicago, IN. In 1981 he redirected his career toward power generation and worked in various co-generation and nuclear power plants. His work took him and his family to many states across the nation and India. He retired in 2014 from General Electric where he worked primarily as a power plant and project manager for 25 years.

Buck was very diverse and able to comprehend and articulate any number of subjects. He loved solving problems and working with his hands: he was a builder, mechanic, electrician, plumber, welder, plasterer, computer and technology geek. He also loved traveling, camping, kayaking, sunning at the beach, driving his backhoe and his old black truck. He will be forever in our hearts and greatly and lovingly missed.

Buck was incredibly proud of his family. He married Jean Ann Lumbard of

Harrietta, MI on October 11, 1974. He is survived by his wife, Jean, of 42 years; 3 children, Michelle (Auburn) Thompson, of Auburndale, FL, Scott (Jennifer) Oliver of Loveland, CO, and Kristi Oliver (Kurt Peterson) of Auburndale, FL; and 6 grandchildren.

Buck is survived by his parents Hubert "Jack" and Dorothy Oliver of Cadillac, MI; sisters Penny (Claude) Woods of Cadillac, MI/Punta Gorda, FL, and Sandra Marvin of Zephyrhills, FL.

He is also survived by his father and mother-in-law, Ralph and Jean Lumbard of Mesick, MI; sisters-in-law Cathy (Steve) Conner of Jones, OK, Jody (Kirk) VanBogelen of Mattawan, MI, and brother-in-law Ralph (Shelly) Lumbard of Box Elder, SD and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am Monday, April 3, 2017, Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac with Reverend Ken Nydam officiating. Friends may meet the family one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. His final resting place will be Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac.

Memorial Contributions may be made to The Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary 33 E. Quay Rd., Key West, FL 33040 or <https://www.marinesanctuary.org/> by clicking the Give link and in the special instructions please include: In memory of Kelvin "Buck" Oliver for Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com

Tribute Wall

HB

“ I just heard about Buck's passing from a team member at the Ada Cogen plant where Buck was the assistant plant manager when I first got to know him. I fondly Buck and I negotiating his move down to Florida to take on the role as Plant Manager for a cogeneration plant that provided steam to an orange juice processor. We were having trouble coming to terms but I couldn't figure out what was the hold up, until I flat out asked Buck what it would take to make the move. Turned out it was transporting his beloved backhoe down to Florida, which I readily agreed to do and we had a deal. Buck went down there, and not only stood up the O&M team on his plant, he covered for the nearby sister plant, until I could find a Plant Manager to run it. Amazing guy with an incredible ability to recruit and retain great people.

Harvey Braswell - December 08, 2019 at 02:21 PM

NF

“ So sorry for your loss. I have great memories of working for Buck and he was instrumental in getting me started on my career as a manager. I will miss him. My condolences to you Jean and your family.

Neil Frey - April 13, 2017 at 02:12 AM

AF

“ My sincerest condolences to the Oliver family. I have thought of Buck many times through the years. May he rest in peace.

Austin Ferguson - April 12, 2017 at 12:43 PM

MW

“ I am sad to hear of Bucks passing at such a young age. My deepest sympathy to his family. The irony is that the Plant he successfully started (Lake Cogen), has been retired. Rest in peace Buck.

Michael Wong - April 11, 2017 at 08:37 PM

JL

“ What a wonderful man Buck was. We will miss him and his bright smile. Jean Ann and the family remains in our prayers.

Jane and Woody Lumbard - April 03, 2017 at 05:24 PM

JB

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family

Jim and Patty Broadwell - April 02, 2017 at 01:20 PM

JO

“ What a legacy. We miss him dearly already but know that he is no longer suffering or in pain. The Lord will watch over the family and bring them peace. ”
Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Phil 4; 6-7

Jodyvanbogelen@gmail.com - March 27, 2017 at 10:09 PM