



## Charles Ludwig Buck

July 1, 1926 - April 25, 2009

Charles Ludwig "Charlie" Buck Jr, 82 of San Antonio died Saturday April 25, 2009 at his home. He was born in San Antonio July 1, 1926 to Charles and Marguerite Schwarz Buck. Having moved to Houston in the mid-1930s he graduated from High School and then attended Texas A&M for one year before joining the US Navy and serving in the Philippines as a radio operator. Returning to Houston after WW II, he attended the University of Houston and graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering in June of 1950. Within a couple of years he started a long career with Brown & Root where he became a legend as a Project Engineer and enjoyed motivating people to do their best. He felt lucky to have had a job that he loved so much. He managed projects from Alaska to Louisiana to Scotland and was promoted to Senior Vice President. Charlie had a smile and a handshake for everyone he met and was much respected by everyone he encountered. In 1989 he received the Distinguished Engineering Alumnus Award from the University of Houston and was inducted into the Cullen College of Engineering Hall of Distinction. Upon retirement in 1990 he returned to San Antonio and split his time between his home there and his property near Fredericksburg where he enjoyed mending the old fences, woodworking, tinkering with the tractors, and keeping the cattle healthy. Charlie was known for his cheerfulness, compassion, and integrity. Charlie joined the Masonic Lodge in the late 1940s and continued to be active for the rest of his life. He was Worshipful Master of his lodge in Tomball in 1972. He is survived by his wife of 30 years Barbara L. Buck, daughters Karen

Ann Buck and Marla Elise Buck, son Charles L. Buck III and wife Era, step children David E. Dinsmore and Gloria Dinsmore Heckenlaible and husband James, and grandchildren Sean Michael Buck and Julia Marguerite Buck.

#### SERVICES

Visitation will be Friday evening, May 1 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Mission Park North Funeral Home in San Antonio. The funeral will be at University United Methodist Church in San Antonio at 11:00 AM on Saturday May 2 with viewing before and reception following. For more info and personal acknowledgement, you may sign the guest book at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com) in the obituary section.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you honor Charlie's memory with a donation or act of service to the charity of your choice.

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ Charlie was one of my favorite guys. We shared some good days at B&R. Our prayers are with his family

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**John Moseley** - May 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Dear Buck Family:

*It is with deepest sadness that I extend my condolences to you on the loss of your beloved.*

*As Chair of the Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations, I am sincerely thankful for his valiant service and dedic*

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**Senator Leticia Van de Putte** - May 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Malcolm & I remember fondly the times we shared at Pitcalzean House, with Babrbara & I sharing the cooking and Charlie & Malcolm throwing another log on the fire and inevitably all of us having a wee dram or two. Our condolences to Barbara and all the fa

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**Antonia & Malcolm Dorricott** - May 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ My condolences to the Buck Family. Although I did not work on a project with Charlie at Brown & Root, we all knew him. Always reaching out to each and everyone of us - especially with some funny story. It was a privilege to have known him. May our Lor

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**Faye Parrish Harold** - May 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ My condolences to the Buck Family. Charlie interviewed me, hired me and was my first boss when I joined B&R in 1972. I will always remember him as a positive, "can-do" type of person.

W. Bryant Hickman - May 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Condolences to Barbara and the rest of Charlies family. We had a stellar working relationship during the early 80's in England that carried over to Houston where Charlie retired. We miss him already.

Ron & Joyce Antes - May 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Barbara and all the family, my prayers are with you at this time. Although the time I spent with Charlie was limited I had the greatest respect and admiration for him. He always treated me like family and I will miss him very much.

Mark Cheyne - May 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Our condolence to the Buck family, Charlie was an excellent leader at Brown & Root. He had a great impact on the North Slope Project taking us from *Uncertainty*; to a positive *can do*; delight to work on project.

Manny Cavazos - May 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I can't think of a better way to describe Charlie than 'He always gave his time'  
He'll be missed.

John Gregory - April 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ We've lost a dear friend who has been a source of guidance, inspiration, and great humour for us for over 30 years. We feel a great loss in his passing and always a realisation of the value his life has brought us. We'll always cherish our fond memories

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**Mike, Sue and John Mills** - April 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Our love and prayers come to you at this time, along with the certain hope of the resurrection. May the comfort of Christ be close upon Barbara, and each member of Charles' great family.

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**Dennis & Sharon Frey** - April 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ I first met and worked with Charlie on the Alaska North Slope Project in the mid-1970's. Charlie was a great guy and leader. The world is left a better place because of him. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Buck family at this time.

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**Derek & Vicky Disney** - April 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ I'm Karen Buck's friend and send my condolences to Karen, Charlie, Marla and the rest of Mr. Buck's family. I regret I'm unable to attend the service on Saturday; I will hold you in my heart and prayers.

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**Terry Larimore** - April 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I worked with him at Brown & Root in the "old days". He always had an upbeat attitude and was a pleasure to work with. I'm sorry to hear about his passing...

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**Laurie Schmitt** - April 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *The cows will miss Charlie...great personality and I'm glad we got to know him.*

*Susan and Warren Blanchard*

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**susan blanchard** - April 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *My deepest sympathy to you Barbara and your family. I was so sadden to read of Charlie's death in the Houston Chronicle. I misplaced your address and phone no...Please contact me when time permits at judyhughes17@comcast.net*

*My thoughts and prayers a*

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**Judy Hughes** - April 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ *To the family of Charlie Buck we offer our thoughts & Prayers. I worked at B&R with Charlie. He was my Project Engineer for Many Years on Many different Projects.I worked for him on the Gulf Project at Venice , La. in 1965, on the Shell Oil at Yscloskey,*

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**Paul E. Johnson, Jr.** - April 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Buck family - My sympathy to all of you. Charlie was a great man, he will be missed by all. My mother, Margaret Massey, was Charlie's step-sister. Love to all.*

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**Susie Schubert** - April 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ To Barbara and the Buck family, I will miss Charlie Buck. I considered him a friend and admired his integrity. My thoughts are with you.

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**Patty Lawyer** - April 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Charlie at B & R for 32 years. He presented my 30 year service pin to me. He would always come by when he was in town. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts are with you at this time. A.J. & Pat McNally

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**A. J. McNally** - April 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ To Barbara and all the Buck family--  
You have my heartfelt condolences for your loss. Charlie was a friendly and sweet neighbor, always ready with a smile and a cheerful "hello." He was the first person to welcome our family to the neighborhood. My late

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**Laura Rabago** - April 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Extending our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one.

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**Directors & Staff at Mision Park Funeral Chapels North** - April 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Our heartfelt condolences for your loss. Mr. Buck was a remarkable individual and we are honored to have spent time with him on his beloved farm.

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**Edward Fuselier and Family** - April 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM