



## John Buckley, Jr.

April 12, 1941 - February 23, 2023

We are sad to share that John Buckley, Jr. left this world suddenly. He was loved, probably more than he ever knew, by everyone around him. He was known for his quick wit and intellect. He knew everything there was to know; he was a walking encyclopedia. His family, friends and students will all miss his laugh, smile, and sense of humor.

For forty years, he taught thousands of children at Tuttle Elementary, in Sarasota. He retired in June 2005 and immediately began substitute teaching at Riverview and Sarasota High, where the kids actually got his sense of humor. He could hardly go anywhere in Sarasota that he would not run into "one of his kids."

John loved everything about nature and could name every species of bird or butterfly that enjoyed the sanctuary he and his beloved wife, Marvel, created in their yard. He was a wonderful writer, storyteller, and could draw anything. He was inspired by the animals and plants that surrounded him.

He bonded with his adult children and grandchildren over sports, old-timey music, and terrible jokes. He cheered on the Gators, drew birthday cards, timed himself on crossword puzzles, and spent time with his wife, 5 children and spouses, 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild whenever he could. He never met a stranger, and learned everything he could about everyone he

met. He was loving, giving, funny, smart, and friendly to everyone around him.

John Buckley was the best son, brother, husband, father, and grandfather that anyone could wish for. We will remember him long after the birds and beasts come to his window or cross our paths, each time his stories are shared, and when someone wants to say, "Go ask Grandpa!".

John is survived by his wife, Marvel Buckley, his children, Danny Ferris, Kip Ferris, Katie Jordan, and Erin Buckley and their children and grandchildren. He is also survived by his stepmother, Marion Buckley.

A celebration of John's life will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, at the Learning Center Pavillion in the Crowley Nature Center, 16045 Myakka Rd, Sarasota. All who knew and loved John are welcome to attend. We'll be outside; John would tell you that socks are optional but be sure to use sunscreen and wear a hat, so please wear hats in his honor.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that donations be made to the Crowley Museum and Nature Center through [flazertrust.org/make-a-donation](https://flazertrust.org/make-a-donation).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR 22. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Learning Center Pavillion in the Crowley Nature Center  
16045 Myakka Road  
Sarasota, FL 34240

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr Buckley was my teacher at Tuttle elementary in 1993-1995. He was the best teacher I had and I think of him often and the mark he made on my life.*

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**Amber Knowles Todd** - June 05 at 12:36 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of John Buckley, Jr..*



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April 21, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of John Buckley, Jr..*



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April 21, 2023 at 09:36 AM

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“ I was so bummed that we move away before I got to fifth grade! My sister was lucky enough to have him though. I remember he and my dad sharing conversation and laughs at the spaghetti dinners. Lucky me got to teach with Marvel and John would come and visit from time to time- he never failed to ask about my parents and sister. As you said, he meant a lot to hundreds of children and their children- I'm sure my niece, nephews and my sons were taught by him as SHS. My heart felt condolences to your entire family, DeAnna Malley Whitlow

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**DeAnna Malley Whitlow** - April 17, 2023 at 08:52 AM

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“ My first memory of meeting him, as the wife of his younger brother . I was so young and so nervous and of course I dropped a whole cup of coffee on him.He was very nice about it all , but I absolutely freaked out.

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**Lydia Buckley** - April 16, 2023 at 10:21 PM