



Clifford John Williams Jr

April 19, 1925 - October 7, 2021

Clifford John Williams Jr., better known as "Buck." was born in Clearwater, Florida on April 19, 1925, but grew up in New Bern, NC. Buck joined the US Marine Corps in 1943, at the young age of 18.

A proud Marine, this essence contributed to his legacy throughout his entire adult lifetime, and was evidenced by his discipline, strength, and courage, he passed away on October 7, 2021, at the ripe old age of 96.

In August, 1945, Buck was serving his country, on duty in the Philippines, when the atom bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. One of his colorful stories is that he was glad to have been upwind of where the explosion occurred. Later, he was wounded in action, received an honorable discharge, and returned back to his hometown of New Bern.

Once back, he met his wife to be, Murrel Laughinghouse, and went to work for National Airlines. He remained married for 66 years. Murrel passed away in November, 2014. They were quite the loving couple.

Buck and family moved to Orlando, Florida in 1963. Still with National Airlines, Buck settled into his new routine at Herndon Airport, home of Orlando's commercial airline flights. Working in Operations, performing weight and balance calculations on Constellations and DC-6's, his job added to the many

interesting stories of his life.

His family life started, Buck is survived by his three children, Clifford, III (Speedy), Wanda, and Greg, along with 8 grandchildren, and 10 Great-Grandchildren, most of whom had endearing nicknames special to Buck. His entire family has always resided close by and has always been a very loving and active part of his life, to the very end. Throughout 3 generations, the Williams household became the Williams' Resort. A pool and a barbecue, Buck was in his element and was always the great host for family and friends. On many occasions, Buck would be known to whisper to family members "FHB" (meaning family hold back, don't eat too much) due to larger gatherings than anticipated since the "resort" was open and welcome to all. This family unit has been a great source of joy throughout his long, colorful life.

Buck was truly one of a kind. His witty, opinionated attitude touched everyone who knew him. Always surrounded by loving family members and friends, his great demeanor was contagious. He was well loved.

A true and strong patriarch of the Williams family, his legacy will live on in our hearts forever. Semper Fidelis, Buck. Semper Fi. You will be missed.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

1603 Greenwood Street
Orlando, FL 32801

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations
910 W. Michigan Street
Orlando, FL 32805
(407) 841-4424
<https://www.acommunityfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

OCT 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *I have known Buc for 36 years as he was my all time favorite patient. He always was joking and had a smile on his face !! I will miss him dearly but what a long great life he must have had.*

Debbie Kivett - October 11, 2021 at 10:23 AM