



# Fred Harris Buckels

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## Fred Harris Buckels

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**O**bituary of Fred Harris Buckels Please share a memory of Fred to include in a keepsake book for family and friends. View Tribute Book Fred Harris Buckels was born on October 30, 1934 in Houston, Texas to Lalla Mae Stricklin Buckels and Hobert Oliver Buckels. He died on July 5, 2018 in Florida while on vacation with his family. He is survived by his daughters Evelyn Louise Baldauf, son-in-law Gary, and Elaine Erna Damewood, son-in-law Larry along with grandchildren Michael Baldauf, wife Megan; Chris Baldauf, Matthew Metcalf, wife Jacque; Mark Metcalf, wife Mallory; Ryan Metcalf, and wife Calanne, Sara Damewood, husband Toby Tzur; Jarrod Damewood and great-grandchildren Caleb Hutchison, Elliot Baldauf, Bella Metcalf, Alyssa Metcalf, Chloe Baldauf and Cole Tzur. He leaves behind a brother Arthur Braden Buckels, wife Jonell along with numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his wonderful wife Erna Hildegard Buckels in 2015 and was married for 59 years. The family moved to Baytown shortly after Fred was born and he graduated from Robert E Lee High School. During high school years, Fred was a boxer and on February 11, 1954 he fought well known Golden Glove boxer Roy Harris. In the first round he sent Harris to the canvass for a count of 8 with a left hook resulting in a bloody nose but Fred lost the regional title quest. He joined the US Air Force on March 17, 1954 and became crew chief on a C-47. While in the service he flew all over Europe, Africa and Egypt. He met and married his German sweetheart Erna Roedig in Frankfurt, Germany. They had 2 daughters before returning to the US in 1958. Fred held many jobs some of which included working at a furniture store and Bob's Ice House until finally landing a job delivering Schlitz & Coors beer for Stefani Distributers throughout Baytown, La Porte, Pasadena and South Houston. He retired in 1989, when Fred and Erna moved to Temple Texas. Fred was an accomplished artist specializing in oil paintings and held many One Man Shows. After moving to Temple, his hobby turned to working with



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rocks and carving Totem Poles from trees that were dying. He was featured on a local TV show in Temple where he was known as the Rock Man for all his works of art. Fred was a faithful member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Baytown. While in Temple, Fred was a member of Covenant Lutheran Church until they moved to Pearland, Texas in Feb 2014. Fred then became a member of New Life Lutheran Church. Fred was a wonderful husband, father, Pepa, uncle and friend to so many. His love of God, life and family was clearly a cornerstone of his values. He will be remembered as a man of character, always with a smile on his face and a bit of mischievousness. He will be truly missed by the many four legged and winged friends that he adopted along his life's path. Fred lived his last days celebrating with his family including grandkids and great-grandkids at Walt Disney World in Orlando. His family will have fond memories of the fun that he was having riding all the rides just like a kid. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Fred's honor to New Life Lutheran Church or VFW Post 7109 in Pearland, Texas. Services for Fred will be held at Clayton Funeral Home, 5530 W. Broadway, Pearland, Texas 77581. The visitation will be held Thursday, July 12, 2018 for 6:00 until 8:00 pm. The funeral service will be held Friday, July 13, 2018 at 10:00 am at the funeral home with Pastor Brian Gigege officiating. Interment will follow at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery in Houston, Texas.



## Tribute Wall

**Fred Harris Buckels**

BH

**Betty. Hudgens** posted:

I'm so sorry to hear this I will miss him so much when I get back to work he was the highlight of my Sunday morning I only found out today I'm doing well and hope to be back to work soon

July 23 at 7:00 PM

KM

**Karen Morrow** posted:

My mother, Mary Ann (Stricklin) Evans, is Fred's cousin. I have fond memories of visiting Fred and Erna in Baytown when I was a little girl. I'm sorry we were not able to attend the services today, but our thoughts and prayers are with you. I must say it makes me smile every time I think of Fred enjoying a family trip in what turned out to be his last days. What special memories that must be.

July 12 at 7:00 PM

PM

**Philip Mckinney** posted:

Elaine and Evelyn:Even though our time together was limited, we're so thankful our paths crossed.Your love, encouragement and compassion were so inspiring to us.Please know our love, thoughts and prayers are with you. We're thankful that we all got to hold hands and pray together before he left to be with your mother.Philip McKinneyDeborah TomlinsonOrlando, Florida

July 11 at 7:00 PM

PD

**Patsy Clayton Deckert** posted:

Since I graduated from Cedar Bayou High School in 1951, I have not seen Fred, but found his life most interesting. I remember him well and I believe I would have recognized him, seeing this later photo it seems his countenance was the same as when he was young. I am glad he had a happy life ---and who would not choose to die at Disney World having had fun on the rides with the grandchildren? God favored him! I wish I could have seen his place in Temple and to see his artwork. If you decide to show it anywhere, please be sure that e-Bear lets us know ahead of time.May all of your wonderful memories sustain you through this time of sadness.Sincerely

July 11 at 7:00 PM



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Fred Harris Buckels

JS

**James Stricklin** posted:

I am one of Fred's cousins that grew-up with him, his brother Braden and his Mother, Dad and Grandmother. I am 5 years younger than Fred so when he gave me boxing lessons when I was about 14, I was more a live boxing bag than I was a boxing opponent. I remember vividly when Fred returned home from the service in 1958 with Erna and their two daughters. I moved from Texas when I graduated from college so I only saw Fred occasionally when I returned home to visit with my Mother, brothers and sister. I am so sad for Fred's family and send my love and condolences to each and everyone.. I just learned of Fred's passing today so there is no way for me to get to Pearland for the services which are tomorrow. I know God will be with Fred, he was a great guy.

July 11 at 7:00 PM

JL

**Jill Littlefield** posted:

So sorry to read of your dad's passing. It has been many years since I have heard his laugh or one of his stories. I live in the old neighborhood and attended St. Pauls with y'all. May God bless and comfort you at this time. Jill Littlefield d3rrd

July 10 at 7:00 PM

MR

**Marian Riegel** posted:

I am sad to learn of Mr Buckels' passing. I have missed him ever since he and Mrs Buckels left Moffat. Their home here was a regular visit for all of my family and friends. One day I took several members of my family, who were here for our reunion, to see the Rock House. Not being Texans they just wandered into his yard to walk the trails and gaze at the wonderful scenes there. While I'm trying to explain trespassing to them Mr Buckles came out to greet us. What a great guy! We received a full tour including storm shelter and running waterfalls. We saw where the grandkids had added their special touches too. Although the frog has lost his fly the memory of our day there will add it back just as clearly. Mr Buckles was a super guy. He left his mark in Moffat, TX.

July 10 at 7:00 PM

DM

**Dennis Moore** posted:

I'm an old beer man myself and Fred was legendary . I lived in his neighborhood and Fred and his wife always walked and if I was outside always chatted for a second both real nice people Like I said Fred was a legendLbNU3

July 10 at 7:00 PM



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**Cheryl Boehme** posted:

I'm so sorry to hear of your father's passing. I'm sure that your mom has welcomed him into the kingdom of heaven with open arms. May God comfort both of you and help you through these sorrowful times. Cheryl Boehme

July 9 at 7:00 PM



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