

Ryan Funeral Home and Tews Funeral Home

Dr James Wendel Buckman

(July 23, 1940 - October 24, 2015)



Dr. James Wendel Buckman was born in Chicago, Illinois on July 23, 1940. He grew up in suburban Harvey. His family later moved to Flossmoor and he graduated from Bloom High School in Chicago Heights in 1958. In 1964, he received his D.D.S. degree from the University of Illinois, College of Dentistry and started his part-time private restorative practice, which he ran until 2009. After completing a Rotating Internship at the West Side Veterans Hospital in Chicago in 1965, he joined the faculty at the University of Illinois, College of Dentistry, where he also earned his Certificate in Prosthodontics in 1975. He was Professor of Restorative Dentistry at the University of Illinois at Chicago, serving as course director for the undergraduate and post-graduate occlusion courses until 2015. He served as Interim Head of the Department of Fixed Partial Prosthodontics and as Director of the Fixed Partial Prosthodontics Section and Preclinical Section of the Department of Restorative Dentistry. Dr. Buckman earned a Golden Apple Award for outstanding teaching, and the Dental Alumni Association Loyalty Award. He was responsible for developing guidelines for teaching occlusion approved by the American Association of Dental Schools (now American Dental Education Association). Dr. Buckman also earned the College of Dentistry's E. Lloyd Du Brul Faculty Achievement Award for 1986. In addition to his private practice and teaching, Dr. Buckman served as officer in the Dental Anatomy and Occlusion section of the American Association of Dental Schools and co-authored Teaching Guidelines for Dental Anatomy and Occlusion. He was a member of the Chicago Dental Society, the American Dental Association, the American College of Prosthodontists and the American Equilibration Society, of which he served as President from 2013 to 2014. He was also a member of the Alpha Tau Omega social fraternity and Psi Omega honorary dental fraternity. Dr. Buckman is survived by Susan, his wife of 50 years, his two children, Carolyn Oyster (Randall), and James E. Buckman (Kelly), his five grandchildren (Kevin Oyster, Michael Oyster, Nicholas Buckman, Claire Buckman, and Margaret Oyster), his brother Charles Buckman (Kathy) of Quincy, IL, and numerous nieces and nephews. A memorial mass will be held, Thursday, October 29th, at 11:00 a.m. at the Episcopal Church of St.

John the Evangelist, Park Drive and Leavitt Avenue, Flossmoor where he was an active member since 1967. Memorials to the church, the American Red Cross or a charity of your choice would be appreciated in lieu of flowers. For further information, www.tews-ryanfh.com or 708-798-5300.

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