



## Francis L. "Bucky" Poole

December 16, 1933 - February 22, 2017

Francis "Bucky" Poole, 83, passed away on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at his home at Wild Cat Run from complications of Parkinson's disease.

He leaves his wife of 58 years, Eleanor (Scafard) Poole; his son, Christopher Poole and his companion Susan Hibbard; his daughters, Marianne Poole and husband Paul Matsusaka, Janet Karchner and husband John Karchner; his sister, Ann Wojnar; his granddaughters, Abby Matsusaka, Annie Matsusaka, Kate Ross and Ally Karchner; and many nieces and nephews.

He was born and raised in Lawrence, Massachusetts, the son of Leo and Monica (O'Herlihy) Poole. In his early years, Bucky was a legendary basketball and baseball star at Central Catholic High School. As the top pitcher on the 1950-1952 CCHS teams, he led the Raiders to two Catholic League Championships. As Captain of the 1951 and 1952 CCHS basketball team, along with his best friend and later best man, Jim Lewis, they led the Raiders to two Massachusetts State Catholic Tourney Championships. His high school yearbook called him "The most popular boy in Lawrence... the nearest thing to Bob Cousy in these parts...President of the Student Council... with a hidden talent for singing." He was recruited on a full scholarship for baseball and basketball at Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama. Playing for a .500 team, Bucky led the Badgers to stunning upsets over Florida and Georgia to capture the 1955 Gator Bowl. Bucky was later

inducted to both the Central Catholic High School and Spring Hill College Athletics Halls of Fame.

Bucky married Ellie, a girl he had known since first grade in 1958 and moved to Fort Eustis, VA where he served as a First Lieutenant in the Army. After two years they returned to their roots in Lawrence, MA and began raising their family. In 1966, Bucky, working for Raytheon at the time, came home with the news that he had been offered a position which meant moving to Saudi Arabia. And so, commenced the adventure of their lives. Over the next 30 years, Bucky and Ellie lived through extended stays in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Abu Dhabi. They traveled the world with their children garnering experiences they never believed possible coming from their small town Massachusetts roots.

Bucky and Ellie moved to Estero Florida in 1995 and became members of the Wildcat Run Country Club and have spent the past 22 years enjoying a retirement full of golf, bridge and wonderful new friends. Afternoons he could be found enjoying a game of backgammon with his dear friend Graham Burton looking out over the fourth hole that he loved.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 AM, March 31, 2017 at Our Lady of Light Catholic Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Our Mother's Home, a charitable organization that Bucky and Ellie have been involved with since moving to Florida, 18011 S. Tamiami Trail #16, Ft. Meyers, FL 33908.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Our Lady of Light Memorial Garden

19680 Cypress View Dr.  
Ft. Myers, FL 33967

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

MAR 31. 10:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Light Catholic Community  
19680 Cypress View Dr.  
Ft. Myers, FL 33967

# Tribute Wall



“ Francis L. "Bucky" Poole

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ Dear Ellie,  
We are so sorry that Bucky has passed away. He was a truly wonderful human being. We treasure our times together in Jeddah and Kuwait. Our thoughts are with you and your family. Sincerely,  
Roger & SongRe Pennington

Roger & SongRe Pennington - March 30, 2017 at 09:59 AM



“ Peace Eternal Wreath was purchased for the family of Francis L. "Bucky" Poole.



March 19, 2017 at 09:44 PM



“ Abduljabbar Al Sayegh purchased the The Endless Sky Spray for the family of Francis L. "Bucky" Poole.



Abduljabbar Al Sayegh - March 01, 2017 at 03:16 AM

RP

“ Dear Ellie;  
Sending to you and your family our deepest condolences on the passing of Bucky. You both were in our thoughts so many times since our time together in the UAE. Bucky will be missed by so many of his friends and family and Irene and I send our thoughts and prayers to all of you.  
With sadness,  
Dick & Irene Picotte

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**Richard Picotte** - February 28, 2017 at 08:51 AM

GB

“ I first met Bucky in Saudi Arabia in 1968, again in Kuwait 1983 and once again in Abu Dhabi 1987. Bucky had a great sense of humor and was always fun to be around. He was very fair and a man of his word when addressing any problem I presented to him. Our condolences to the family. May he rest in peace.

Gary & Susie Blaser

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**Gary Blaser** - February 27, 2017 at 05:48 PM

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“ I was fortunate to meet Bucky several times while a student at UNH with Jani. He commanded my full attention and expressed great interest in my studies as a History major while also sharing stories of his world travels and time spent living in the Near and Middle East. So sorry to hear of the passing of a great man. Condolences to the extended Poole family at this time.  
Sincerely,  
Steve Truncellito

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**Steve Truncellito** - February 27, 2017 at 04:55 PM

JP

“ My deepest condolences on the passing of such a wonderful person. Bucky was without doubt the best boss I ever had and a special person who meant so much to me. I have many wonderful memories of him while in Abu Dhabi. He was a well loved man by all who had the pleasure of knowing him and will be greatly missed. May he rest in peace after a life well lived.

*John Powell*

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**John Powell** - February 27, 2017 at 12:39 PM

DD

“ The students and faculty of Central Catholic High School, Lawrence, MA extend our prayerful condolences to Ellie and the Poole family on Bucky's passing, a great man and proud CCHS alumnus. In everything he did in his extraordinary life, he did with a passion for excellence, a visible faith in his Creator, a devotion to his profession and great love of family. When he called you "friend", you had a friend for life! In the depth of our hearts, Bucky will never be lost, because men and women of Faith know where he must be - in the embrace of Mary and her loving Son, Jesus.



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**David DeFillippo** - February 27, 2017 at 10:47 AM

NS

“ Bucky made every visit to Abu Dhabi and special occasion we shared all the more fondly memorable. I was so lucky to have the Poole family welcome me in at any time. Sending my aloha to you all, Nalani x



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**Nalani Simpson** - February 26, 2017 at 10:45 PM

CF

“ *Bucky, a GREAT teammate and friend. Rest in Peace.*  
*Charles Fiorino*

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**Charles Fiorino** - February 26, 2017 at 07:52 AM

JF

“ *Julia Flynn lit a candle in memory of Francis L. "Bucky" Poole*



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**Julia Flynn** - February 24, 2017 at 10:02 PM

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“ *I first met Bucky in Abu Dhabi in the early 1990's when I was stationed there with the U. S. Embassy. Bucky was an avid golfer and, being the generous person he was and learning I was interested in Improving my game, he invited me to partner with him in a friendly local golf tournament. I explained to him that I hadn't had much experience but Bucky insisted I join him. What followed was the worst golf game of Bucky's life as he followed me around the course watching me swing erratically as I missed tee after tee. Needless to say we came in last! Twenty-five years later, when I met up with Ellie and Bucky again in Florida, the first thing Bucky said to me was "has your golf game improved?" Obviously I had made a memorable impression on him. He was one of the kindest funniest men I ever knew and I will miss him.*

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**Wendy Walker** - February 24, 2017 at 07:13 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Francis L. "Bucky" Poole.*



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February 24, 2017 at 06:19 PM



“ *My mom ran the Raytheon compound in Kuwait and she just loved it when her Bucky Poole was coming up. He let the teens one summer paint the compound wall so we have a summer job. He made the summer great that year. Rest In Peace Mr Poole. You and your family are in our prayers. Raytheon family foreve. The Green family from Raytheon in El Paso Texas*



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**Kim Green** - February 24, 2017 at 06:09 PM