



Merton W. Balk

February 9, 1924 - April 24, 2021

Merton W. Balk, 97, of Buckley, passed away on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at Accolade Healthcare of Paxton Senior Living. He was born on February 9, 1924 in Buckley, the son of William and Else (Krumwiede) Balk. Merton married Neoma I. Becker on June 8, 1947 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Buckley. She preceded him in death on April 2, 2021.

He is survived by two sons, Jim (Donna) Balk of Buckley and Steve (Bonnie) Balk of Buckley; one son-in-law, Butch Cook of Casa Grande, AZ; eight grandchildren, Jenny Jamison, Kerry Wise, Doug (Amanda) Balk, Mike (Kirstin) Cook, Michelle Cass, Chris (Kelli) Cook, Jesse (Abby) Balk and Kori (Kyle) Walder; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Along with his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Jean Cook, and one sister, Elda Scharlau.

Merton was a lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Buckley, as well as a longtime member of the Buckley Sportsman's Club. He retired from farming and loved to spend his time fishing and visiting with his grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 from 10:00a.m. until the 11:00a.m. funeral service at St. John's Lutheran Church in Buckley. The Rev.

J. Kevin Wyckoff will be officiating. Burial will follow at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Buckley. Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, 206 E. Main St. PO Box 148 – Buckley, IL 60918 or to the donor's choice.

Cemetery Details

St. Johns Lutheran Cemetery

Buckley, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **27**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Johns Lutheran Church
206 E. Main St.
Buckley, IL 60918

Funeral Service

APR **27**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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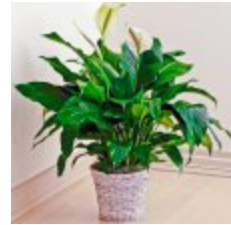
“ *Jim, Steve, and Family, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. Merton was a very kind man. He will be miss. Rita and Mike Hilligoss*



Mike and Rita Hilligoss - April 26, 2021 at 12:15 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Merton W. Balk.*



April 25, 2021 at 11:10 PM

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“ *Mr. Balk was a very sweet kind gentleman!!! R.I.P*

Mary Lou Kulow - April 25, 2021 at 06:24 PM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Merton W. Balk.*



April 25, 2021 at 06:08 PM