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**R**OBERT DALE “BUCK” BUCKNER, 87, of Las Colinas, went peacefully to be with his Lord and Savior on February 8, 2009. Born on January 9, 1922, in Satin, Texas to Lillie and Sheldon Buckner, he graduated from Breckenridge High School, Breckenridge, Texas. He began studies at Hardin Simmons University, but his education was interrupted by WWII, where he served in the U.S. Army Air Force Engineers in Guam and Okinawa from October 1942 to January 1946. He was a Sergeant in the 1885 Engineer Aviation Battalion and was awarded the Bronze Star. A long-time resident of Dallas, he and his wife, Dixie, were members of Tyler Street United Methodist Church for over 50 years. He and Dixie were past-Presidents of the Anniversary Class and Dale was a teacher of the Class up until a few months before his passing. Buck was President, Chairman and C.E.O. of Sam P. Wallace Inc., an international mechanical contracting firm, for many years, remained active in the industry at C.M.C. Energy Inc., and Trevino Mechanical Company, where he retired in 2007. He served as past-President of the Mechanical Contractors Association of Dallas and MCA of Texas, was a member of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union, Local No. 100, and was a Shriner for over 50 years out of Hella Temple, Garland, Texas. In recognition of his contributions to the MCA of Dallas, and to the industry as a whole, the R. D. “Buck” Buckner College Scholarship fund was established in his honor. Dale was preceded in death by his loving wife of 61 years, Dixie Louise Thomson Buckner, and brother, Thomas Buckner. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Bruce Land; granddaughters, Kimberly Cormier and husband Philip, Stacy Odom and husband Daniel; greatgrandchildren, Lily and Olivia Cormier and Riley Odom; numerous nephews, neices and many loyal friends. He was the eternal optimist, always a positive thinker, and will be dearly missed by all. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday evening at Restland Funeral Home. Funeral Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, February 10th at



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Restland Memorial Chapel. Memorials may be made to Tyler Street United Methodist Church, 927 W. Tenth St. Dallas, Texas 75208.



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BD

**Bill O'dwyer** posted:

Mr. Buckner is a true legend in the industry. He was a great and loyal friend to my dad and our family and now he is in heaven with his best friend and life partner Dixie. He is a happy man! Our prayers go out to the Buckner family for this tremendous man and your loss.

August 24 at 6:33 PM

RT

**Rita Turns** posted:

Our prayers are with you. We have many fond memories of Dale. We will miss him.

August 24 at 2:33 PM

JS

**Joe D. Smith** posted:

Buck had such positive influence on my life, I'll miss him.

August 24 at 2:16 PM

TT

**Terry A. Thomson** posted:

My dear Uncle Buck was such a Samaritan with his nephews...if it were not for him & Aunt Dixie, some of us would have not had the "golden" opportunity to experience good christian discipline, as well as care & concern, in that same manner. I miss them. He & I became real good buddies the past year or two, and I never observed him discriminating against any walk of life. That is a cherishable blessing this day & time.

August 24 at 4:48 AM

GS

**Gary Siemons** posted:

Uncle Dale was a very special person, whose joy for life, positive attitude, and eternal optimism was always uplifting.

February 7 at 7:00 PM



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JB

**Jim Bell** posted:

Buck was a giant in the mechanical contracting industry and great to work with. Feliss and I had the pleasure of spending time with buck and Dixie at many MCA functions over many years. They were a most gracious couple. I only had one problem with Buck. Feliss said he was a better dancer than I was. I can forgive him for that because he was also better at everything else. Jim Bell

February 7 at 7:00 PM

DF

**Doyle & Linda Farney** posted:

Dale was dearly loved and will be missed by so many. Loyd Farney and Doyle Farney, I am sure, could tell you some good stories from around Golinda. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the Family! Love, The Farney's

February 7 at 7:00 PM

SL

**Stan & Donna Land** posted:

Barbara, Bruce & Family, Our hearts go out to you during this difficult time. Mr. Buckner was a legend in his own time! He will be missed! Stan & Donna

February 7 at 7:00 PM

SS

**Steve Starnes** posted:

Barbara, Bruce and Family, our sweetest prayers and heart felt sympathy goes out to you. Buck, Such Great Friends you and Dixie were to Mom and Dad and our Family. You were such a strong character in our lives growing up....I aspired to be like you and will always hold you close in my heart. For all that you & Dixie meant to my Dad during his life and particularly towards the end of his life.....He asked me to write a song that honored your friendship. The Chorus to "Old Friend" goes..... "I need an Old Friend beside me I Need an Old Friend to guide me I need someone who's been there through thick and thin. To share the memories we've had Through the good times and the bad It's been a Better Life because of you Old Friend." Rest in Peace, Old Friend.

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**Claud George** posted:

Buck was one of the "Greatest Men" in my life. A Man's Man with a concerning heart for others. He was never too busy to talk to you and willing to help in any way. Weddings, hospital visits and funerals were always attended by Buck. I have seen him visit friends in the hospital when he was sicker than the one he was visiting but you would not have known it. He always made you feel important and comfortable anytime you were with him. Buck's wisdom and personal concern will truly be missed.

February 7 at 7:00 PM



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