



Phillip L. Buell

February 12, 1938 - January 3, 2019

Bradenton, FL - Phillip "Phil" Lee Buell, who was born on February 12, 1938 in Muncie, Indiana and was the son of the late Floyd E Buell and the late Nina M Buell, as well as the brother of the late Jay Buell, died on January 3, 2019 in Bradenton, Florida. He was 80 years old.

Mr. Buell attended University of Toledo and Denison University for college and graduated in 1960 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. He taught English, served as a Media Center Director, coached Varsity High School Boy's Baseball and Girls' Varsity Basketball and directed All-School Musicals and Dramas in Toledo, OH, Wolfeboro, NH, Groton, CT, Hampton, NH and Plaistow, NH. Phil also served as the Manager of the Rye Beach Club, Inc., in Rye Beach, NH for 17 years and with his wife, Faith, owned and operated a beautiful, bed and breakfast in Bethel, Maine.

After completing a 25-year career in Education and a 23-year career in Hospitality, Mr. Buell retired to Wolfeboro, NH in 2002. He and Faith later retired to Little Compton, RI during summers to be with Phil's family and to Bradenton, Florida in wintertime where Faith's family resides. He was respected for his incredible work ethic, his unfailing loyalty, his attention to detail in everything he did and his insistence on always having perfect grammar.

He loved spending time reading, baking, watching college basketball and football games and attending sporting events of all of his grandchildren. He especially loved weekly family dinners, watching his grandchildren play in the yard and telling stories all about his life and recounting his glory days of playing Varsity baseball and basketball. Mr. Buell will be remembered by his family and his friends for his quick wit, his wry sense of humor, his engaging smile and his steely blue eyes.

Mr. Buell is survived by his wife Faith of 18 years of Bradenton, Florida, his daughters Jennifer Goodfriend of Little Compton RI and Allison Brady of Little Compton, RI and their husbands, Lawrence Goodfriend and Christopher Brady. Mr. Buell is also survived by his six grandchildren, Grace Lanning Goodfriend, Harrison Ross Goodfriend, Marin Lee Goodfriend, Ellie Rose Goodfriend, Evan James Brady and Teagan Phillip Brady.

Mr. Buell's first wife Lynnda died in 1995 after a long battle with cancer.

A private graveside service with family and friends will be held at Central Cemetery in Rye, NH. Following at a later date, a Memorial Service celebrating Phil's life will be held at the United Congregational Church (<https://www.ucclittlecompton.org>) in Little Compton, RI. Donations made to Kingswood Regional High School, Main Street, Wolfeboro, NH 03894 or to Denison University (<https://denison.edu/>) for their drama and baseball programs would be welcomed and appreciated.

Tribute Wall

RB

“ I’m hoping a family member is monitoring this Memories page. I just digitized an very old videotape (circa mid 1970’s) that has Me Buell’s name in it . It was found by chance in our videotape archive . We believe he knew our former director of media services . I would be happy to share the digitized video if you would like it . The video is religious in nature but does show a family at their home with two small blonde girls that look like twins . You can connect with me on Facebook via searching for “Robert Berthel” . I am a retired Media Coordinator from NH .

Robert Berthel - March 20, 2025 at 06:28 PM

JG

Hi Robert!
Please email me at jennifergoodfriend4@gmail.com and we can connect. I am Phil’s daughter Jennifer and would absolutely love to see the videotape archive which I believe was my family and my sister Allison and I (we are twins). Thank you!

jennifer Goodfriend - October 05, 2025 at 08:16 PM



“ Phillip L. Buell

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM

JE

“ Jen lit a candle in memory of Phillip L. Buell



Jen - September 15, 2019 at 10:33 PM

DC

“ *Mr. Buell was one of my favorite teachers at Timberlane. I enjoyed his film classes, especially when he showed us excerpts from the classics. Once, at only a few moments' notice, he helped me record some Simon and Garfunkel tunes for a school play. He had the know how and the equipment and was always willing to lend a hand.*

David Chavers - January 12, 2019 at 01:23 AM



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Cil Fernald - January 16, 2019 at 07:08 AM

JG

Thank you so much for taking the time to share your words about my Dad! It is wonderful to hear from former friends and students. A memorial service is being held February 2, 2019 in Little Compton RI at the United Congregational Church at 11am for anyone that is interested in attending.

Jennifer Buell Goodfriend - January 26, 2019 at 09:49 PM

EL

Mr. Buell was a great teacher (I had him at Timberlane) and I am sure that most of his students appreciated him as I did. I also worked at the Rye Beach Club to get it ready for the season, it was a fun job I did with some of my other students! My condolences.

Eric L - October 26, 2020 at 10:57 AM

JG

Thank you Eric for your very kind words about my Dad! It meant alot to me for you to comment and I'm so glad he had a positive impact on you as a student of his. Jennifer

jennifer Goodfriend - October 05, 2025 at 08:20 PM



And so great you worked at The Beach Club too! Such great memories!

jennifer Goodfriend - October 05, 2025 at 08:22 PM