



## Charles "Buzz" Douglas Putts

January 7, 1937 - August 3, 2020

Princeton – Charles D. “Buzz” Putts, 83, of Princeton passed away on Monday, August 3, 2020 at his son’s home in Peoria, IL, surrounded by his loved ones.

Buzz was born on January 7, 1937 to Lawrence and Alma (Frees) Putts in Oak Park, IL. He was a graduate of Northern Illinois University with a degree in Educational Industrial Arts. He married the late Judith “Judy” Giffrow on June 21, 1969 in Downers Grove, IL.

He started his teaching career at LaGrange High School, spending some time also teaching at Ohio Illinois High School and retiring from Earlville High School in 2003. He had a few jobs in between, one being Houlihan's Lumber where he was able to put his woodworking skills to the test and he also spent some time as part owner of Pleasant Lanes Bowling Alley. He was a member of St. Matthews Lutheran Church as well as Princeton Bowling Association Hall of Fame.

He enjoyed bowling, fishing, and camping. Anything to do with his hands, that’s how his love of wood working came about. He loved to take reclaimed church pews and turn them into the most magnificent pieces, from bunkbeds for his girls or a table for his son. He enjoyed family vacations, playing cards, jumble puzzles, gambling and golfing. He had an amazing sense of humor, never met a stranger and could get a smile out of anyone. His greatest

creation was his family and he will be missed by all who knew him.

Buzz is survived by his five loving children, Charles Putts, Jr. of Mississippi, Dawn Strom of Tennessee, Matt Putts of Peoria, IL, Andrea (Sanford III) Leake of Washington State and Mel (Grant) Pinter of Sherman, IL; nine grandchildren; one brother, Larry (Mary Ann) Putts of Indiana and his best friend of over fifty years, LM Woody Woods of Princeton, IL; his beloved loyal companion his dog Buddy.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Alma Putts, his wife, Judy Putts (01-02-2015), and one son Brandon Putts.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family for charitable distribution.

A visitation for Buzz will be held on Monday, August 10, 2020 at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (A procession to the church for services from Norberg's will be at 11:20 a.m.).

Services will be held at St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Princeton, IL on Monday, August 10, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. officiated by Reverend Scott Schmidt. Cremation rites will be accorded. A private burial will take place at a later date and time.

Internment will take place on Friday, August 28, 2020 at 1:30 pm at Oakland Cemetery, officiated by Reverend Scott Schmidt.

Online condolences and memorials may be left at [www.norbergfh.com](http://www.norbergfh.com)

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.



# Cemetery Details

## Oakland Cemetery

Park Avenue  
Princeton, IL 61356

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 10. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

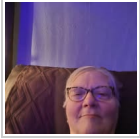
Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.  
701 E. Thompson Street  
Princeton, IL 61356  
(815) 875-2425  
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<https://www.norbergfh.com/>

## Service

AUG 10. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Matthews Lutheran Church  
416 E. Dover Road  
Princeton, IL 61356

# Tribute Wall



“ So sorry to hear of your Dads passing. He used to come into Walmart when I was working and always came to talk to me. I never knew his name until now but he was always very pleasant and always nice! I wondered what happened to him. So sorry, may God hold your family in the palm of his hand! Donna T

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**Donna Talley** - August 08, 2020 at 03:53 PM

DF

“ I didn't know Chuck well, but I know Woody, and that's a pretty good endorsement. My sympathy to the family.

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**Dale Fiste** - August 07, 2020 at 12:21 PM

NA

“ My deepest condolences to you all.



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**Natilee Obiedzinski Allen** - August 06, 2020 at 03:51 PM

AA

“ Chuck and woody always came in to wise guys and kept me company 😊 my heart breaks seeing this he was such a nice man my thoughts are with the family. I came across some pictures he sent me and wanted to share 💕



Abigail Agushi - August 06, 2020 at 11:37 AM

DF

“ Chuck and I were hallmates at Earlville Jr/Sr High School. He had a great sense of humor and good report with our students. My condolences to his family. ~ Denise Funfsinn

Denise F - August 05, 2020 at 11:23 PM

ER

“ Mel and Grant and other family members:  
Tom and I are praying for you at this time of sorrow. Remember the good times. God bless you all. Love the Robinsons of Sherman

Ellen and Thomas Robinson - August 05, 2020 at 10:56 PM

AB

Mel and family so sorry for you loss all of from special Olympic are really sad to here about your dad he was always happy and he always wanted you kids to have the world hope your all are doing good prayers to you all

Autumn Borsch - August 07, 2020 at 08:08 PM

RL

“ *Matt and family: I am saddened by the loss of your dad; you all will be in my thoughts.*

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**Roger Lowe** - August 05, 2020 at 09:20 PM

MC

“ *Buzz, you will be missed. Every morning you are one of my first texts, I loved sending you messages and your infectious smile every time I saw you. Love you, I know we will see each other again. Love Mary and Bill Cockrell*

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**Mary Cockrell** - August 05, 2020 at 07:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles "Buzz" Douglas Putts.*



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August 05, 2020 at 05:01 PM