



## Richard Buys

April 30, 1931 - April 25, 2011

Richard "Dick" Buys, 79, of New Britain, beloved husband and best friend of Eileen Griffin Buys, passed away Monday April 25, 2011 at the Hospital for Special Care in New Britain. Born in Plainville, he lived in New Britain the past 60 years. Dick served honorably in the US Army during the Korean Conflict and was a truck driver for A.H. Harris Company in New Britain for 35 years, retiring in 1993. He was a member of First Lutheran Church; the Pulmonary Breath Takers at the Hospital for Special Care; the Plainville AARP; and Teamsters Local 671.

Besides his wife Eileen, he leaves two beloved children, Jim Buys and his wife Gretchen of Higganum; and Lin Verselli and her husband Peter of Meriden; two cherished grandchildren, Ryan and Allison Buys; several nieces and nephews. Also surviving are a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Al and Diane Whaples and a sister-in-law, Sherrill Milton. He was predeceased by a sister and several brothers.

Funeral services are Thursday 10 AM at First Lutheran Church, 77 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051. Burial with military honors will be in Rose Hill Memorial Park. Calling hours are Wednesday TODAY 5 to 8 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Breath Takers Pulmonary Support Group, c/o Hospital for Special Care, 2150 Corbin Avenue, New Britain, CT 06053 or to the First

Lutheran Church Memorial Fund. Special thanks is given to the Pulmonary Care Unit and Janet Bowen at Hospital for Special Care for their thoughtfulness, compassion and respect shown to Dick and his family during a long and courageous battle that he fought with courage and dignity. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by clicking on "Add Condolences" at the bottom of this page.

# Tribute Wall

MP

“ I am at a loss of words to express my condolences to you at the loss of your husband and best friend, Dick Buys. He was also a good friend to all of us at the pulmonary support group. I along with the rest of the group will miss him a lot.

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**Madeline Pazzani** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Mrs. Buys,

*I am so sorry for your loss. For the short time I got to know your husband while making rounds at HSC, I realized what was most important to him, and that was his family. In my 18 years at HSC, I have not seen many families that were as devoted and supportive as all of you were during his last few weeks of his life. Good Bless all of you.*

*Sincerely, Dr Bill Pesce*

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**Bill Pesce** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ We remember Dick's kind face and friendly smile. Also our little chats before exercise and after. We know you are in Heaven but you will be missed.

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**Donna Lyles and Donna Nolan** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ Our Thoughts and Prayers go out to the entire Buys family. My memories of Mr Buys from High School years to the present will always bring a smile to my face. Jim & Lynn, I wish I could be there, Take comfort in knowing he is not suffering, and is in a much better place.

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**Tony Derderian** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ There's nothing I can say except I'm sorry for the huge loss that Dick's passing will have on us all. Rest assured that he will be remembered in my prayers, as will Eileen and the rest of his family.

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**Bob Adzima** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KV

“ Jim, we are truly sorry to hear of the passing of your Father. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your entire family.

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**Kevin & Michelle VanderSloot** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Dick will certainly be missed by all. Always kind to all who met him, even when it was difficult for him during his difficult and long illness. We will certain miss our great neighbor and friend. We give our sincere condolences to his wonderful family.

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**Joe & Sheila Ouellette** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dearest Eileen, Jimmy, Lin, Ryan, Allison, Gretchen and Peter -  
There will never be the right words to express how deeply sad we  
are for your loss. We know that Dick's passing will not only leave a  
void in your lives but also in the hearts of all who knew him. We  
were fortunate to count him as a friend. Dick was a true gentleman -  
kind, considerate and respectful to all. We always welcomed seeing  
him at any and every opportunity. Dick was so proud of you all - his  
wonderful and much loved family is his greatest legacy. We all now  
have an "extra" guardian angel.  
With our deepest sympathy and love,  
Janet and Carol Bowen

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**Janet Bowen** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM