



Malcolm Lee "Buzz" Ranslem

August 10, 1922 - February 16, 2023

Malcolm Lee "Buzz" Ranslem, 100 of Grand Island died Thursday, February 16, 2023.

Services will be at 11 AM Wednesday, February 22nd at Trinity United Methodist Church-Gollaher Chapel. Reverend Kelly Karges will officiate. Military honors will be rendered by the U.S. Army and United Veterans Honor Guard. Cremation will take place following the Service. Burial of ashes will be at a later date in the Grand Island Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5-7 PM Tuesday at All Faiths Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to either the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation, Voice for Companion Animals or Trinity United Methodist Church. Buzz was born August 10, 1922 in Scribner, NE the son of Clarence "Bud" Sr. and Edith (Crabtree) Ranslem. He attended schools in Scribner, Alliance, Omaha and graduated from Grand Island Senior High class of 1940.

As a WWII Veteran, Buzz served in the Coast Artillery Anti/Aircraft Division, member of Cadre training new recruits. He attended armed forces specialty school Sperry Gyroscope Company in Brooklyn, New York. He served in the Philippines and when the Japanese air force was obliterated, he joined the MP-Escort Guard Company in charge of POW camps. While called to the Manila Airport to pick up an incoming prisoner, another plane landed and out stepped General Jonathan Wainwright, commander of the U.S. Forces on Corregidor. He had just been released from a U.S. Military Hospital since being in a Japanese prison since the Bataan Death March. The next plane

carried their prisoner General Tomoyuki Yamashita, commander of the Japanese forces in the Philippines. Buzz was honorably discharged as a 1st Sargent in early 1946.

He was united in marriage to Ara Elizabeth Schuman on July 17, 1948 at the Harvard Methodist Church. This union was blessed with daughters Niki Sue and Nancy Jo.

His employment history included newspaper boy, custodian at a local café, messenger for UPRR, clerk and "Soda Jerk" for Gestrin-Walklin Drug Store, Country General store clerk. He started with C.E. Brown Auto Supply working as parts clerk, moving his way up to buyer, sales manager, vice president and general manager. He served on advisory council of the automotive parts and repair department of Hastings Central Nebraska Community College, served on board of directors of American Parts, Omaha, and Automotive Warehouse Distributors, Ins., St. Paul, Minnesota.

Buzz played in the G.I. City Band and Bohemian polka dance bands. He enjoyed woodworking, photography, fishing and hunting. He volunteered at St. Francis Medical Center. He was past Master Councilor and Advisory Council Grand Island Chapter Order of DeMolay, receiving honor of Chevalier Degree. He was a former member of Grand Island Elks Lodge, serving as Exalted Ruler and Trustee, receiving Elk of the year award. Member of Ashlar Lodge #33 AF & AM, past president of Grand Island Kiwanis Noon Club and served on the Advisory Board of Grand Island Senior Citizens Organization. He is a member of Trinity United Methodist having served on the church board, usher and two-time president of Methodist Men.

Those left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Niki Williams of Grand Island; son-in-law, Earl Huet of Greeley, CO; grandchildren, Renee Williams, Cody Huet and family, Christopher Huet and family and 8 great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by parents; lovable and adorable wife Ara, a marriage of 65 plus years; daughter, Nancy Jo Huet; son-in-law, Bob Williams; brothers and sisters-in-law, Carl (Ardyce) Schuman, Paul (Vivian) Schuman, Clarence "Ace" (Yolanda, Ida, Anne) Ranslem and Robert Blanche (Schuman) Frank.

Previous Events

Christian Wake Service

FEB **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church - Gollaher Chapel
511 N. Elm St.
Grand Island, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Malcolm Lee "Buzz" Ranslem*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Uncle Buzz- He was an Uncle all kids would want to have. Never a harsh word. Always cheerful whether at work or home. I'll miss hearing "Hi Dizzy" and the man he was. Love and peace Uncle Buzz until we meet again. Dizzy*

Desira Akermanis - February 20, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Nikki-*

Deepest Sympathy to you- I will always remember knowing you and your family from Sunday school when I was a toddler; such a fun group of people. I still treasure the wonderful piano lessons from your Grandmother.

Karen Frandsen

Karen - February 18, 2023 at 09:29 PM



“ *We delivered his meals on wheels a few years back and so enjoyed Peaches telling Buzz we were there with his meal he was such a nice man and a joy to visit with. May he rest in peace.*

Maggy, Heith and Cathy Bixenmann

Cathy Bixenmann - February 18, 2023 at 01:50 AM

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“ Niki your Father had such a wonderful long life. I remember your Mom and Dad from our from our very early years. Our parents were so active in PTA. I hope your memories will be daily blessings for you. My condolences to you and all of your family.

Monica Ayoub McClure - February 18, 2023 at 01:29 AM

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Renee to you, mom and your family. All your Nebraska sisters, brothers, and many other umpires throughout the country are sorry for your loss.

Nationwide Umpires - February 21, 2023 at 03:29 PM