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Wendell “Buzz” Moore 70, formerly of Moline, died October 18, 2011 in DeBary Florida

after a lengthy illness. Funeral services will be held at Esterdahl Mortuary, Moline Tuesday, October 25th, 11:00 AM. Visitation will be from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Monday, October 24th. Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Visitation for family and friends will be held at Baldauff Funeral Home on Friday, October 21st from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Buzz was born November 5, 1940 in Moline, Illinois to Frances Isakson Moore and Harold Moore. He graduated from Orion High School in 1959. He married Barbara Hotchkiss Stucker January of 1963. They later divorced but remained friends and she was one of many people who came to visit him in recent months, some from hundreds of miles away.

Even as a young boy, Buzz had an entrepreneurial spirit. Living in Orion with his mother and sister, he used a custom made wagon for his mowing business, bought and sold candy bars, and worked on his Uncle Russell’s farm in the summers. In high school, he worked at the Standard Gas Station in Orion and in his senior year, he saved enough money to purchase a new 1959 Ford Fairlane with cash.

Buzz was a highly successful businessman who formed East Moline Wholesale with his father in 1967. Although they had a warehouse for their truck-stop products, they still traveled the country selling out of an Econoline van. In 1970, Harold Moore sold his part of the business to Bruce Dorbeck and in 1975, they moved to East Moline Industrial Park and renamed their business Barjan Products. As the business grew, Buzz and Bruce moved from vans to semis and Wendy I and Wendy II were born. From working out of a garage, to a 12,000 sq. ft. warehouse to a building over 65,000 sq. ft., Buzz worked hard to stay ahead of demand. Bruce sold his share of the company to Buzz’s son Bob, in 1982. In 1990 Buzz and Bob purchased Coco Inc. in DeLand, Florida and renamed the business Lesco, a company they later sold. The father and son



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partnerships flourished as they brought Barjan into the computer age and created systems that are still setting the industry standard. Buzz and Bob sold Barjan to Pfingsten Partners in 1995. At the time, the company Buzz built was a multi-million dollar global business employing over 114 people in the Quad Cities as well as 23 independent contractors. Buzz remained involved in many ventures with Pfingsten Partners, Lynco Inc, and several Pancharo's Restaurants. He also owned many properties around the country.

Although Buzz Moore amassed a large business empire over his lifetime, his greatest accomplishment might have been his ability to make a friend out of every stranger. He will be remembered by all who knew him as a strong, smart, caring man who lived by his principles and expected others to do the same. He was a man who always knew how to make the perfect deal and taught us all to always work hard, and dream big.

Buzz was a member of the Community United Methodist Church of DeBary, Florida. For several years, Buzz also helped to collect toys for needy children and then dressed as Santa to distribute the toys. He was an avid Bears, Cubs, and Hawkeye's fan. And although he worked hard, he was very close to his family, many of who worked alongside him over the years.

Those left to celebrate Buzz's life are his best friend and fiance, Kathi Smith, his mother, Frances and sister, Marlo Wiegel, his children: Bob Stucker, Kay(Howard)Barnes, Kim Williams, Kit (Tom) Harper, grandchildren: Rean Taube, Tiffany (Ryan) Adleman, Robert Adam Stucker, Krysti Partlow, Ricky Partlow, Wendi Partlow, Eric (Amber) Wolfe, Melissa Harvey, Jake Harper, and Bonnie Harper, nieces and nephew, Marcy (Bob) Jecks, Doug (Kathy) Wiegel, (Dawn Wiegel), Francie (Mike) Ferguson. Buzz also has twelve beautiful great-grandchildren and another one due in the spring. He was preceded in death by his father, Harold, his brother-in-law, Reid Wiegel, and a special nephew, Kurt Wiegel



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RV

Rick Vincent Sr posted:

I always looked forward to seeing Buzz in person. He was always trying to cut a deal and that always included that special grin he had that came with a twinkle in his eyes. We always laughed together over one thing or another. For me, a great example of what success ought to look like. As long as I am alive ... Buzz will be alive inside me.

October 24 at 8:00 PM

BD

Bill Dolsen posted:

Buzz Moore was an incredible influence on my life. His family offered me a chance to make a career working for their company. I am forever grateful for this and his investment in me as an individual. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. Rest in Peace Buzz.

October 21 at 8:00 PM

LC

Latisha And Cheryl posted:

Wendell was an amazing patient. He touched our hearts like no other. He was always up beat and smiling no matter how he felt. We will miss him so much. Prayers and comfort for his beautiful family.

October 20 at 8:00 PM

JH

Jake Harper posted:

Love you grandpa buzz,I already miss you. What I think I'll miss most is knowing that no matter what happens I've got buzz in my corner,and knowing that I can just drop in to say hey and sit in the garage and just chat with you whenever I wanted. Those are just a couple of the things I'll miss doing with you,but I know your keeping an eye on all of us and I know your up there keeping some miller lite cold for us. Love you grandpa buzz.

October 20 at 8:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Wendell 'Buzz' Moore c/o Baldauff Family Funeral Home and Crematory funeral home.

October 19 at 8:00 PM



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SL

Stuart And Liz Way posted:

We worked for Buzz at CoCo Dist. and Lesco Dist. He was a great man to work for. R.I.P. Buzz and God Bless his family

October 19 at 8:00 PM

JH

J Hamblin posted:

My thoughts and prayers go out to Buzz's family and friends during this difficult time. Buzz and I go way back to the '70s. He was one of my favorite customers (and I am proud to call him my friend). Buzz was tough, honest, personal, professional, energetic and always had that crooked smile. The world is a better place because he was here to help shape it.

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DG

Dan & Renie Gubser posted:

Buzz was a character! We are grateful for the opportunity to know and share some really good times with him. Sending our deepest sympathy and prayers to all of Buzz's family. May the wonderful memories and great times you shared with Buzz ease your pain and warm your heart.

October 19 at 8:00 PM

IP

Isabella Plummer posted:

Great Grandpa Buzz was the greatest and best grandpa! I will miss and love him always. My heart goes out to the rest of the family. Lovelsabella

October 19 at 8:00 PM



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DS

Debra Soliz posted:

You were a wonderful boss who became a good friend. You and your family our like my own family.Buzz you will be greatly missed..

October 19 at 8:00 PM

TF

The Wolfe Family posted:

Grandpa Buzz,You were an amazing man.We will miss you dearly.Love Always,Eric, Amber, Matthew, Michael & Noah Wolfe

October 18 at 8:00 PM

KR

Krysti posted:

Grandpa,You were a great grandpa. You never forgot any birthdays, Christmas and you were always there for us.You were an amazing man and we were very lucky to have you in our lives.We will miss youLove always,Krysti, Sam, TJ, and Bella

October 18 at 8:00 PM

JM

Joe And Lorna Moreno posted:

Kay and family, I was so saddened by the news, we are deeply sorry for your loss. There are never words to convey feelings at a time like this. In time you will come to know that he is in good hands and suffering no more. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.

October 18 at 8:00 PM

SM

Sue Mccabe posted:

Kit, Tom, Bonnie & Jake, you are in my thoughts and prayers. I am sorry for your loss. Buzz was a great guy. May the peace which comes from the memories of love shared comfort you now and in the days ahead.

October 18 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Wendell by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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