



Robert L. "Bucky" Brookshier, Jr.

July 19, 1942 - November 16, 2025

Robert L. "Bucky" Brookshier, Jr. passed away peacefully Sunday morning surrounded by his loving family. Born in Albany, Georgia, he graduated from Central High School (Bushy Park, London England) in 1961 and from the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science in 1962.

Bucky's memorial service will be at 2 PM on Friday, November 21, 2025 at Kimbrell-Stern. The Rev. Phil Streetman and the Rev. Chuck Knight will officiate. The family will receive friends prior to the service at Kimbrell-Stern beginning at 1 PM.

For nearly four decades, Bucky dedicated his life to serving families in their darkest hours. He began his career at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors in Albany in September 1965, becoming part-owner in 1990 and continuing until his retirement in 2003. His steady hand and compassionate heart guided countless families through grief.

As Dougherty County Coroner (serving 1972–1976 and again from 1980–2000), Bucky faced one of the most difficult chapters in Albany's history: the Flood of 1994. With courage and determination, he led the solemn recovery of 487 bodies from the flooded Riverside and Oakview Cemeteries. Working tirelessly alongside the GBI, FBI, and DMORT, he successfully made positive identifications for more than 300 individuals, bringing closure to hundreds of

heartbroken families during an unimaginable tragedy.

A man of deep faith, Bucky was a former member of Porterfield Memorial United Methodist Church (Key Sunday School Class) and Lake Blackshear Baptist Church in Crisp County, where he lived from 2001 to 2018. In recent years, he and his wife, Ruby, attended Celebration Church in Hoschton, Georgia since making their home in Northeast Georgia in 2021.

Bucky was active in his community, having been a member of the Exchange Club of Albany and a devoted Mason—belonging to Albany Lodge #24 F&AM, the Scottish Rite, and Hasan Shrine Temple.

To know Bucky was to love him. He never met a stranger and couldn't walk into a room—or a store, a restaurant, or even a gas station—without seeing a familiar face or quickly making a new friend. His warm smile, quick wit, and genuine interest in people made him one of the most recognized and beloved figures in Southwest Georgia. He was truly a great man whose kindness and larger-than-life personality touched thousands of lives and left an indelible mark on everyone fortunate enough to cross his path.

He is survived by his devoted wife of many years, Ruby Moore Brookshier of Nashville, GA; two children, Robin L. Brookshier (Ginger Whitley) of Aurora, CO, and Robert L. "Rob" Brookshier, III (Moriah) of Omaha, NE; two stepchildren, Felicia G. Raughton (Mark) of Flowery Branch, GA, and Pam G. Richter (Greg) of Albany, GA; four grandchildren, Kelsey R. Reed (Matt) of Albany, GA, Christian B. McCorvey (Corrine) of Jacksonville, FL, Madison M. Hulett (Caleb) of Cordele, GA, and Ezra M. Brookshier of Omaha, NE; two great-grandchildren, Kennedy K. Reed of Albany, GA, and William G. Hulett of Cordele, GA; and two sisters, Kathy Dohse (Del) of Spotsylvania, VA, and Barbara Hicks (David) of Albany, GA.

Bucky will be remembered for his quiet strength, his unwavering sense of duty, the gentle kindness he showed to everyone he met, and the countless friendships he built along the way. He leaves behind a legacy of service and love that will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **21**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors
1503 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Memorial Service

NOV **21**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SM

“ He was one of the sweetest most tender hearted people I’ve ever known.. Ruby and Bucky were always there when anyone needed them. He will always be remembered for everything good that he did.

Sandra Mcdonald - November 24, 2025 at 01:33 PM

MW

“ Bucky and my Dad, Rhen Bishop, were best friends for my whole childhood. I don't have many memories of Saturdays in the fall when Dad & Bucky weren't coming home with a deer to process in our backyard. It is beneficial to have a buddy with scalpel skills! Years together hunting, our family's camping together and HOURS at the Exchange Club, keeping the parking lot running smoothly, flood my heart. And of course, Bucky was right there loving on us while gently walking with us through my own Dad's passing 21 years ago. I will cherish all of the memories and am so thankful to have had him in my life. Mandy Bishop Waters

Mandy Bishop Waters - November 21, 2025 at 11:06 AM

JD

I met Bucky when I was a police officer in Albany. He was the kindest Man I have ever known! He was kind to everyone he came in contact with!!

John Daniel - December 01, 2025 at 06:24 PM

GF

“ Greg & Nita Hicks & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert L. "Bucky" Brookshier, Jr..

Greg & Nita Hicks & family - November 21, 2025 at 09:50 AM

GF

“ Greg & Nita Hicks & family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Robert L. "Bucky" Brookshier, Jr..



Greg & Nita Hicks & family - November 21, 2025 at 09:50 AM

CW

“ Craig W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert L. "Bucky" Brookshier, Jr..

Craig W. - November 20, 2025 at 07:37 PM

DB

“ I met Bucky many years ago. I was a nurse in the ER for many years and he was the Coroner. Usually the circumstances that brought us together were sad, but he was always so kind, professional, and consistently demonstrated such compassion for the families.
Bucky was always so kind to us, the staff and truly appreciated his wisdom, sharing knowledge, and his support of the staff.
Bucky you will most certainly be missed!
My most sincere condolences and prayers for his family.
Debbie Barnhart

Deborah Barnhart - November 19, 2025 at 07:03 PM

CL

My family moved from Detroit, Mi. in April 1965 to Albany, Ga. Kaye was 17 yrs old & I was 16 yrs old!

It was culture shock for me, but my sister Kaye Langley just fell in love with Albany. One day after school 6 of us stopped be Kimbrell Sterns. We asked if we could have a tour of the funeral home. Kaye made comments to Bucky about what he did there. He said he would tell her about it another time. When we were leaving Kaye asked Bucky if he like cookies. He said he loved them. Kaye said that she would come by later & bring him some Oreo cookies & some milk . Bucky said he would love for her to do that.

That night Oct 1st, the same 6 of us went to a AHS football game. It got raining out. We decided to go to Americus, Ga to a dance. On our way home we were in a horrific auto accident. Kaye came back to Kimbrell Sterns that night but not with cookies. She & another teenager were killed on sight. This had a profound effect on Bucky that night . When ever I saw him after the wreck there was a pain in his eyes. I don't think either one of us ever got over that night !

I am telling you this because I want you to know that Bucky was the kindest most caring person to us teenagers! He didn't see us as a statistic. He saw us good fun loving people & treated us with respect & kindness. He has always been a great man to me & I will never forget how he always treated others with kindness & dignity! He will live on in my heart always!❤️💕

Carole Langley-Kenny - November 19, 2025 at 11:57 PM

LM

“ My heart and prayers go out to Bucky's family and close friends. I met Bucky when I lost my first husband to a sudden and tragic hunting accident in 1987. I was only 18 years old and had been married for only 5 months. I nor my any of my immediate family had ever suffered such a loss. Bucky was so kind, compassionate and caring. He saw to our needs and answered our many questions.

Later in life, I had the pleasure of working with Bucky, I as a police officer and he as the coroner. He carried the same kind, compassionate, and caring attitude in his position as coroner just as he did at Kimbrell and Stern Funeral Home. No doubt, he could never separate or alleviate those attributes, no matter his role because that was just the kind of man Bucky was...kind, compassionate and caring.

Lynn Conley Miller - November 19, 2025 at 01:06 PM

JF

“ Jeff O'Neill and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert L. "Bucky" Brookshier, Jr..

Jeff O'Neill and Family - November 19, 2025 at 11:01 AM

JF

“ Jeff O'Neill and Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Robert L. "Bucky" Brookshier, Jr..



Jeff O'Neill and Family - November 19, 2025 at 11:01 AM

SS

“ Scoash & Meg, Randy & Susan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert L. "Bucky" Brookshier, Jr..

Scoash & Meg, Randy & Susan - November 19, 2025 at 08:28 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Robert L. "Bucky" Brookshier, Jr..



November 19, 2025 at 08:28 AM

CM

“ Charles & Sylvia Moore purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Robert L. "Bucky" Brookshier, Jr..



Charles & Sylvia Moore - November 18, 2025 at 09:56 PM

GJ

“ Barbara and Family, We are so sorry to hear about Bucky. I first met him while I was working in the I.D. and Lab Section of the Albany Police Department. We shared an office during the Flood of '94. He was such a nice man. Bucky was always very professional and truly cared about the families of the deceased. We are praying for each of you and that God will give you comfort and strength.

Greg and Rita Jones - November 18, 2025 at 09:44 PM

JM

“ I did not know Bucky, only of him. However, I did know his sister and Dad from working at Lilliston Corp and thought so highly of both. Barbara, you and the family have my sincere sympathies.



judy mathis - November 18, 2025 at 06:27 PM

MI

I worked at Kimbrell-Stern and Lilliston, and knew Barbara from Albany High School.

Mike - December 02, 2025 at 07:03 PM

JR

“ I met Bucky while working in the ER at PPMH and was coroner. Always kind and professional yet personable. Rest well and condolences to your family 🙏🌹🙏



Janice Route-Blaylock - November 18, 2025 at 02:00 PM

JJ

“ I first met Bucky in the early 70's, and then worked with him at Kimbrell Stern during 76 and 77, before leaving the area. Teresa and I moved back to South Georgia and Lake Blackshear in 2005, and Bucky and Ruby were the reason we joined Lake Blackshear Baptist Church. Along with a few other dedicated members, Bucky was there every day during the construction of our new sanctuary on 2008 & 2009. Bucky and Ruby were involved in every aspect of the church. Bucky ran the sound booth, served as Church Treasurer and was Brother Phil Streetman's closet confidant for many years. When Bucky and Ruby moved away in 2018, it took at least three other church members to fill Bucky's shoes. Our prayers go out to Ruby and the entire Family. We have lost a special friend but I take comfort in knowing that I will see him again. Rest peacefully my friend.

Jack Jones - November 18, 2025 at 09:16 AM

TJ

“ So many words can be spoken of Bucky but I'll just say he was the kindest, loving, devoted and compassionate person I've ever known! He will be missed!
Love you, Rest in Peace .

Teresa Jones - November 18, 2025 at 09:01 AM

NR

“ Thinking of this family!

Nancy Reimer - November 18, 2025 at 08:48 AM

CJ

“ Colquitt and Jeannie purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Robert L. "Bucky" Brookshier, Jr..



Colquitt and Jeannie - November 17, 2025 at 10:18 PM

JW

“ Remember him as a compassionate gentleman. Served his people with great commitment . Prayers for his beautiful family who also touched many lives as he did .



jeanne i williams - November 17, 2025 at 09:20 PM

GD

“ Bucky was wonderful to work with, as a retired paramedic for Dougherty County EMS, we worked closely on many cases and he was always compassionate towards family members and friends of the families, he was always a true friend away from work

greg rowe, retired EMS director - November 17, 2025 at 04:06 PM

SH

“ I worked with Bucky many years ago when I worked for the Police Dept. He was always kind and helpful. It was a pleasure to have worked with him and his kindness has never been forgotten. RIP my friend.

Sharon Haggerty - November 17, 2025 at 01:52 PM

AD

“ It took several people to replace Bucky at Lake Blackshear Baptist Church when he and Ruby moved away. He was a dear friend.

AI Davis - November 17, 2025 at 12:48 PM

PS

“ Awesome Servant of The Lord, Dear Friend 🙏🙏

phillip streetman - November 17, 2025 at 12:34 PM

EG

“ Edie grogan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert L. "Bucky" Brookshier, Jr..

Edie grogan - November 17, 2025 at 10:09 AM

EG

“ Edie grogan purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Robert L. "Bucky" Brookshier, Jr..



Edie grogan - November 17, 2025 at 10:09 AM