

Michael and Lois (Buchta) Ladd

March 18, 2019

Lois Ann (Buchta) Ladd, age 68, of Edwardsville, Illinois died tragically Monday, March 18, 2019, at her home. Lois was a licensed Chiropractic Physician in Edwardsville. She was born January 15, 1951 in Granite City, Illinois the daughter of the late Chester & Carol (Staaf) Buchta. Lois married Michael D. Ladd on April 20, 1976, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Edwardsville. Michael also died tragically on March 18, 2019. Lois is survived by 3 brothers, Jay (Helen) Buchta, R. Neil Buchta, and Roger Buchta; a sister-in-law, Connie Buchta; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. Lois was preceded in death by 2 brothers, C. Allyn and Bruce Buchta; and a sister-in-law, Anne Buchta.

Lois was a graduate of Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville and the Logan Chiropractic College. She was an active member of the Edwardsville Rotary Club where she received a Paul Harris Fellowship Award. In her early years she participated in 4H, Theater at Edwardsville High School and SIUE and worked at the Mississippi River Festival. Lois belonged to the Madco Dance Club in St. Louis. She was an active member of the Gamma Sigma Sigma Sorority and Zonta International. Lois was known to live her life to the fullest, celebrate big, and was always on to the next adventure, welcoming anyone who would join her.

Michael D. Ladd, age 79, of Edwardsville, Illinois, died tragically Monday, March 18, 2019, at this home. Michael was a general contractor having worked in Edwardsville for many years. Michael was born September 15, 1939, in Highland, Illinois, the son of the late Nicholas F. & Mary (Ballweg) Ladd. Mike married Lois Ann Buchta on April 20, 1976, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Edwardsville. Lois also died tragically on March 18, 2019. Michael is survived by 6 brothers, Nicholas Ladd, James (Viola "Vi") Ladd, Gary (Joann) Ladd, Thomas (Sandi) Ladd, and Donald (Bonny) Ladd, Mark (Laurie) Ladd; 1 sister, Dolores "Dodie" Levi; and many nieces, nephews, & great nieces & nephews. Besides his parents Mike was preceded in death by 1 brother, Richard H. Ladd, a sister, Mary Louise

Ladd, 2 sisters-in-law, Pat Ladd and Betty Ladd, and a brother-in-law, Gary Levi.

Mike was fun-loving and young at heart. He and Lois loved to travel and particularly enjoyed skiing and spending time at their retreat in Indiana. They enjoyed hosting exchange students and have kept in touch with them for more than 25 years. His generosity and willingness to help anyone will never be forgotten. Mike was also very active in the Edwardsville community and had received a Paul Harris Fellowship Award from the Edwardsville Rotary Club.

A memorial visitation will be from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Monday, March 25, 2019, at St. Boniface Catholic Church. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 26th at St. Boniface with The Very Reverend Jeffrey Goeckner officiating. Lois was cremated and an interment will be held at a later date. Memorials may be given to the ICA Council on Chiropractic Pediatrics, PBS Chanel 9, or the St. Boniface Capital Campaign.

Events

MAR **Visitation** 03:00PM - 08:00PM

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St. Boniface Catholic Church

110 North Buchanan, Edwardsville, IL, US, 62025

MAR **Service** 10:30AM

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Comments



“ Happy anniversary!!!! Miss you guys everyday!!!!

Judy Wilson - April 30 at 07:19 PM



“ Rob Fischer lit a candle in memory of Michael and Lois (Buchta) Ladd



Rob Fischer - April 17 at 01:00 PM



“ I met Dr. Lois at the Logan Spring Symposium in 2016 and looked forward to seeing each year since. She will be missed. Though I saw her once a year I looked forward to seeing her and experiencing her big heart and quick wit. We received a donation from her office ceramic piggy bank that "lived" in her waiting room today and this is how we found out about her and her husband's tragic death. She had a very special place in her heart for the children. Prayers and God's Peace for her family, friends and patients. Laughing with the angels that you so much for your generous support these past three years.

Kentuckiana Children's Center
Louisville, KY



Jean Elizabeth Grabowski - March 30 at 05:57 PM



“ Having had the wonderful opportunity to spend time with Lois and Michael in Palm Springs last December, my memory of them is exactly the same as their photograph, loving and laughing and sharing themselves with their friends and colleagues. My condolences to their family members and my most sincere tribute to two individuals who contributed so much light and laughter to everyone they came in contact with, lifting them up.

Dr. Lois and her ability, talents and gifts of supporting those on their own healing path, will surely be missed.

Sharon Vallone, fellow chiropractor and member of the ICA Council on Chiropractic Pediatrics

Sharon Vallone - March 30 at 04:59 PM



“ I am so saddened to learn of the tragedy of Lois and Mike. Although I haven't seen you Cousins for many years, I have wonderful memories of being with you all. Mary Lou and Donald were my best childhood buddies and Michael was always nice to me. I am so sorry for the suffering of your families.

With love and sorrow,
Judy Ladd L
eshner
Seattle, WA

Judith Leshner - March 30 at 11:17 AM



“ A light has gone out with the passing of Lois. She will be sadly missed by all.

Shari Barnish - March 27 at 10:36 AM



“ A loss to our community!! Great people!!

beverly rigsby (luebbert) - March 26 at 02:17 PM



“ I was lucky to become one of her clients many years ago, she helped me so much while I was waiting for neck and back surgery. I so looked forward to every appt. I had with her, she was just a delightful lady, full of so much joy. I always left there feeling so much better for having just had the time with her. She will be sorely missed as will her husband. It is just so sad what happened to them. I hope they are rejoicing in heaven today and always.

Prayers go out to all of their family and friends at this time.

Donna Amick

Donna Amick - March 26 at 08:52 AM



“ I am truly sorry for this very tragic end to the lives of two of the greatest people I know. I wish I could be there but unfortunately I am unable to due to major health issues myself. I just would like to let you know that I am really sorry for this loss and wish everyone that's been devastated by this tragedy can stay strong and persevere through this , as I know that's how they would have wanted it. God works in mysterious ways and takes people whenever he needs them and he must really need these two perfect humans really badly. Again my deepest heartfelt condolences and respect to the families in this extremely difficult time, Sincerely Jeff.

jeffrey abbott - March 25 at 08:29 PM



“ Jeffrey Abbott lit a candle in memory of Michael and Lois (Buchta) Ladd



jeffrey abbott - March 25 at 08:21 PM

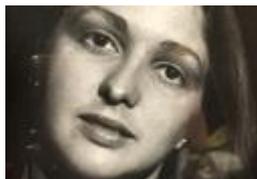


“ My heartfelt condolences go out to the Buchta and Ladd families. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Bill Mudge

Bill Mudge - March 25 at 11:49 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



R Worthy - March 24 at 09:21 PM



“ I remember Lois as a generous and industrious soul. I knew her first as a student at SIU-E; then as a collaborator as we formed MAD/CO in the late 1970's. As the company's first stage manager/stage hand, Lois's gracious spirit and easy-going personality were qualities that were greatly appreciated, especially when we began touring! Lois could get us in and out of theaters quickly and competently with little disruption for the dancers.

We will miss her warm greeting when we visit the St. Louis area in the future. Our prayers and thoughts are with the families and friends of Lois and her husband.

Alcine and Nancy Wiltz

Nancy Wiltz; Alcine Wiltz - March 24 at 08:55 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



mariann - March 24 at 07:57 PM



“ Mike and Lois were wonderful people, so lively, always doing for others and never slowing down. We were all blessed for having known them. I can still laugh over some of the times we shared and will always remember them SO fondly. God Bless the families and very close friends who knew them forever. Mike and Lois will be SO missed, and E'ville won't be the same.



mariann - March 24 at 07:56 PM



“ Please know your family is in our prayers and our hearts are just broken. How do you say good-bye to one of the sweetest couples we know.



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael and Lois (Buchta) Ladd.



March 24 at 04:36 PM



“ 60 files added to the album LifeTributes



Weber & Rodney Funeral Homes - March 24 at 03:49 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael and Lois (Buchta) Ladd.



March 24 at 01:02 PM



“ Mike and Lois have done so much to help me improve my life and taught me what it really means to love thy neighbor. They will be sorely missed.

Stephen Farris - March 24 at 10:24 AM



“ Our prayers and sympathies are with the Ladd and Buchta families. We will pray for peace and understanding for all and light a candle in remembrance of their good hearts and contributions to the community and their gracious hearts.

Kevin and Mary Ann Autenrieb

kevin t autenrieb - March 24 at 12:08 AM



“ Lois was a much loved classmate from the Edwardsville High School class of 1969. We are devastated by the news and will never forget her.

Diane Jurgena Busch - March 23 at 06:06 PM



“ The worst in Michael I don't know exactly what to say but you were a wonderful person and very very nice person both of you I met you in the 6th grade and retired room and we became Fast Friends and I just can't I just can't believe it but just remember you have gone to a better place if anything I can do please let me know and I can't forget the times that you came out to my grandma's house and ate lunch with us can you take me home afterwards

Linda Johnson Foster - March 24 at 01:09 PM



“ I met Lois in 1981, when she was the manager of the St Louis Community College at Meramec Theater. She had hired me to work part time in the theater when I was a student there. The day that she hired me changed the next 38 years of my life. From Meramec, I went on to be a display designer for Union Electric (Ameren), among other positions at that company. I have fond memories of the time spent with her at Meramec.

Richard Katz - March 23 at 10:06 AM



“ Kelly Lo lit a candle in memory of Michael and Lois (Buchta) Ladd



Kelly lo - March 22 at 11:21 PM



“ Lois reached out to me when I was still in Pittsburgh preparing to move out to Edwardsville. She offered me some space in her building to help me get my business started here. I thought that was an incredibly gracious thing to do, especially for someone she didn't even know. I came to discover that's just who she was - a person of great kindness, generosity and support. She and Mike will be greatly missed and their passing leaves a huge hole in the heart of Edwardsville.

Pamela Moody

Pamela Moody - March 22 at 09:35 PM



“ I first met Dr Ladd 8 years ago for chiropractic help. My daughters and I have been going to her ever since. We fell in love with her the first time we met her. She was incredibly funny, intelligent, caring and one of the most genuine people we have ever met. Thanks for all the advice and friendship over the years. A special thanks for taking an interest in my girls lives and helping guide them in their European adventures and hanging out with them at the yearly art fair. There will always be a place in our hearts for you. I'm sure you are dancing in Heaven.



Sue Johnston - March 22 at 02:34 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - 'Wherever a beautiful soul...' was purchased for the family of Michael and Lois Ladd.



March 22 at 02:22 PM



“ Sending heartfelt sympathies and prayers to all of the Ladd & Buchta family members. They were both outstanding people and pillars in our community.



Courtney, Reyman & Grable Families - March 22 at 01:29 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael and Lois Ladd.



March 22 at 11:50 AM



“ Judy Wilson lit a candle in memory of Michael and Lois (Buchta) Ladd



Judy Wilson - March 22 at 07:12 AM



“ This is for Mike, Tracy. and Melissa: our whole family is so sorry that you kids are going through this tragedy. We're praying for you and Jim. Love to all of you. Carrol and Sally

The Carrs - March 22 at 01:18 AM



“ WOW!!!! Neil Buchta just passed away and I decided to revisit this site, to try to heal some more from this so tragic loss. I just now saw this. Carrol and Sally, so many fond memories from when we were all together. THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!! Love you folks!

Traci - November 15 at 01:37 PM



“ Kristine Weaver sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael and Lois (Buchta) Ladd



Kristine Weaver - March 22 at 01:06 AM



“ Lois and the Buchta family lived in the Quercus Grove area - where our families were neighbors and life long friends.. Lois was a fun loving person with a special unique flare. When she became a chiropractor she did a home visit for my mom and did acupuncture for her eyes. I didn't know Mike as long or as well but they complimented each other. They were laid back, friendly, very kind, generous, and were also very encouraging people. I know they will be missed here on this earth but I pray they are enjoying heaven and celebrating with Jesus. Peace and blessings to their family. Betty Kappler Brabenec

Betty Kappler Brabenec - March 22 at 12:18 AM



“ I considered Mike a friend. My dad considered Mike a friend. He was loyal, kind, gave great advice, reminded me of my dad, and loved his wife. They will be a tremendous loss to our town and greatly missed. I will say prayers of strength for their enormous family and group of friends.

Kari Eaker - March 21 at 10:05 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael and Lois Ladd.



March 21 at 08:37 PM



“ Mike and Lois were special in so many ways to so many people. I am eternally grateful for Mike introducing my Mom and Dad, for Lois teaching me how to drive a stickshift (her Camry was never the same), for the rides in the Jeep on summer nights or plowing snow in the winter, for fun Christmases with all of the Ladds at their house, for both of their contagious laughs, and the love, nurturing guidance, and lessons they taught me, just by living their lives helping others.

Patrick Lewis - March 21 at 08:20 PM



“ DITTO MY FRIEND!!!

Traci - November 15 at 01:39 PM