



Jon Steven "Buck" McNeely

September 27, 1960 - January 7, 2024

Jon Steven "Buck" McNeely, 63, of Cape Girardeau County died unexpectedly Sunday, January 7, 2024 at his home.

He was born September 27, 1960 in Cape Girardeau to Bob and Sharon Wieser McNeely.

He and LaDonna Kay Sims were married April 18, 1991 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Buck was a graduate of Hughson High School in Hughson, California and attended Southeast Missouri State University.

He was the CEO and president of Outdoorsman International & Timberwolf Productions.

He was a member of Lynwood Baptist Church, Dallas Safari Club and lifetime member of NRA.

Buck was an avid reader, a Christian patriot, a strong leader who believed in God and his country and stood up for gun rights.

He was also a great father and husband.

Survivors include his wife, LaDonna McNeely, and two sons, Max (fiance, Samantha Landers) McNeely and Rex McNeely all of Cape Girardeau County; father, Bob McNeely of Marble Hill, Missouri; mother, Sharon (Bob) Searls of Modesto, California; sister, Lori Jean (David) McCormick of Marble Hill; mother-in-law, Betty McCormick and her husband, Neal, a World War II Veteran; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Friends may call noon to 2:00 pm on Monday, January 15, 2024 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral Service will follow at 2:00 pm Monday, January 15, 2024 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Mark Anderson officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to Lynwood Christian Academy.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 15. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Funeral Service

JAN 15. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

PM

“ I just realized that Buck has passed away. I'm sad to hear that he passed. I have only spoken with Buck over the phone while I worked for Fahlgren Advertising agency. One of our customers advertised on his show. When he would call, I would joke with him that he was a one man show. He was a very nice man. I'm sending my belated sympathy to his family.

Pam Morton

Pam Morton - March 28 at 09:43 AM

AB

“ Alan And Blake lit a candle in memory of Jon Steven "Buck" McNeely



Alan and Blake - August 25, 2025 at 08:55 PM

EB

“ Eugene Baker lit a candle in memory of Jon Steven "Buck" McNeely



Eugene Baker - February 10, 2025 at 12:56 AM

JY

“ My father is 85 yrs old and he looked forward to the weekend.He was up early every Saturday,just to to watch The Outdoorsman.I know your father I'd smiling up their,that the show will continue.Much sympathy from Juan and (Joe/pop's)

juan yepes - October 12, 2024 at 08:52 AM

DG

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to BUCKS family YOUR FATHER was an amazing person I have watched your father's show for years I can't remember a Friday or Saturday night not watching the outdoorsman matter of fact I just finished watching an African Hunt with BUCK AND MAX I HOPE MAX WILL TAKE OVER AND CONTINUE THE SHOW



Dave Gibo - May 11, 2024 at 03:09 AM

GM

We recently started watching the show again after a time of missing it because it's on later at night here. We send sympathy, even now, to the family and friends. What a legacy Buck leaves! Glad Max has continued the show.

George and Carol M - March 17, 2025 at 12:07 AM

RP

“ I was very saddened to hear of Buck passing. Me & my 94 yrs father enjoy Buck show for years. To Buck's wife & sons have our deepest of sympathy from Ron Poindexter & father.

Ronald Poindexter - April 28, 2024 at 11:01 PM

RT

“ *Rose Thomas lit a candle in memory of Jon Steven "Buck" McNeely*



Rose Thomas - February 25, 2024 at 12:10 AM

HB

“ *You were a Hero to my Grandson, Harley Dean Buckner. Love the autographed picture you sent him 9 years ago. RIP BUCK.*

Hilda Buckner - January 21, 2024 at 06:49 AM

TH

“ *I am an avid watcher of his tv show and have been for several years. When my husband and I learned of Buck's passing our hearts sank. He and his boys had been a part of our Sunday evening tv for quite some time. We send our love and prayers to Buck's wife and sons.*

Tina Harrison - January 15, 2024 at 12:17 AM

DM

“ When it came to enthusiasm and passion, no one can compare to Buck McNeely. I have worked with him during my tenure at two television stations. I will say he was a driving force, and it would be great if sales people from all walks of life could have benefited from Buck's ability to sell through his strong belief in his show and the positive messages he was communicating about family. No written statements will do him justice. You would have to be in the room with him or on the phone to truly hear the love that Buck had for family and for nature. His commanding but kind presence will be missed. Don Moore, General Manager for WXXV Television in Gulfport, MS.

Don Moore - January 14, 2024 at 12:42 PM

GW

“ Rest in peace Buck. A true broadcast pioneer. We aired *The Outdoorsman* show on our TV station WVVH TV, New York. He was a natural, at ease with the outdoors and as a sportsman very entertaining and accomplished. Thank you Buck for taking us and your fans on a great journey. May God bless you and your . Greg and Ernie Schimizzi, WVVH TV, Hamptons TV

Greg and Ernie Schimizzi, WVVH-TV - January 13, 2024 at 06:05 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jon Steven "Buck" McNeely.



January 13, 2024 at 09:57 AM



“ We aired his program back in the early 90s on our station met Buck several times. What a good man. Ran into him recently in Miami and Napte and it was a real treat. The TV industry will miss him.

Tom Fawbush - January 12, 2024 at 05:35 PM



“ Sharon, I couldn't believe the news about Buck. Even though I haven't seen you since our 50th class reunion I still think of you often and intended to get in touch, not this way. Losing a child, no matter what age, is one of, if not the most heartbreaking experience. I remember when Buck was just a tiny baby and I came to your parents home to see him you let me feed him his bottle and even change his diaper. For some reason that memory has stayed with me throughout the years. Considering his parents, Buck had no choice but to grow up and become the outstand person he was.

My heart, prayers and love go out to you Sharon, my very special friend since first grade. Vickie Wills Kain

Vickie Kain - January 12, 2024 at 12:12 PM

CR

“ My 10 year old daughter met Buck at Cracker Barrel about a year ago with his Mil & Fil. I told Buck before the encounter happened Anna would be calling him Uncle Buck before their visit was over. Sure enough that happened. I have some pictures to share with his family from that day. He was larger than life to many & many lived vicariously through him. You will be missed sweet man. Thank you for all the memories! The Reid family



Cori Reid - January 12, 2024 at 09:32 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jon Steven "Buck" McNeely.



January 11, 2024 at 08:30 PM

CM

“ CHARLES L MONTERA lit a candle in memory of Jon Steven "Buck" McNeely



CHARLES L MONTERA - January 10, 2024 at 11:36 PM

JC

“ I Always looked forward to watching his shows, seeing him travel the world spending time with his family and friends with hunting and fishing and spreading good will where ever he went. Buck McNeely will be truly missed. God's speed to the happy hunting grounds Buck.

Jon Caho - January 10, 2024 at 03:04 PM

DB

I'm so sorry to hear about your husband. Sounds like he was a wonderful husband and father. Also sorry I couldn't make the funeral LaDonna but I had to get a root canal today. Take care sweet lady and I'll be praying for you and your boys

Disne Brighr - January 16, 2024 at 08:16 PM

DK

Buck died unexpectedly in his sleep. But what was his cause of death? Was an autopsy done? I loved watching his show every week. Rest in peace, Sir!

DAVE KAMMERER - June 09, 2024 at 01:25 AM

DK

I hope his family will reply to me, at djksierra@att.net or PH 231-228-6218...Thank you

DAVE KAMMERER - June 09, 2024 at 01:27 AM