



## Alfred Buchberger Jr.

January 16, 1930 - October 4, 2025

Alfred Buchberger Jr., age 95 of Willoughby, passed away on October 4, 2025, at Fairmount Health Center in Willoughby, OH. He was born on January 16, 1930, in Wausau, WI.

A U.S. Army veteran who enlisted in 1948, he served in Japan, Korea, England, and Germany until his retirement in 1968 as a First Sergeant. Following his military service, he ran a thriving vending machine business in Lake County, OH, for 15 years. He was an ardent fan of Cleveland sports and took great pride in having the best manicured yard on the block. He was a member of St. Gabriel Church in Mentor, OH.

While stationed in England, Alfred met his wife Shirley at a dance in 1953, a chance encounter that began a 72-year courtship of loving devotion. Besides wife Shirley (nee Smith), Alfred is survived by son, Steven (Kathleen) Buchberger; daughter, Suzan Friesner; son, Kevin Buchberger; son, David (Michelle) Buchberger; five grandchildren, Noah (Rebecca), Amber (Jeff), David (Anna), Joshua, and Jessica (Andrew) and six great-grandchildren; other surviving family members include: stepsisters, Virginia, Alvira, and Marcie; stepbrothers, Vernon and Gary; and British sisters-in-law, Angela (Ib) Ravn-Aagaard and Eileen Smith.

He was preceded in death by his father, Alfred Buchberger Sr.; mother,

Johanna (nee Starzinski) Buchberger; stepmother, Catherine Buchberger; brothers, James and Lyle; stepbrother, Sylvester; stepsister, Jeanette; daughter-in-law Mary Buchberger; son-in-law, David Friesner and British in-laws, Ron, Terry and Pat Smith.

A private committal service will be held on October 20, 2025 at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, 10175 Rawiga Road, Seville, OH 44273.

Contributions in his memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Arrangements entrusted to Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Mentor, OH. Offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery

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