

Bud Ramkey

September 30, 1956 - February 5, 2026

Bud Ramkey, 69, of Saybrook Township, passed away February 5, 2026 at home, surrounded by his family. He was born September 30, 1956 in Cleveland, to the late Claude Jr. and Lila Ramkey.

Bud was a Conrail railroader, starting his craft with his dad in his youth and retiring in 2017 as an engineer. He was an avid gardener, planting and harvesting with his grandchildren. He was a traveler of the US, spending many days on the road with his wife in their motorhome. He was a man who could make friends with anyone he met. He had a great love of music and was a self-proclaimed weather man. He was a husband, dad, papa, and a great friend and mentor.

He's survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Susan Ramkey (nee: Bevis); children, Sara (Aaron) Omlor, Chad A. (Jackie) Ramkey, Samantha (Brandon) Shellko and Jake Ramkey; grandchildren, Logan, Eloise and Graham Omlor, Lola and Collins Ramkey, and Ryker and Freya Shellko; dog and favorite son, Beethoven; siblings, Beverly (Ray) Sweeny, Claudia Prescott, Laurel (Chuck) DuFour, Pamela (John) Batie and Sonya (Jim) Berger, and many nieces, nephews and other loving family members and friends.

Preceding Bud in death are his sister, Jacqueline Smith and brother-in-law, Edwin Prescott.

Family and friends will be received from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, Ohio 44060. A funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at Bethel Lutheran Church, 32410 Willowick Drive, Willowick, Ohio 44095. Please meet at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made in honor of Bud to Reserve Care (formerly Hospice of the Western Reserve), PO Box 72700, Cleveland, OH 44192. <https://reserve-care.org/donate>

Send flowers and offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **10**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3401
ajs@brunners.com
<https://www.brunners.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB **11**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel Lutheran Church
32410 Willowick Dr.
Willowick, OH 44095

Tribute Wall

EL

“ Emily and Michael Lasaine purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bud Ramkey.



Emily and Michael Lasaine - February 10 at 09:38 AM

LW

“ Louie & Nancy Woods planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bud Ramkey.

Louie & Nancy Woods - February 10 at 08:02 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Bud Ramkey.



February 10 at 08:02 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Bud Ramkey.



February 09 at 11:44 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bud Ramkey.*



February 09 at 09:44 AM



“ *Fran Bevis & Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Bud Ramkey.*



Fran Bevis & Family - February 09 at 09:20 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bud Ramkey.*



February 08 at 09:01 PM



“ *My prayers go out to your family. tom thought of bud as a true brother. Loved working and sharing stories They will have alit to catch up on. You are in my prayers as you reflect on your life together. I'm only a call or text away. God bless*



Billie Priebe - February 08 at 04:36 PM

DB

“ *Deepest sympathy to family. Many fond memories from the family gatherings and reunions.* ”



Darleneb Bonness - February 08 at 02:54 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Bud Ramkey.* ”

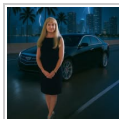


February 08 at 01:16 PM

DP

“ *I remember all the good days we had on the railroad, laughing, joking, and even getting some work done, but was truly a Superman I remember working with his father when I was a fireman he taught me many things that made me a good engineer, but the best engineer was bud he can handle a train like nobody and as far as story times and it just being a genuine decent person, he's the top of the list. Love you, buddy. May you rest in peace and someday I will see you in that heavenly place.* ”

Donald Pritchard - February 08 at 12:21 PM



Bud. May you rest now with the angels and Jesus. Recall working many days/nights with Bud. Always good for a laugh with a quick joke. Thanks Bud for educating many hours at work. Thank you!

Chris Looney - February 08 at 03:11 PM

EC

“ Going to miss you cuz. I love you and may your star shine bright in the sky given to us by our creator and Heavenly Father above.
Amen



Eileen Campbell - February 08 at 06:35 AM

MD

“ My heartfelt condolences to Sue and family on the loss of Bud. He was such a wonderful guy, so funny, talented and loving. I'm so grateful to have had the honor of his friendship since the early 70's.
Rest in peace, Bud.

Margie Keough Doherty - February 07 at 07:48 PM

MR

“ Matt & Anita Ruff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bud Ramkey.

Matt & Anita Ruff - February 07 at 07:04 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bud Ramkey.



February 07 at 07:04 PM

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“ Lots of love, Ang (Tarrer) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bud Ramkey.

Lots of love, Ang (Tarrer) - February 07 at 04:59 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Bud Ramkey.*



February 07 at 04:59 PM



“ *My heart goes out to Buds family. I've known him for 50 years. He was a DJ at the Pin Deck back in the 70's where I worked. He was a genuinely nice man.*

Annette Peine - February 07 at 04:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bud Ramkey.*



February 07 at 02:43 PM



“ *Mindy H planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bud Ramkey.*

Mindy H - February 07 at 02:43 PM

FM

“ Our condolences to everyone whose life was touched by Bud. He and Sue were an important part of the ruse to surprise me for my 60th birthday and I will not forget that or the other numerous occasions we had together. Cathy and I are ever grateful to have been part of the Miracle Express band. With sadness now, Fred and Cathy Murch

Fred Murch - February 07 at 01:42 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bud Ramkey.



February 07 at 12:30 PM

SF

“ Sue Furman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bud Ramkey.

Sue Furman - February 07 at 12:30 PM

SB

“ I will never forget Christmas time Uncle bud always had the trash bag and we would all throw the wrapping paper from the gifts at him. Nothing but good memories

scot bevis - February 07 at 12:11 PM

MB

“ Will be missed always in our memories and hearts salute to you bud!!

Michael Bonness - February 07 at 12:06 PM

FB

“ *Your prescience will be missed by all of the Bevis family . No one was a stranger to you and your sense of humor, giving nature, and loving heart will forever be your legacy. I’m sure Bob was waiting for you when you arrived at the gates of heaven. Love Fran 🥹*

Fran Bevis - February 07 at 11:18 AM