



## George Philip Buchert

July 15, 1945 - March 2, 2018

Dr. George Philip Buchert, died at home on Friday morning, March 2, 2018, loved and surrounded by his wife and family, after a long struggle with mesothelioma.

George was born in Summit, New Jersey to Philip and Helen Frey Buchert, and grew up in beautiful, rural Pottersville, New Jersey. He married Ellen Sheppard in 1964, and was sealed to her and their children in the Cardston, Alberta Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1971. He learned to be a dad during the same years he learned to be a forester, then a forest geneticist graduating with a PhD from Michigan State University. For his career, he did research science on conifers for the Province of Ontario, Canada.

During the course of his life, he built three houses for his family, and did much church and community service work including over twenty years as a Boy Scout leader, and six years on the board of directors for a health clinic. George sang more lullabies to babies, and buckled more cross-country ski boots and snow shoes on kids than most people hear or see in a lifetime.

Dr. Buchert is survived by his wife, Ellen; their seven children, Robert (Georgia) Buchert, Regina Buchert, Martin (Becca) Buchert, Heidi (Todd) Egan, Johanna (Andy) Buchert Smith, Anneliese (Lazlo) Wilson, and Chris (Amy) Buchert; and his fourteen beautiful grandchildren. He is survived by his sisters, Barbara (Ed) Pinneo, and Jean (Al) Struck; his brother, Peter (Connie) Buchert and fourteen great nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

Memorial Services for Dr. George Philip Buchert will be held Saturday, March 17th, at 10:00 am, at the LDS Chapel, 835 South 500 West, Provo, Utah.

# Events

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Provo LDS Chapel

835 South 500 West, Provo, UT, US

# Comments

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“ I just heard about Bro. Buchert's passing and was very saddened by the news. I am really sorry, guys! Brother Buchert was a very fundamental guide and help to me while I was going to BYU and will never have enough words to say thank you for being such a wonderful person and friend to me. My life was never the same after meeting him and his lovely family. His wife is just an angel. Period! To her and all the Bucherts my condolences and sincere wishes that one day (maybe soon) I will see them to hug them and let them know in person how grateful I am for what they all did for me. Hugs to everyone!

Edgar León, Bogotá, Colombia

Edgar León - February 26, 2019 at 03:56 PM

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“ I am sorry to hear of Georges passing. He served on our Non-Profit Board for many years. He was always the voice of reason and gave great counsel. I will sincerely miss him. My condolences to the family.

He is a great man!

Todd Bailey- Exec. Dir.- Mountainlands Community Health Center

Todd Bailey - November 27, 2018 at 02:41 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Georges passing. something today made me think of the time i visited with you in the cobbler shop in 1995 shortly after i returned home from a mission in Wisconsin. I was just making my way to the UVCC (now UVU) and was just about to be engaged to my wife of 22 years. I remember the home in the "Soo" and spending thanksgiving day clearing land as a service project while on my mission. I also remember visiting again after i was married and you were so kind to let us stay at your home. My wife still talks about the amazing strawberry shortcake Ellen made for us. I was doubly surprised when we received a package from you shortly after returning home that was a towel we had inadvertently left at your home.

I was impressed by George's good nature and willingness to pitch in and work hard. the transition from Canada to Provo is a story i would like to hear more about someday. I hope to be the kind of person that George was. I loved his smile and his sincerity.

My best thoughts and feelings and love to the Buchert family.

Scott and Sandy Woodruff  
(Elder Woodruff 1994-1995)



“ I would often take my young daughter to George Buchert's shop to get minor repairs done on her shoes. He would always smile and chat with us while he glued in a sole or hammered on a heel. When the Bucherts moved and someone else took over the shop, my daughter and I went to get more repairs done. My daughter's eyes opened wide when I paid the man for his services. As we got in our car my daughter asked, "Why did you pay him? Shoe repairs are free." I answered, "No, they're only free if they're done by George." She never asked to get her shoes repaired again -- the magic of the shoe fixing elf was gone. Thank you, George, for all the love and magic you brought to everyone that was fortunate to meet you.

Rachel Breen - March 18, 2018 at 01:14 PM

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“ There was a time I didn't feel I had much value as a person. In that time George was always nice to me. There was never judgement or advice, only gentle acceptance of who I was. George has a big family, and I never felt that was limited by blood. He welcomed me. It's difficult to explain how comforting that is to someone who grew up without a father. I would say I owe him something but that's not him. I believe he got just as much out of knowing me. That's him. Love to the Buchert family.

David Allaband.

David Allaband - March 15, 2018 at 03:22 PM

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“ We're so very sorry to hear that George is gone, but so happy to think of him in a place as lovely as paradise -- a place that must be all the more beautiful for his being in it. We pray that the Lord will send special assurances and peace in the days and years to come -- and that you'll feel your dad's presence at special times when he will undoubtedly be amongst you.

Love,  
The Shea's

Mickelle Shea - March 15, 2018 at 12:30 AM

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“ Martin  
Sorry to hear about the loss of your father  
Take care and God bless  
Jim and Hayden Dain



“ Over a course of several years I have many memories of George. He always seem to have the ability to put a smile on MY face no matter what situation he was in. George was a wonderful example of true empathy and kindness and it shone from his eyes. Ellen, you are equally and wonderful and enjoyed all interactions I had with you as well. It was obvious the love that he shared for you. Bless your sweet family during this time.

Miriam Cook - March 14, 2018 at 03:46 AM

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“ Ellen and Jeanne--I always love to see you both. I cherish the time that Jeanne and spent in the ward library. We shared good times and complaints. I am grateful Ellen always admiring my stitching. I am so impressed with the love and devotion that you both had for George as he struggled with health problems. I got a glimpse of who he really was as I listened to him discuss the barn with my contractor. What a remarkable person  
George was with such a variety of careers. You will miss him but always feel his love. You are in my prayers,  
Jessie Embry

Jessie Embry - March 11, 2018 at 08:41 AM

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“ "I invited Ellen and Jeanne and George over to our apartment to watch a movie —“The Winslow Boy.” I could tell George came reluctantly (and it seemed Ellen made him come). He complained all thru the beginning of the movie that he hates romance movies and they are too sentimental and schmaltzy etc etc. Then as the movie went on he got really into it. Really really into it. And at the end, when it leaves the two love interests not together, but with hints they \*might\* possibly see each other more in future, George, of all the people in the room watching the movie, said, “More. They’re going to leave it like that? They need to have more.” in an anguished tone of voice.” -Lesli Summers-Stay

Lesli Summers-Stay - March 10, 2018 at 04:24 PM

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**Lesli Summers-Stay** - March 10, 2018 at 03:26 PM

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“ I remember hearing George singing a hymn from another room, before I ever saw his face. He was singing for his own enjoyment, but I enjoyed right along with him. I remember being instantly taken with his gentle, generous heart.

He was a match for Ellen. Hugs to her.

-Sean Summers

**Sean Summers** - March 10, 2018 at 12:31 AM



“ George and I worked together in the elders quorum presidency While attending Michigan State University. I am sad to learn of his passing and was going to try to call him this week learning that he and Ellen Moved to Utah. Best wishes and love for the Buchert family.  
Robert Hatch.

**Robert Hatch** - September 16, 2018 at 08:10 PM



“ Ouch, I just searched to see what happened to the work George did in Temagmi, Ontario with white pine genetics, and this popped up. We met in the summer of 1963, 18year olds in forestry school in the Adirondacks. I always considered him a dearest of friends, and will keep him in memory sitting by a fire in the woods, canoe tied but bobbing back and forth as we talk about our dreams for the future. I am sorry Ellen. Ross Morgan

**ross morgan** - March 16 at 05:06 PM