



## L. Gene Bucher

July 22, 2016

L. Gene Bucher, 79, of Brethren Village, died July 22 at Lancaster General Hospital.

Married for 59 years, he was the husband of Fern (Liskey) Bucher. He was the son of A. Lester Bucher and Helen (Balsbach) Bucher. He is survived by two daughters, Debra Bucher, of Poughkeepsie, NY, married to Mark Colvson, and Beth Martin, of Terre Hill, married to Loren Martin. In addition, he is survived by five grandchildren: Abigail (Martin), married to Daniel Burkholder, Anne (Martin), married to Luke Bingaman, Mary (Martin), married to Roy Brendle, Jonathan Colvson, and Catie Colvson-Bucher; and one great-granddaughter, Cora Burkholder. Also surviving are two sisters, Joanne Church of Hibbing, MN and Brenda Martz of Lititz.

Gene graduated from Myerstown High School (ELCO) in 1954, Elizabethtown College in 1958, Bethany Theological Seminary in 1961, and received a D.Min from Bethany in 1981. As pastor, he served Church of the Brethren congregations in Keyser, W.VA, Virginia Beach, VA, Hatfield, PA, and locally at Black Rock in Glenville, PA, and Hempfield in East Petersburg, PA. He served on the Church of the Brethren Ministry and Mission Board, as denominational representative to the National Council of Churches, and as district moderator in West Virginia, Southern Pennsylvania, and Atlantic Northeast.

His love for biblical scholarship led him to teach in various capacities: on numerous occasions, he wrote adult Sunday school literature for the Church of the Brethren, and he also taught "Journey through the Bible" at both Lancaster and Lititz Church of the Brethren. He was an active member of the Lancaster Church of the Brethren where he sang in the choir, taught Sunday school, and was a substitute leader of the morning prayer breakfast.

At E-town he was captain of the soccer team and threw a no-hitter his senior year as pitcher on the baseball team. He was an avid golfer and Phillies fan. In lieu of flowers, send memorial contributions to the Lancaster Church of the Brethren Youth Program.

A memorial service is planned for 11am on Saturday, July 30, 2016 at Lancaster Church of the Brethren. The family will receive family and friends at a luncheon following the service.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

Lancaster Church of the Brethren  
1601 Sunset Avenue  
Lancaster, PA 17601

# Tribute Wall



“ *L. Gene Bucher*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Dear Fern and loved ones,  
Out of our seventy years of knowing and working with fifteen pastors, Gene is one of our top three beloved ones. He was a true brother, a humble man in Christ; loving in council, hard working in serving others, fun at all celebratory events, true to teach God's Word in Questers, and a faithful friend. His Spirit filled life will be a joy for all to celebrate in everyone's memory. "Blessed in the eyes of the Lord is the death of His Saint." Ps. 116:15  
We grieve with all of you.  
Love from our family to yours, Jack, Glenny & Children*

Jack Peterson - July 30, 2016 at 02:21 PM



“ *Prayers and support as you walk through the valley of the shadow. Gene's many friends and colleagues are remembering him with great fondness and respect. His legacy lives on in significant and mighty ways! - Paul Munday, Frederick, MD.*

Paul Munday - July 30, 2016 at 10:37 AM



“ *Dear Fern, My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

*Love and prayers,*

*Claretta Kreamer*

Claretta Kreamer - July 26, 2016 at 02:05 PM



“ *Deb,  
Sending you love and comfort during this difficult time. You are in my thoughts.  
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Amanda Burdine*

Amanda - July 26, 2016 at 08:54 AM

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“ Dear Fern and Bucher Family,

*So sorry to hear about Gene's passing. Gene was my buddy and study partner in high school. I always looked forward to being reunited with you guys at reunions for high school and at Lebanon Valley College. Gene had a life worth living and made a positive difference in so many other lives. He'll be missed.*

*Stay positive, loving, and hopeful. Better days are ahead.*

*Love,*

*Mike Hottenstein  
State College, PA*

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**Mike Hottenstein** - July 24, 2016 at 02:17 PM