

## Mr. Evan O'Neill Buckner

March 17, 1990 - May 20, 2020

Mr. Evan O'Neill Buckner, 30, of Peoria, IL passed away peacefully at 4:03 PM on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria, Illinois.

Evan was born on March 17, 1990 in Peoria, Illinois to Cecilia Buckner and Darrell Faulkner. He was engaged to Sara M. Ross to be married later this year.

Evan was raised in Peoria, Illinois by his loving mother, Cecilia "CC" Buckner. At an early age he accepted Christ and was baptized. His education started at the Salvation Army Preschool continuing with Christ Lutheran School. His high school education began at Richwoods High School where he was accepted into the IB Program. He finished and graduated from Peoria High School in 2008 Peoria, Illinois. He also attended DeVry University pursuing study in Criminal Justice along with ICC studying Computer Science. Evan had an outstanding work ethic. But due to his illness he was not able to work as much. Although when his health allowed him to work, he did faithfully. His last place of employment was at FYE-For Your Entertainment Store in Northwoods Mall. He was smart, tech savvy and loved working with his hands. He would not give up until he figured it out. His spirit was humble, kind and a tenacious spirit.

Evan while growing up was active in church beginning with Mt. Zion Baptist Church starting with Sunday School, Youth Choir and being a Junior Usher. Later he united with St. Paul Baptist Church in Peoria, Illinois where he was active with the youth department and taught Sunday School. Also, while growing up he was a part of the TSTM (Tomorrow's Scientist, Technicians and Managers) with the Peoria Tri-County Urban League and Upward Bound where he received several honors.

Evan loved spending time with his family, traveling, being outdoors and loved animals. Following in the footsteps of his Aunt Karen, he had several pets which included cats named Angel, Kratos, Diva and Artemis and his personal emotional support dog, Phoenix. Evan leaves to cherish his most precious memories his mother Cecilia "CC" Buckner and father Darrell Faulkner; his fiancée Sara M. Ross of Washington, IL; Aunts, Uncles and a host of cousins and friends. He is preceded in death by his grandparents Lushion and Clara Buckner, Billy Scott, Sr. (Uncle) and Karen Scott (Aunt).

As an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions may be sent to Memorial Gift P.O. Box 6356 Peoria, IL 61601.

A Private Memorial service will be held at 12 Noon on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at Simons Mortuary. A visitation will be held 30 minutes prior beginning at 11:30 am. Pastor Deveraux Hubbard of St. Paul Baptist Church will bring words of comfort to the family. The memorial service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150/>

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made on [SimonsMortuary.com](http://SimonsMortuary.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Evan O'Neill Buckner*

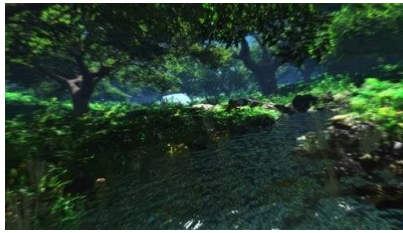


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**Simons Mortuary** - May 27, 2020 at 04:39 PM



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**Simons Mortuary** - May 27, 2020 at 12:39 PM



“ *Mr. Evan O'Neill Buckner*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Evan O'Neill Buckner*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Catherine Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Evan O'Neill Buckner*



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**Catherine Watson** - June 05, 2020 at 01:07 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Funeral Program



Simons Mortuary - May 27, 2020 at 12:40 PM



“ CeCe,  
*I don't have the words to express my sorrow on Evan's passing. But, I will borrow some words of encouragement and comfort from the scriptures.*  
*"The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:  
 The Lord make His face shine upon thee,  
 and be gracious into thee:  
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee,  
 and give them peace." Numbers 6 :24-26*

*Bishop Kevin Hill, Church of The Living God, (LBLC)*

Kevin T Hill - May 27, 2020 at 11:50 AM



“ CC *I am so sorry for your loss. I remember all the stories you shared with me about Evan over the years. Keeping you in my prayers.*

Julie Schifeling - May 27, 2020 at 10:56 AM



“ Cecilia, *Evan was a wonderful, caring and respectful young man from the moment we met him our family just loved him, you did an amazing job raising him and we all know he loved and respected you dearly, what touched us so much was the fact that he called us Mr. & Mrs. Fugitt, we told him he could call us Steve and Sue and his reply was no ma'am I wasn't raised that way, that sure says a lot for you! He and Nikki were the best of friends and when Nikki had Kyler that was his little stink as Evan called him and Kyler loved his Uncle Evan dearly. He will be greatly missed and I wish I could take away your pain and loss. Much love and many prayers, Sue & Steve (Mr. & Mrs. Fugitt)*

Sue Fugitt - May 26, 2020 at 11:46 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Evan O'Neill Buckner.



May 26, 2020 at 06:50 PM

RB

“ CC,  
Sending my heartfelt condolences. “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.” John 14:3  
God Be With You.  
Love, Rachel



Rachel Buckner - May 26, 2020 at 03:04 PM

JW

“ Jody Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Evan O'Neill Buckner



Jody Williams - May 26, 2020 at 02:34 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Evan O'Neill Buckner.



May 26, 2020 at 02:10 PM

CS

“ Curtis Shumate sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Evan O'Neill Buckner



Curtis shumate - May 25, 2020 at 11:34 PM



“ *Kim Furness lit a candle in memory of Mr. Evan O'Neill Buckner*



Kim Furness - May 25, 2020 at 10:50 PM



“ *23 Psalm Blanket was purchased for the family of Mr. Evan O'Neill Buckner.*



May 25, 2020 at 10:23 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Mr. Evan O'Neill Buckner.*



May 25, 2020 at 02:17 PM



“ *The Northern California Buckners purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Evan O'Neill Buckner.*



The Northern California Buckners - May 25, 2020 at 11:30 AM



“ *Dear CeCe & Family - I was so saddened to learn of Evan's passing. May God bless, comfort & keep you during your time of grief. You have my sympathy, love & prayers.*



Vickie King - May 25, 2020 at 10:55 AM

VA

“ So very sorry to hear of your loss. This young man was one of my first preschool students, I'll always remember him fondly. Peace and Blessings, Vanessa Peters

Vanessa - May 24, 2020 at 02:45 PM

MR

“ Mattie Risby sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Evan O'Neill Buckner



Mattie Risby - May 24, 2020 at 01:07 PM

JB

“ Joanie Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Evan O'Neill Buckner



Joanie Brown - May 24, 2020 at 12:45 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Evan O'Neill Buckner.



May 24, 2020 at 08:27 AM

MW

“ To the Buckner, Faulkner and Ross Family,

*On behalf of the North City Church of Christ in St. Louis, MO (the church family of Jacky and Shanell Williams), we would like to send our condolences, expressing our most sincere sadness of the passing of your dear Evan Buckner. In this time of great sorrow, please know that you are in our thoughts and our prayers. God will bring your families peace during this time of grief.*

*The Lord has an overall plan. While it hurts us who are left behind, we hope you can take comfort in the fact Evan is with our Lord now. He lives on not only in our memories, but with our heavenly Father as well. This is the good news.*

*If there is anything you all need during this difficult time, please do not hesitate to reach out to us for support. We are here for you, emotionally, spiritually, and physically...We are here to serve.*

*Please keep the faith during this time.*

*North City Church off Christ,  
The church family of Jacky and Shanell Williams*

*In prayer,  
Minister Rodney J. Weekly Jr. and wife Melanie*

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**Melanie V. Weekly** - May 24, 2020 at 08:10 AM

MP

“ Mancy Pittman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Evan O'Neill Buckner



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**Mancy Pittman** - May 24, 2020 at 04:41 AM

DS

“ DEBRINA SMITH lit a candle in memory of Mr. Evan O'Neill Buckner



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**DEBRINA SMITH** - May 23, 2020 at 09:45 PM

B-

“ Dear Cecilia and Darryl so sorry to hear about the lost of your beloved son. I pray the Lord gives you the strength and peace of mind you need to help you through this. I will be praying for you guys! 🙏



Belinda(Lynn)Spencer -Little - May 23, 2020 at 07:39 PM



“ CC I was so sorry to hear about the passing of your son. May GOD comfort and healing to u . I'm a Facebook away if u need me



Jetuan Norris - May 23, 2020 at 07:07 PM

CE

“ CC and The Buckner Family,  
I'm Sorry for your loss! You are in my thoughts and Prayers.  
Crystal Jackson Easterwood

Crystal Easterwood - May 23, 2020 at 06:36 PM

YC

“ Dear CC:

*I was so sorry to learn of Evan's, passing. May the Lord comfort your heart, and may your memories of him provide you with much comfort and in the weeks to come. May the Lord bless you and your entire family.*

*Yvette Cummings*

Yvette Cummings (former co-worker) - May 23, 2020 at 02:45 PM

AI

“ Alice Ingram lit a candle in memory of Mr. Evan O'Neill Buckner



Alice Ingram - May 23, 2020 at 12:50 PM

KA

“ Karen Ashby sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Evan O'Neill Buckner



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**Karen Ashby** - May 23, 2020 at 12:00 PM

MB

“ Dearest CC  
My thoughts and prayers surround you now and always. May your beautiful memories of Evan comfort and sustain you, and, all of us who love you.  
Love,  
Mary Boyd

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**Mary Boyd** - May 23, 2020 at 11:46 AM

LG

“ Love, Your P-town Girls purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Evan O'Neill Buckner.



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**Love, Your P-town Girls** - May 23, 2020 at 11:41 AM

JF

“ Johnson Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Evan O'Neill Buckner



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**Johnson family** - May 23, 2020 at 09:10 AM

FJ

“ FAYE JACKSON lit a candle in memory of Mr. Evan O'Neill Buckner



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**FAYE JACKSON** - May 23, 2020 at 07:40 AM

KA

“ Karen Ashby sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Evan O'Neill Buckner



Karen Ashby - May 22, 2020 at 11:22 PM

CF

“ To The Family: May The LORD Be Your Comforter and Guidance Through Your Time Of Sorrow. Keep All Your Precious Memories Close To Your Hearts. R.I.H Evan Darrie & Constance Faulkner



Constance Faulkner - May 22, 2020 at 09:58 PM

EB

“ Emel Buckner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Evan O'Neill Buckner



Emel Buckner - May 22, 2020 at 07:07 PM

EC

“ Words can not express my sorrow for the lost of your young one. May the Lord grant you peace & memories sustain you.



evelyn tate clayton - May 22, 2020 at 06:50 PM

BA

To CC and Daryl my heart goes out to you both. My deepest condolences.

Brenda Albert - May 22, 2020 at 11:06 PM

AF

Cousin Cecilia (CC),  
I'm very saddened to hear about Evan. I am so sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to you in your time of sorrow. My prayers are with you in this very difficult time. 🙏🙏

Anita Buckner Freeman - May 23, 2020 at 01:41 AM

HW

*CC my thoughts and prayers are with u I know u know God will take care of u, love u dear and the family*

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**Hazel Williams** - May 23, 2020 at 08:10 AM

RS

*Hello CC: My heartfelt condolence is extended to you and your family. No words can ease the loss in your heart. I just know God will be with you even when you feel alone. He will not leave you nor forsake you. "Trust in the Lord...Lean not to your own understand"... ONE DAY-ONE MOMENT AT A TIME!  
Rozz Sazone & Family*

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**Rosalinda Sazone** - May 26, 2020 at 01:13 PM