



Harry Richard Buell Jr.

August 6, 1960 - June 7, 2022

Harry Richard Buell Jr., sadly passed away in St. Petersburg, Florida on June 7, 2022, at the age of 61.

Harry was born on August 6, 1960, in St. Augustine and attended St. Augustine High School before enlisting in the United States Coast Guard at the age of 17. After his 27 years of service, he returned to St. Augustine where he enjoyed his retirement with gardening, spending time with friends, family and well if you knew him, you knew him.

While serving his country in the Coast Guard, Harry was recognized for his service earning numerous USCG Awards and Achievements including the Coast Guard Achievement Metal, Coast Guard Unit Commendation (2 Awards), Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation (5 Awards), Coast Guard Good Conduct Metal (7 Awards), National Defense Service Medal (2 Awards), Commandant's Letter of Commendation, Humanitarian Service Medal (2 Awards), Coast Guard "E" Ribbon, Coast Guard Special Ops Service Ribbon (3 Awards), Coast Guard Sea Service Ribbon, Secretary's Outstanding Unit Award, and Transportation 9-11 Ribbon.

Harry is survived by his sister, Cecelia; aunt, Sue; son, Jack; daughters, Anna, Sarah, and Kimberly; niece, Amy; grandchildren, Chole, Jamie, Ella, Amelia, and Tyler, as well as, several cousins and close friends.

He is preceded in death by his father, Harry Richard (Bubby) Buell Sr.; mother,

Barbara Ann Neville, (nee Meacham); uncle, Benjamin Leen (Ben) Meacham Jr; aunt, Judy Lynn Perry, (nee Meacham) and best friend and sidekick, Flo.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 18th at 1:00 PM. at St Johns Funeral Home 385 State Road 207, St. Augustine, FL 32084. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Harry's life. A reception will follow the service. In lieu of flowers, drink one for the boys.

Previous Events

A Gathering of Family and Friends to Celebrate His Life

JUN 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

ST JOHNS FAMILY FUNERAL HOME
385 State Rd 207
St. Augustine, FL 32084

Tribute Wall

 Peter Sabine

“ Met him USCGC Vise a true Vise man he was a seaman 1981 I moved over to another ship He loved his life and job Pete Sabine retire USCG

Peter Sabine - May 06, 2025 at 11:18 PM

SB

“ Dad- There is not a single day that passes where I do not miss you. What I would give to hear you laugh one more time, give you a hug, or hear you yell at me for being late! Reading all these posts people have shared about you makes me smile knowing how people loved you as much as I did. You were my rock, my bestfriend, and an amazing father. Thank you for molding me into the woman I am today. I try every day to make you proud while you watch over me. Until I get to hug you again, you will always be in my hear.
Sarah



Sarah Buell - July 07, 2023 at 11:14 AM

BS

“ Ben Stickel Mk2 (ret.) I can always remember this great man singing the SpongeBob SquarePants theme song while driving the rib off cgc woodrush as we were leaving the calm water and heading into the rough water up in Sitka, Ak. Rip shipmate.

ben stickel - October 26, 2022 at 02:44 PM

DH

“ I am Don Harper, BMC, USCG, (Retired). First, my condolences to Harry's Family and friends.

For some reason, Harry had been popping into my mind the last few months and I had tried searching the web for him several times; today learning he had crossed the bar took the winds out of my sails. We served together in St Pete in the mid-80s and I was one of the Coxswains that trained him there. We lost contact when I made E-6 and went to West Palm until I was up north of Jupiter Inlet in the UTB in heavy weather and lost an engine. Harry came down from Ft Pierce to escort me through the surf in West Palm. Yes, you can get surf there when it is bad. He got such a kick out “baby sitting” me and I knew I had a good backup if anything went wrong. Harry was a great person to serve with; but most importantly, he was a great person to be with.

God's Blessings.

Fair winds and following seas.

Don Harper - October 01, 2022 at 02:50 PM

TG

“ My name is Tony Garanzuay, BMC,USCG, (Retired). Firstly, my condolences to the entire Buell Family. I initially tried to contact Harry bc of the current storm, since I lost contact from him since I retired in June of 2003. I had planned to invite him to my retirement ceremony but never got around to it since I had some family issues back home in Corpus Christi, TX. Secondly, fyi, I first met Harry in Boatswains Mate school in 1983. He was the life and spirit of the class. Got to know him during our 3 month class. What a character. Ironically I retired on the CGC Harriet Lane in Portsmouth, VA. I was hoping to find him in good spirits, regardless of the weather. Sadly, this is how I learned of his passing 😞. RIP my fellow Boatswains Mate. Until we splice our line in heaven. God Bless 🙏😞

Tony Garanzuay - September 29, 2022 at 03:52 PM

KL

“ As a young boy back in 1970 my family had just moved to St Augustine and I met Harry at the KOA campground on Anastasia island . Harry’s grandparents lived and worked the KOA and Harry would come out on weekends . We became friends and Harry and I were the first kids to swim in the swimming pool at the campground . My family lived on the island for only 1 year but in that year Harry and I became good friends .when we moved to Jacksonville I never seen Harry again . Last year we reconnected thru Facebook . I only knew Harry for one brief year but I never forgot him as I grew up . RIP Harry. You were a person who left an unforgettable and immeasurable impression with everyone you encountered in your life .

kevin larsen - August 06, 2022 at 11:13 AM

EA

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Harry’s passing. I always smile when I think of him as he made me laugh harder than anyone I know. He was one of a kind. Sending sincere condolences to all of his family and friends.What a great guy, he will be sorely missed.

Elaine Libby Andrews - June 17, 2022 at 06:04 PM



“ 19 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - June 16, 2022 at 04:32 PM



“ 32 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - June 16, 2022 at 02:08 PM



“ Dear Cecelia and family, I am truly sorry for your loss of your brother. God bless you always and know I am praying for your family.

Barbara Cheshire Piet - June 15, 2022 at 11:36 AM

TH

“ Harry took me under his wing as great friend when I first started in the Coast Guard. Giving me the perspective and frequent nudge I needed. He did that for everybody. RIP Harry.

Tony Hahn - June 15, 2022 at 09:08 AM

TW

“ So sorry to hear flea has passed, he was always good at what he did, there are so many memories of doing what we should not be doing. Life was good and that's what counts.

tom ward - June 15, 2022 at 08:13 AM

JB

“ Really sad news! Harry was an incredible shipmate and an absolute blast to be around. He showed me a great deal of patience when I worked for him and learned a great deal from him. I will always be grateful to have known him.

John Brady - June 15, 2022 at 07:28 AM

AD

“ I am so sorry for your loss!!! My friend Harry RIP, you will be greatly missed... I have great memories of us playing Saturday night poker while the kids all played together. Those were some good days we had. The first time I met Harry I went outside to play horseshoes and smart ass Harry looked at me and said “woman, don't you have anything you need to cook”. We were friends every since then. I am sending hugs and healing prayers!!! #Harryforeverinourhearts❤️



April Daquanna - June 13, 2022 at 09:40 PM

DS

“ So very sorry to hear of your loss. May he rest in peace. Our love and condolences for you and your family.

Donna & Ken Simard

Donna & Ken Simard - June 13, 2022 at 08:31 PM

RP

“ Harry grew up a few doors down from us .It was never a dull moment when hanging with Harry . So many great memories of our Santa Rosa neighborhood ! So sad loosing so many classmates and neighbors . Harrys service and awards while in the Coast Guard showed how dedicated Harry was to his country . Rip my friend you are missed !

Rick Powers - June 13, 2022 at 06:45 PM