



Elizabeth Jean Bucher

January 4, 1934 - June 2, 2025

Elizabeth Jean Bucher, age 91 of Lebanon, IL, died Monday, June 2, 2025, at her home in Lebanon, IL.

She was born on Friday, January 4, 1934, in Staunton, IL, the daughter of Edward and Anna Cordelia (nee Garde) Hodapp.

On Saturday, November 27, 1954, she married James Ignatius Bucher at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Staunton, IL, who passed away on Wednesday, October 31, 2012.

She was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Marine, IL.

Elizabeth was born and grew up in Staunton, Illinois. She graduated Staunton High School in 1951, then attended nursing school at DePaul Hospital School of Nursing in St. Louis, Missouri. Elizabeth met and married James and together they raised 12 children. They lived in Austin, TX, Dayton, OH and St. Louis, MO and finally moved to Marine, IL in 1971. In 2012, she moved to Lebanon and lived with her daughter. As a Registered Nurse, Elizabeth spent 17 years at St. Joseph's Hospital in Highland, Illinois, and also 17 years at St. Louis University Hospital in St. Louis, MO. Elizabeth was a talented seamstress and a great cook. She loved entering and winning contests on the radio. She enjoyed couponing as a past time, as well as going to auctions.

Survivors include:

Daughter - Elizabeth H. "Beth" Smith, Edwardsville, IL

Daughter - Col. Christine M. Bucher, USAFR Ret., Lebanon, IL

Son - James I. Bucher, MD, Pasco, WA

Son - Lawrence J. Bucher, Marine, IL

Daughter - Kathleen C. (Peter Wolynes, PhD) Bucher, Houston, TX

Daughter - Theresa A. Bucher, Marine, IL

Daughter - Mary M. (Ret. Lt. Col. Patrick) Lindauer, DDS, Keller, TX

Son - John C. (Irma) Bucher, Sierra Vista, AZ

Son - Thomas E. Bucher, Carterville, IL

Daughter - Monica M. (Michael) Protz, Aurora, CO

Son - Timothy P. (Tracy Landuyt) Bucher, St. Louis, MO

Grandchildren - 17

Great Grandchildren - 7

Sister - Rita F. (Tony) Forneris, Collinsville, IL

Sister - Kathleen C. (Paul) Gross, Springfield, VA

She was preceded in death by:

Husband - James Ignatius Bucher

Father - Edward Casper Hodapp

Mother - Anna Cordelia Hodapp, nee Garde

Daughter - Patricia A. Bucher

Sister - June M. Fix

Sister - Marquerite A. Ayuso

Sister - Mary L. Jennings

Sister - Shirley A. Hines

Brother - John E. Hodapp

Brother - James J. Hodapp

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Sunday, June 8, 2025, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 9:00 AM to 9:45 AM on Monday, June 9, 2025, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home, Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM on Monday, June 9, 2025, at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Marine, IL, with Fr. John P. Beveridge, officiating.

Interment will be at St. Elizabeth Catholic Cemetery in Marine, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Patricia Anne Bucher Memorial Fund @ University of Pittsburg/Medical School or St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church.

Previous Events

Evening Visitation

JUN 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (cst)

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - Highland
1501 9th Street
P.O. Box 187
Highland, IL 62249
(618) 654-2133
info@spengel-boulanger.com

Morning Visitation

JUN 9. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (cst)

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Funeral Mass

JUN 9. 10:00 AM (cst)

St Elizabeth Catholic Church
120 N Windmill St
Marine, IL 62061

Tribute Wall



“ Union County Courthouse purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Elizabeth Jean Bucher.



Union County Courthouse - June 06, 2025 at 02:30 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Jean Bucher.



June 05, 2025 at 07:43 PM



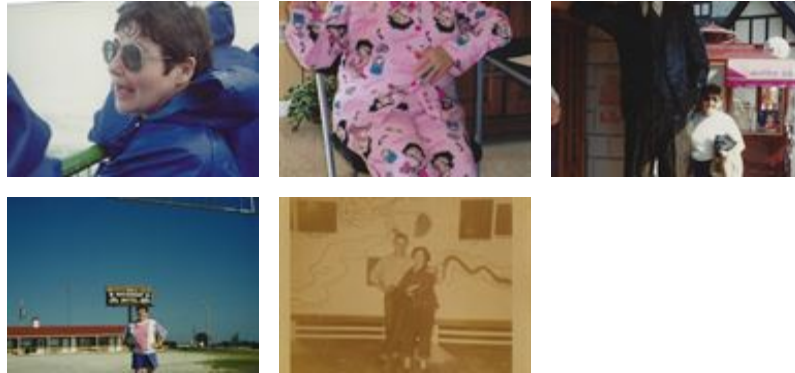
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Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - June 05, 2025 at 03:48 PM



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Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - June 05, 2025 at 11:05 AM

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“ The Bufkin Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth Jean Bucher.

The Bufkin Family - June 04, 2025 at 08:36 PM

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“ The Bufkin Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Elizabeth Jean Bucher.



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elizabeth Jean Bucher.

June 04, 2025 at 12:42 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Jean Bucher.* ”



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