



Bernard Wilson Best I

March 18, 1925 - July 24, 2023

Bernard “Buck” Wilson Best I, 98, passed away July 24, 2023. He was born March 18, 1925 in Washington DC to the late Joel and Elsie (Richardson) Best.

Buck proudly served our country in the US Navy from 1942 to 1946. He was a Navy diver during WWII and served in the battle at Normandy. Following the military he served out his career for 14 years as a police officer and later as a detective for the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington DC. He came to Sarasota in the 1969 and owned and operated Best Realty and Auction Company for a couple decades.

Buck was a life member of the American Legion and enjoyed fishing, boxing and working out at the gym, even till he was 95 years old! He owned the first boxing gym in Sarasota and trained boxers for many years. He came to Sarasota in the early 1960's.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife Sara. They have been together since 1981 and married in 1998. Also surviving are his children, Katherine Ann Best; Bernard Best II and his wife Lisa; Berna Claspell; Tommy Best and Suzanne Starr Young and her husband Robert; 12 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

There will be a visitation on Monday, July 31, 2023 from 5 to 7 pm at Maloney Funeral Home, 2401 Cattlemen Road, Sarasota, Florida 34232. Service with military honors will be Tuesday at 11:30 am at Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 SR 72, Sarasota, Florida 34241.

Memories and condolences may be left for the family online at. www.MFHcare.com.

Cemetery Details

Sarasota National Cemetery

9810 State Road 72
Sarasota, FL 34241

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 31. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Maloney Funeral Home
2401 Cattleman Road
Sarasota, FL 34232

Graveside Service with Military Honors

AUG 1. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ We will miss you Uncle Buck! Fair Winds and following seas. We have the watch. Love, Dickie

Richard O Best - August 11, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bernard Wilson Best I.



July 31, 2023 at 10:35 AM

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“ Linda H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard Wilson Best I.

Linda H. - July 31, 2023 at 07:37 AM

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“ Paul G. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard Wilson Best I.

Paul G. - July 31, 2023 at 07:12 AM

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“ Aimee S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard Wilson Best I.

Aimee S. - July 30, 2023 at 09:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bernard Wilson Best I.

July 26, 2023 at 03:59 PM



“ Reflections of Glory Wreath was purchased for the family of Bernard Wilson Best I.



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