



James R. Giangiulio

December 20, 1937 - April 23, 2025

James R. "Buzz" Giangiulio, age 87, husband of Sandra L. (Winner) Giangiulio, of Kimberton, PA, passed away on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 in the Paoli Hospital. Born on December 20, 1937 in Ardmore, PA, he was a son of the late Silvio "Cecil" A. and Josephine (Conti) Giangiulio.

Buzz graduated from Haverford High School and completed his undergraduate studies at Temple University. He would go on to earn his master's degree in education at the University of Miami. He also honorably served in the United States Army, earning his Parachutist Badge and completing Armored and Infantry School.

Buzz began his teaching career at Ada Merritt Junior High in Little Havana Miami, FL. He soon met Sandra, was married and started his family. Upon his return to Pennsylvania, Buzz continued his teaching career with Tredyffrin-Easttown School District, where he taught social studies and Spanish until his retirement. In support of his wife, Buzz managed the family art gallery, Sandra Giangiulio Galleries, in Phoenixville for many years. He also owned and operated a bookstore, "Laurel Books," for a short period of time, across from the Colonial Theater in Phoenixville.

Buzz was a faithful member of St. Basil the Great Parish in Kimberton, where he formerly served as an usher. He also dedicated over 25 years to

volunteering with the East Pikeland Chapter of Meals on Wheels of Chester County, where he served for many years as both Chairperson and Treasurer.

An avid sports fan, Buzz played baseball, football, and wrestled in his youth, and continued throughout adulthood and fatherhood as a coach and staunch supporter of his children and grandchildren in the disciplines. He enjoyed reading, and for many years raised German Shepherd dogs in the family kennel.

In addition to his wife of 60 years, Buzz is survived by three sons, Stephen Giangliulo, Michael, husband of Kathy Giangliulo, and Matthew Giangliulo; and three grandchildren.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his memorial mass at St. Basil the Great Roman Catholic Church, 2330 Kimberton Road, Kimberton, PA 19442 on Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 11:00 am. Officiating will be Rev. John Stokely. Burial will follow in the St. Ann Cemetery, Phoenixville, PA. Friends will be received from 9:30 am - 10:45 am at the church on Thursday morning. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to Meals on Wheels of Chester County by visiting <https://mowcc.org/donate%2Fpay-for-meals-1>. Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell - Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville, PA. Condolences may be offered online at www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Ann Cemetery

300 W. Pothouse Road
Phoenixville, PA 19460

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

St. Basil the Great Parish
2330 Kimberton Road
Phoenixville, PA 19460

Memorial Service

MAY 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James R. Giangiulio*



Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - April 30, 2025 at 04:35 PM

JF

“ I am saddened to hear of Buzzy's passing. Seventy-one years since we met as students at Haverford High. I met Buzzy in 1954 standing in line in the cafeteria to purchase a 10 cent peanut butter sandwich. I admired his smooth easy confident personality. He carried himself with warmth, a big smile, and a ready laugh with a great sense of humor. He had a special way of making people feel welcome. "Hey Jack, how 'ya doing" followed by a big hug. He was enthusiastic outgoing with a quiet inner strength. He was genuine, not pretentious. We shared unforgettable moments, like playing tackle football, no pads or helmets, against guys from the Bright Spot in what we called the Hoagie Bowl. Other times we played the tough guys from Clifton Heights. They were intimidating as they showed up on our corner the night before the game wearing their long ankle-length 6 button Benny black overcoats. Saturdays we watched College football games on TV at Buzzy's house on Colfax Ave. Army vs. Navy was our favorite game. We attended high school dances. Buzzy was a good dancer. He and Ned Foley were the best at jitterbugging, Charlie and I not so much. We rode the trolley to Ardmore or Suburban Movie Theater or to 69th Street where we had a choice of 3 Theaters. We sat in the Balcony of the Tower Theater while watching WW2 Movies. In Basketball Season, we went to the Palestra to cheer the Temple Owls when they played rivals from the Big 5. One time during a cold snowy day, we found pair of wood skies with leather straps in the rafters of Mr. Fanelli's garage. Off we went to the hills around Merion Golf Club. It was our first time on skies resulting in lots of spills and laughs. In Spring we played softball at Paddock Field. Buzz played third base, Charlie first base, Ned left field, and I played shortstop. After the game, we went to Jerry's Luncheonette on Eagle Road to eat peanut butter crackers and fountain orange drink. Buzzy would say, "Jerry, make my orange drink with water, not seltzer". We sat by the picture window so we could see the girls go by. We took trips to Ocean City or to Amish Country in Buzzy's 1941-1942 Mercury or in my James Dean look-alike 1949 Mercury. When in Ocean City, we saw Ted who worked at Copper Kettle Fudge on the Boardwalk. Ted's job was to hand-whip the fudge with a large wooden paddle while

standing in an open area adjoining the Boardwalk. Ted loved entertaining the people lined up to watch his antics and to get free samples. At home we hung out on our corner by the drug store on Darby Road. We talked sports Phillies, Eagles and neighborhood gossip. Buzz, Charlie, Ned, Ted, Aber, Drew, Jack Anderson and myself were regulars. Buzz made conversation with passers-by. He loved games with Davy, a 4 year old Chinese boy who lived above his Father's Laundry. Hide and seek began when Davy hid behind the telephone pole. When Buzz found him the chase began up Darby Road. When they returned both were hysterically laughing with Davy sitting high on Buzzy's shoulder. Buzz embraced change. He made a great leap when he accepted a teaching position in Miami. I remember the day he left home for the drive South in his Karman Ghia. He stopped by my house on the way. His Karman Ghia convertible top down stacked high in the air with luggage, boxes, and a lot of books. After he arrived in Miami, he met Sandy, his pretty and talented girlfriend and later to be wife while walking on the beach with his beloved German Sheperd.

I lament your passing Buzzy. You were a true friend who shared with me unforgettable moments. Please know my handsome friend that I will always remember you in my prayers. You were a leader and in modern language an "Influencer", a person with the power to affect behavior and opinions by your presence. Thank you for helping me to go forward in those teen-age years. It is said that "to have just one such friend in a lifetime is to be richly blessed". Thank you for leaving me with that feeling of friendship, Jack Fay

Jack Fay - June 19, 2025 at 04:04 PM

DP

“ I am very sorry for your loss. Im not able to make the services today but sending condolences and prayers.

Dan Phillips - May 01, 2025 at 10:58 AM

KK

“ My deepest condolences to Mrs. G and the rest of the family 🙏
Ken Keyser

Ken Keyser - April 30, 2025 at 05:36 PM

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“ Tom & Susan G. and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James R. Giangiulio.

Tom & Susan G. and family - April 29, 2025 at 12:16 PM

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“ Tom & Susan G. and family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of James R. Giangiulio.



Tom & Susan G. and family - April 29, 2025 at 12:16 PM

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“ Cousin Daniel Nelson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of James R. Giangiulio.



Cousin Daniel Nelson - April 28, 2025 at 08:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James R. Giangiulio.

April 27, 2025 at 06:44 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of James R. Giangiulio.* ”



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