

Buchholz, Albert

Dr. Albert Edward Buchholz, 85, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., passed away peacefully at home with his loving wife, Petey, by his side on Sunday, July 15, 2001, after an extended illness. Dr. Albert Edward Buchholz was born in Pigeon, son of Anna and Herman Buchholz on April 27, 1916, one of nine children. He grew up on their dairy farm in Pigeon. After secondary school in Pigeon, Dr. Buchholz graduated from Michigan State and graduated from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. Dr. Buchholz went into the United States Dental Corps as a Captain in the U.S. Army in WWII. Captain Buchholz was in the Ninety-fourth Medical Treatment Battalion with the Third Army in Europe during World War II for three years. In 1943, upon graduation from dental school, Dr. Buchholz and Petey were married. After World War II, Dr. Buchholz practiced dentistry briefly in Michigan before coming to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., in 1955. Dr. Buchholz was an Honorary Member of the Ft. Lauderdale Rotary Club and a Honorary Member and past president of the Ft. Lauderdale Executives Association. Dr. Buchholz was a member of the American Dental Association, Broward County Dental Association and past president of the Tri-County Association in Michigan. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and was a member of the Board of Deacons. He is a past president of the Lion's Club and past president of the Broward County University of Michigan Alumni Association. Dr. Buchholz helped coach Little League baseball and football in Holiday Park for many years, and worked for many supportive organizations for sports and athletic programs at Sunrise Junior High School and Ft. Lauderdale High School. Dr. Buchholz practiced Dentistry for 45 years. he has been a member of the American Legion since World War II days. He also served on the Board of the Boy Scouts of America for many, many years. Dr. Buchholz was a member of the Lauderdale Yacht Club. Surviving are three sons, Dr. William A. Buchholz, D.D.S., of Coral Springs, Fla., Dr. Robert A. Buchholz, M.D., of Ft. Myers, Fla., and Mark S. Buchholz, of Pembroke, Mass.; three daughters-in-law, Marie Ferracane Buchholz, Blair Schuler Buchholz, and Elizabeth Almy Buchholz; eight grandchildren, Caroline, John, Eric, Erin, Kirk, Jonathan and Steven (twins) and Catherine; two great-grandchildren, Caleb and Emma. His wife, Petey, has said, and his family and friends say, "He was so special. Everyone loved him. He cared deeply about everyone. He had a wide reputation as a loving and caring person, always." A Celebration of Dr. Buchholz' Life Memorial Service was conducted at First Presbyterian Church on Saturday, July 21, 2001.