



## Erling "Butch" Frederick Sylvester

February 13, 1935 - October 30, 2019

Erling (Butch) Sylvester, 84 years old, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, October 30th, 2019. He was surrounded by his family at Legacy Hospice House in Ocala, Florida. Butch was born in Alpena, Michigan on February 13th, 1935, to the late Hector and Mabel (Miller) Sylvester. He met his wife, Marie Jacobs, in Alpena, Michigan, where they were married on October 19th, 1957. They just celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary together.

He served in the United States Army in 1955 and received an Honorable Discharge. Butch was employed by the Besser Company. He was self-employed as a carpet layer. He worked at Huron Portland Cement Company. He owned Kihns Superette Country Store in Herron, Michigan. He retired from lawn maintenance at the Alpena Country Club. He was President of the Eagles Club and a member of the VFW. Butch enjoyed playing cards, golfing, and snowmobiling. Butch moved to Ocala, Florida ten years ago and he was a member of Ocala Christian Church.

The doors to his home and his heart were always open. He will be remembered for his unconditional love, his gentle spirit, his forgiving nature and his never-ending smile.

He is survived by his wife, Marie E. Sylvester; his four children, Tamyra Swift,

Lori Timmreck and Kimberly (Daniel) Schutt, all of Ocala, Florida and Randy Sylvester of Alpena, Michigan; his 5 grandchildren, all of Florida, 8 great grandchildren, all of Florida; and his brother Kenneth H (June) Sylvester of Alpena, Michigan.

A Memorial Service will be held on December 7th, 2019 at 2:00PM at Roberts of Ocala Downtown Chapel, at 606 SW 2nd Avenue, Ocala, FL 34471.

Contributions in lieu of flowers in honor of Butch's memory may be made to the Ocala Christian Church Building Fund 3201 NE 25th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34479.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I recently had the pleasure of meeting you at an Angels event. Your lovely daughter introduced us. Prayers to all the family and friends.  
R.I.P.

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**Theresa Fondren** - November 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dad I know you are looking down on us smiling that wonderful smile. Knowing that we will all be ok, because you raised us to be strong, caring and loving people, and that we can get through anything. Our hearts are breaking right now, but I know in time we will be ok. You will always be in our hearts and never forgotten.  
Thank you for being the best.father ever.

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**Lori Timmreck** - November 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Wonderful memories of Butch. Such a big part of our life. We will be praying for yall in this difficult time . But we will see him again.

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**Paula & Don** - November 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM