

Jan. 16, 2019

Dear League Members,

I am extremely sad to share the news of the passing of James Buck, one of the most active and most honored Michigan Municipal League members in modern memory. He was a current member of the Michigan Municipal League Foundation board and served as the Foundation chair for many years. He was 85.

Jim served as mayor of Grandville for nearly three decades. He was a former League Board member from 1991-94 and served as vice president from 1993-94. He was awarded the League's highest individual honor—the Honorary Life Membership in 1998 and was the recipient of just about every other League award—the Jim Sinclair Exceptional Service Award in 2012, the Michael A. Guido Leadership and Public Service Award in 2013, and Special Award of Merit in 1990. He served on numerous League committees.

Anyone who knew Jim would talk about his dedication to his community and to his state.

He was a class act who left a positive influence on everything he was involved with and on the people he would meet. His love and dedication to our communities and cities was only surpassed by the love for his family, especially his wife of 60 years—Kitty who preceded him in death.

A full [obituary is available here](#).

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Grandville United Methodist Church, 3140 Wilson Ave., Grandville.

Sincerely,



Daniel P. Gilmartin  
CEO & Executive Director  
Michigan Municipal League

We love where you live.

