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In a half century on the national stage, William F. Buckley, Jr., achieved unique stature as a polemicist and the undisputed godfather of modern American conservatism. He knew everybody, skewered everybody who needed skewering, and in general lived life on a scale that inspired countless young conservatives across that half-century.

Among all of his distinctions, Buckley was a master of that most elusive of art forms: the eulogy. Buckley drew on his unrivaled gifts to mourn, celebrate, or seek eternal mercy for the men and women who touched his life and the nation.

These remembrances reflect Buckley's singular voice, with its elegant touch and mordant humor, and lend to the lives departed a final tribute consistent with their own careers, lives, and accomplishments. *A Torch Kept Lit* will collect the very best, those remembering the most consequential lives, those who loomed largest in the conservative movement, the most accomplished in the literary world, the most mysterious, and those most dear to Buckley.

"William F. Buckley, Jr., was a master of many things. This collection of obituaries and eulogies that he wrote over the course of his extraordinary career, admirably curated and eloquently introduced by James Rosen, may well establish WFB as *the* modern master of this literary form. I have read every single one of my father's sixty-odd books. I do not exaggerate to propose that this may prove to be William F. Buckley's finest book ever."
—Christopher Buckley

William F. Buckley, Jr. (1925–2008)—a syndicated columnist, author, editor, television host, and adventurer—was the founder of *National Review* and the host of the Emmy Award-winning *Firing Line*, the longest-running public affairs program in television history with a single host. Buckley was the award-winning author of many bestsellers, starting with *God and Man at Yale*.

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