



Bruce D. Monroe

March 10, 1934 - August 30, 2015

Bruce Denton Monroe, 81, returned to his heavenly home on August 30, 2015 after a valiant battle with a long illness. His devotion to his family and his belief in God supported him in his struggle and ultimately gave him peace.

'I'll be seeing you down the road', was something that Bruce said to us during his last weeks. For someone who had sayings for almost every situation in life, it was another that showed his gentle and polite nature. That he would talk of such a difficult situation in a gracious way.

Bruce was born to the late Walter Lewis and Rebecca Dove Monroe, a hard working Coal Miner and a homemaker respectively, in Itmann, West Virginia on March 10, 1934. He graduated from Itmann High School in 1951 and worked for the railroad. He enlisted into the Army in 1955 and was soon stationed in Rome, Italy. There he met and married Gianna, on February 28, 1959. 'Take care of her, she's my pride and joy', he said to us at the end displaying his unending devotion.

They moved back to West Virginia for a short time, then Blissfield, Michigan in 1960. There they settled and had twins: a son, Tracy and a daughter, Sabrina. He worked in the banking industry for over 30 years, first starting at Sylvania Savings Bank. Due in part to his work ethic, loyalty and integrity he worked his way up to eventually becoming the president of Jipson Carter State Bank in Blissfield, Michigan.

Bruce helped many in the community. Because of his integrity and humility his kind deeds were not mentioned at home and it was only later, through others

that we found out. Bruce loved to meet and talk to people. So in his later years, working at Cabela's Retail Store suited him. He was in front of people sharing his big heart and helping.

We will miss him the rest of our lives. But we gain strength, joy, comfort and hope that we will see him again in the Kingdom of Heaven. There, he now joins his father and mother, his brothers; Lonnie, Danny and James, his sisters; Betty and Emma Jane.

Bruce is survived by Gianna, Tracy and Tim as well as, Sabrina and Joe. There will be a viewing at Wagley Funeral Home, Tagsold Chapel in Blissfield on Sunday, September 6 from 4-7 pm. The funeral liturgy for Bruce will be offered on Monday, September 7, 2015 at 11am at Light of Christ Catholic Parish in Blissfield with Father Jeffrey Poll as celebrant. Burial will follow in Pleasant View Cemetery in Blissfield. Memorial contributions may be made to Light of Christ Catholic Parish or Hospice of Lenawee. Envelopes are available at Wagley Funeral Home, Blissfield. You may leave condolences to Bruce's family at www.wagleyfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Funeral Liturgy

SEP 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Light of Christ Catholic Parish
309 South Lane Street
Blissfield, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Bruce D. Monroe*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with the families.*

I have a memory way back when I was 16, my father took me to the bank to get a loan for,

\$ 200.00 even though I didn't need one, I had my first job so my dad said this is how you build your credit. I still wasn't understanding it.

But now 40 something years later I do understand. I had a smart dad and a great banker.

Gale Schikora (Kudlac)

gale schikora - September 09, 2015 at 04:34 PM



“ *Mary Monroe Ward purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bruce D. Monroe.*



Mary Monroe Ward - September 06, 2015 at 03:36 PM

MW

“ I have so many memories of the summers when you came to stay with Grandma. It was always a good visit with lots of laughter. There was always a trip to the Dairy Queen involved, which was a real treat for us. Daddy and Uncle Bruce were a lot alike. They loved their families with a fierceness that made you feel safe and protected which is very rare nowadays. I am so sorry for your loss. I love you all very much! I pray that God would comfort your hearts in the days to come.

Love,
Mary

Mary Ward - September 06, 2015 at 02:50 PM

JR

“ For Tracy, Sabrina, and your mom, I want to offer my condolences on the loss of your dad and husband. In the early 1980's, I was a newly registered xray tech at Toledo Hospital where your extremely ill dad was a patient. He was brought to the xray department many times for uncomfortable testing, poking, and prodding. When he realized that I had been a classmate of Tracy and Sabrina, he would look for me and share stories. He was so very sick at the time, but was always kind and gracious to my co-workers. After he recovered, he still remembered me when our paths crossed from time to time. I will always remember him as the kind, gentle man that he was. I am truly sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Janet Bowman Rymers

Janet Bowman Rymers - September 06, 2015 at 11:49 AM

BJ

“ Aunt Gianna, Tracy, Sabrina, I will always remember your dad with his huge smile and that sparkle in his eyes, he reminded me of my dad so much. I have always loved how he loved his family, and how even if we hadn't seen him for a few years when he and you guys would come here to WV it was like he had been here everyday. I am so very sorry for the loss of this wonderful husband and devoted father, I hope you can take some comfort from the fact he is now home and pain free and with my dad and their family, and they are both watching over us until we can be with them again. I love you all so very much and pray for peace and comfort in the upcoming days. Love B.J.

betty monroe jarrell - September 04, 2015 at 11:42 AM



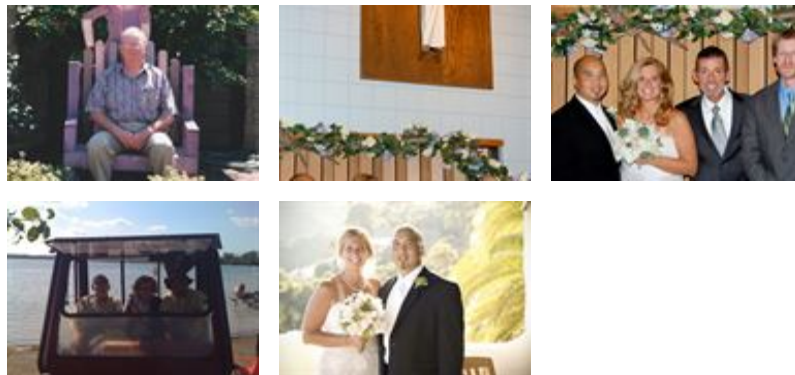
“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce D. Monroe.



September 04, 2015 at 09:22 AM



“ 18 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wagley Funeral Home - September 04, 2015 at 08:58 AM

BG

“ *Gianna, Sabrina & Tracy:*

Bruce journey in life ends on earth but his new journey begins in heaven with our Lord. Working with Bruce over the years brought joy to my life. When I think of Bruce a large smile comes to me. What a story Bruce was a man of integrity and loved his family. He was a great role model on how to cope with dignity. It has been a pleasure to know him. His spirit will live on forever. May GOD be with you all during this time.

*Thoughts, Prayers & Blessings to all
Brian & Connie Gentner*

Brian & Connie Gentner - September 03, 2015 at 07:30 PM

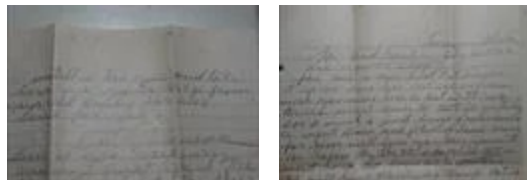
DP

“ *So sorry to hear about Bruce what a wonderful man he was Blessings to Jana We were there neighbors for many years but we now live in Pirtsmouth N H God bless Sandy and Darlene Petee*

darlene petee - September 03, 2015 at 12:04 PM

NA

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Nancy - September 03, 2015 at 07:40 AM

NA

I know this is hard to read but hopefully you can enlarge it someway. It's a hand written letter from our granddad Monroe to my Dad while in the service dated July 6, 1946 It mentions Uncle Bruce going to Betty's for a week and Granddad just getting back from James' after helping him plant some beans. We were so excited when we found these letters at Mom's. I didn't post the whole letter because it would have been more difficult to read. Thinking about you all and wishing I was there.

Nancy - September 03, 2015 at 09:15 AM

NA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Nancy - September 03, 2015 at 07:35 AM

NA

Starting from left with Uncle James(he's the one with his head turned) in front is Johnny Edwards, Charles Edwards Jr., Randall, David, me (Nancy), your Dad with Tracy, then of course your Mom with Sabrina, Eddie, Emma Jane, Betty and Chess with Dana standing in front of them, Grandma , Charles Edwards Sr. behind her, Evelyn with her arm around Grandma and then Mom holding Mary. All the siblings but Dad-I guess he was taking the picture. Brings back lots of memories.

Nancy - September 03, 2015 at 09:01 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Bruce D. Monroe.



September 02, 2015 at 05:38 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce D. Monroe.*



September 02, 2015 at 03:32 PM



“ *All my love Tracy, Sabrina and Aunt Gianna, I know this is so hard. Want you all to know I love you. Nancy and I were talking earlier about how we loved it so much when you came to visit us in West Virginia. Uncle Bruce and your mom were always so interested in us and our families. A couple of memories I have of Uncle Bruce, don't know the date, but I had to be four or five years old, and your dad was babysitting me, Nancy and Moose, and I don't know what I had done, but I got good swat on the behind from him. Another time I went with your dad and mom to take your aunt to catch the train, your mom and dad got on the train to help your aunt get settled, and stayed a little longer than they should have, and the train started on its way. Here I am standing by myself at the station, in the dark, and was sort of freaking out. But your dad jumped off the moving train a little ways down the track, knowing I was there by myself. I was so happy to see him, but had to go to the next station to pick up your mom. I have so many fond memories of him. I know my dad loved him so. Now the whole "Monroe" bunch is having a heavenly reunion. Praying the Lord gives each of you peace and comfort during this time. As your dad said about ours, he too was a "HELL OF A GUY". Love you Uncle Bruce*

Dana Monroe Seigler - September 01, 2015 at 01:46 PM

NA

“ *To my sweet cousins and their Mom: We really wanted to be there for the services but unfortunately we won't. I'm not emotionally able, BJ and Mary are not physically able, it would be a 17 hour drive for Dana and our brother David doesn't travel far from home. We agonized over this decision and hope you will understand. The upcoming holiday weekend traffic was also a factor in our decision. We want you to know we loved your Dad and had such fond memories of him. He was always so nice and made everybody feel so special. He always asked about my family every time we spoke which was much appreciated. Please know that we will be thinking about you all during the services and praying for peace and comfort! We love you all so much! Nancy*

nancy - September 01, 2015 at 12:22 PM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



nancy - September 01, 2015 at 12:09 PM



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Wagley Funeral Home - September 01, 2015 at 09:54 AM

TD

“ *Kind and open hearted, personable, sarcastic, simple, and loving are just a few words to only begin to describe Bruce. As a father figure to me, it meant so much that he let me be a part of his family. The respect I have for him and the trust in his opinion has always been overwhelming. It was a great honor to be part of his life as well as being there for his passing. I have comfort knowing that he is now able to run and breathe freely. I will miss and love you always.*

Tim

tim deeter - September 01, 2015 at 08:09 AM