



## (Donald) "Bruce" Emerson

January 31, 1939 - January 19, 2018

TOLEDO – (Donald) “Bruce” Emerson, 78, of Adrian, passed away Friday, January 19, 2018 at Toledo Hospital after fighting a courageous battle with heart disease.

Bruce was born January 31, 1939 to Paul and Alice (Baushke) Emerson in Watervliet, MI. After graduating from Watervliet High School in 1957, he began schooling at Tri-State College. In 1960, he transferred to Adrian College. It was there that he “spotted” Linda Kapnick, while taking Polaroid pictures of the incoming freshmen for the college newspaper. Bruce asked around until he found someone to introduce them. Two years later, on July 11, 1964, they married in a beautiful ceremony at Herrick Chapel at Adrian College. They were the first couple to ever be married in Herrick Chapel. They shared 53 wonderful years together.

He proudly served our country as a Pilot in the Navy. Ironically, his flight to Florida to begin his training was the first time he was on an airplane. Bruce flew P3 Orion Sub Chasers during the Cuban Missile Crisis in the 1960’s. His Commanding Officer described him as a “first-rate, natural pilot.” Bruce’s friends often described him as a gentle, quiet man.

Following his service in the Navy, Bruce was an educator and worked in many of the public schools and sold insurance. He was an avid golfer and truly

enjoyed the annual "Emerson Open." He also enjoyed hockey and has had season tickets to Adrian College Hockey since the team begun. Bruce inspected boats as a boat safety volunteer. He was an active member of the Adrian First United Methodist Church and was a choir member for many years. One of his greatest passions in life was supporting the American Red Cross. He was dedicated to the organization for many years and was a proponent of donating blood.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Linda Emerson of Adrian; two sons, Timothy Emerson (Rachel Capper-Chapman) of Adrian and Peter (Tisha L.) Emerson of McGregor, TX; granddaughter, Sarah Lin Emerson of McGregor, TX; two brothers, Dave Emerson of Sodus, MI and Dale Emerson of Cadillac, MI; and his faithful K-9 companion, Oliver Wendell. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Memorial Service for Bruce will take place at 1:00 pm on Friday, January 26, 2018 at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian with Rev. Drew Hart officiating. Military honors will be conducted by the American Legion Post #97 and VFW Annis Fint Post #1584. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Friday from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the service.

The family suggests memorial contributions in Bruce's name be made to the American Red Cross. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **26**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)  
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# Tribute Wall



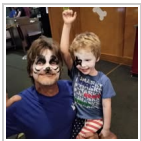
“ (Donald) "Bruce" Emerson

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ Linda I am so sorry to see this in the Telegram I had no idea Bruce was having these problems. I will call you after things settle down for you. I love you friend!!!! Rosaetta

Rosaetta Fields - January 24, 2018 at 06:09 PM



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Tim Emerson - January 23, 2018 at 09:31 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of (Donald) "Bruce" Emerson.




January 23, 2018 at 08:47 PM

RG

“ I am sincerely sorry for your loss. God's Word the Bible can give you comfort, especially at this difficult time. He lovingly promises to remove death and all the pain that goes with it. (Isaiah 25:7-9)

Rosa G - January 22, 2018 at 07:01 PM

 Michelle Dang

“ I will always have the fondest memories of Uncle Bruce as a child and him being the "Tickle Monster".



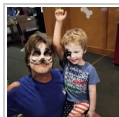
Michelle Dang - January 22, 2018 at 05:55 AM

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Carolyn Emerson - January 21, 2018 at 08:10 PM



That Smile :)

Tim Emerson - January 23, 2018 at 09:36 PM

SS

Linda, I am sorry for your loss. Just found the information when thinking about you and Bruce today. Susan (Simmons) Setzer

Susan Simmons Setzer - January 17, 2019 at 03:02 PM

LH

“ *Larry & Glenna Herker purchased the Sapphire S  
kies Bouquet for the family of (Donald) "Bruce"  
Emerson.*



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**Larry & Glenna Herker** - January 21, 2018 at 05:15 PM