



Pastor Richard "Dick" M. Bruce

October 1, 1938 - May 1, 2023

WILDWOOD, FL- Pastor Richard M. Bruce, 84, of Wildwood, Florida and previously from Britton, Michigan, passed away on May 1, 2023. He was born October 1, 1938, to Vera and Richard Bruce in Britton, Michigan. He was united in marriage to Donna B. (Spangler) Bruce on August 31, 1957. They were married for 65 years. He was a long-time farmer before being called to ministry and serving as a Pastor at Tecumseh Church of the Nazarene in Tecumseh, Michigan for 15 years, and served as an Interim Pastor on the Eastern Michigan Nazarene District for many years. He also served as an Associate Pastor at Leesburg Church of the Nazarene in Leesburg, Florida for several years.

Richard, nicknamed "Dick" by family and friends, loved farming his land and driving tractors. He spent many hours planting and harvesting, all the while, praying for his family and friends. When he wasn't farming, he was serving the local church by teaching Sunday School. He also ministered as a Youth Leader at Britton Congregational Church and Ridgeway Nazarene Church. Richard served on the Boards for Britton-Macon School, Deerfield State Bank, and Ridgeway Township. Additionally, he served as Vice-President of Lenawee County National Farmers Organization.

Richard and Donna were called into full-time ministry and began attending Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs in 1984. While there, he earned two Bachelor's Degrees in Biblical Studies and Christian Education. They still made time to serve while at Bible College, as the Single Ministry Pastors.

They enjoyed the beautiful view and people in Colorado, but the Lord called them back to serve near their hometown and he became the Pastor of Tecumseh Church of the Nazarene in 1988.

Richard was preceded in death by his mother, Vera (DeRemer) Bruce, father, Richard E. Bruce, grandson, Evan Keller, stepmother, Mildred Bruce, brother-in-law, Lee Benedict, and stepbrother, Gary Henry.

Surviving are his devoted wife, Donna Bruce, sister, Marge Benedict, stepbrother, Kenneth (Sharleen) Kendall, stepsister, Judy (Kenneth) Faust, daughter, Kim (Dave) Pizana, son Richard (Lora) Bruce, son, David (Jeanne) Bruce, 15 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren (with one on the way!), and many nephews and nieces.

It is a great comfort to know Richard is now in heaven with his Lord. He will be loved and missed by anyone who ever knew him. He was well-known for his loving hugs, generous spirit, and commitment to the Lord. He was often found praying, singing, praising his Savior, and reading the Bible. His favorite Scripture passages were Mark 11, John 14, and Revelation 22. He will be sorely missed by many friends and family.

There will be a memorial visitation for Richard on Friday, May 5, 2023 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Ridgeway Nazarene Church. On Saturday, May 6, 2023 visitation will take place at the church at 3 p.m. with Richard's funeral service to begin at 4 p.m. Interment will follow at Ridgeway Cemetery.

If friends and family would like to share their love for Richard, in lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Ridgeway Nazarene Church in Britton, MI, Tecumseh Church of the Nazarene in Tecumseh, MI, or Leesburg Church of the Nazarene in Leesburg, FL.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Ridgeway Cemetery

Ford Highway
Ridgeway Township, MI

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAY 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ridgeway Nazarene Church
6886 Ridge Hwy.
Britton, MI 49229

Visitation

MAY 6. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Ridgeway Nazarene Church
6886 Ridge Hwy.
Britton, MI 49229

Funeral Service

MAY 6. 4:00 PM (ET)

Ridgeway Nazarene Church
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Tribute Wall

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“Needs known needs met!!!” Love Pastor Bruce and Donna!! Deep, full hearty voice serving Christ with such passion!!! Literally just learned of Pastor Bruce’s passing earlier today!! Sorry I missed his visitation/service!
Probably already preaching and a teaching in Heaven!!! The “Dotys”

Dawn Doty - May 15, 2023 at 03:35 PM

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“ I have known Pastor Bruce for many years, but did not really know him until I started attending the Tecumseh Church of the Nazarene. I learned a lot under his ministry. He was a kind & caring soul who loved our Lord and others. He never forgot a person's name & was always available to call on someone when needed. Pastor Bruce led & taught by example. He frequently said needs known equals needs met. I will miss him, but know one day we'll meet again in Heaven. May our Lord bring comfort & peace to his family.

Dawn Edwards - May 05, 2023 at 11:53 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Pastor Richard "Dick" M. Bruce.



May 05, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Pastor Richard "Dick" M. Bruce.



May 05, 2023 at 10:56 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Pastor Richard "Dick" M. Bruce.



May 05, 2023 at 09:17 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Pastor Richard "Dick" M. Bruce.



May 05, 2023 at 12:57 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pastor Richard "Dick" M. Bruce.



May 04, 2023 at 09:06 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Pastor Richard "Dick" M. Bruce.



May 04, 2023 at 07:37 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Pastor Richard "Dick" M. Bruce.



May 04, 2023 at 04:03 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Pastor Richard "Dick" M. Bruce.



May 04, 2023 at 03:31 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Pastor Richard "Dick" M. Bruce.



May 04, 2023 at 01:35 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Pastor Richard "Dick" M. Bruce.*



May 04, 2023 at 09:21 AM



“ *Prayers to the family- such a caring man- I worked at the hospital and anytime day or night he would come for a family of spiritual need! He always came no matter the denomination! He will be missed! Susan ROSE*

Susan Rose - May 04, 2023 at 07:02 AM