



Bruce Ryding

August 23, 1952 - November 6, 2019

Bruce left his living room the morning of November 6th, and went to his eternal home with a peaceful look on his face and with those he loved the most, his son Michael and wife of 42 years, Dianne.

For the 67 years of his life, Bruce was all about adventure, curiosity, and loyalty. His professional creed was, "What good can I do today?" He earned his Bachelor of Science and Doctorate in dental surgery degrees from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. After marriage he and Dianne settled in the Birmingham area, where he practiced for 42 years. He was President of the Oakland County Dental Society and delegate to both Michigan and American Dental Associations.

An enthusiastic member of U of M Alumni Association and the Disney Vacation Club, his hobbies included animals, photography, and music. He played in bands in metro Detroit, one being the Royal Oak "Arts, Beats and Eats." Bruce had broad interests. Opera moved him to tears and one of his favorite songs was "Bring Him Home" from Les Miserables. Our Great Lakes inspired him. He loved our land in Michigan, so when his knees could no longer ski, he played golf. He earned a degree in golf course design from MSU.

For those wanting to give a memorial, it was Bruce's wish to give it in care of

Michael Ryding for his Dad's medical expenses and Michael's shoulder dislocation expenses. Send to 5646 Lane Lake Court, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302.

Bruce is survived by his beloved wife Dianne, cherished son Michael, a sister, many sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins, and an aunt.

Private service and interment at Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church in Bloomfield Hills.

To Bruce, May you be in Heaven with God, Jesus and all who loved you and preceded you in eternal life. You will be deeply missed and in our hearts until we are with you again. Love to you always, from your family and friends.

Tribute Wall

LM

“ Dr. Bruce was my dentist in his location on Telegraph (?) & in his “newer” location in Birmingham for 15 years. He did a ton of dental work to fix 30+ years of problems, including aesthetics. He took care of several emergency situations for me...he was always available. He made me laugh & was a Chatty Cathy when you couldn't talk (during dental work)! I no longer live in metro Detroit, but a friend there was asking for a dentist referral so I just found out of his passing from a google search. My condolences to his family, he was a wonderful man.

Linda Mason - February 08, 2023 at 02:43 AM

MM

“ Diane,
In planning a Gamma Nu reunion with Stan Materka today, we noted Bruce's passing in 2019. I am so sorry for your loss and did not know of those events. When last I spoke with Bruce, we discussed Liver transplant after the deterioration in his ascites output. I was looking forward to seeing him at the next reunion this summer until Stan informed me of his demise. Please accept our condolences after the fact.
Michael Harris, MD

Michael Harris, MD - March 19, 2021 at 01:18 AM

PA

“ A man of singular artistry, a unique sense of humor and varied interests. A true original. My family has known him since we went to his father's practice. My deepest sympathies to his family.

Page - November 20, 2019 at 01:22 PM

JO

“ Bruce was always available for “one more song.”...I hope you find a celestial drum kit old friend....John Bolf

John - November 18, 2019 at 09:36 PM

HD

“ Over 20 years Bruce enlivened and energized many a jam session with both his skillful drumming and his upbeat personality. He was truly the back beat that pulled it all together. I can't walk past the drum kit in our basement without seeing his face smiling back. He is and will be missed.

Hill Dunlop - November 15, 2019 at 10:17 AM

PH

“ Enjoyed many jams with Bruce over many years. Most talented drummer-always animated, upbeat and quick witted. A few years back when Roger Waters (Pink Floyd} came to town to do "Dark Side of the Moon" at the Palace, Bruce generously invited me to join him and a couple of his friends on him. Unforgettable show-unforgettable act of kindness! Bruce you're already sorely missed!

Your Friend,
Paul Hursley

Paul Hursley - November 14, 2019 at 01:17 PM

LP

“ *Friday night jams with Bruce was always a good music experience ,
Bruce was a very good drummer.*

*He will be missed
Larry Pliska
(Planterra)*

Larry Pliska - November 14, 2019 at 11:09 AM

LF

“ *Love, Cindy McGraw and John McGraw and
family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for
the family of Bruce Ryding.*



Love, Cindy McGraw and John McGraw and family -
November 14, 2019 at 10:40 AM

CR

“ *Bruce was such a wonderful cousin and man. Always friendly and
kind. I have many special memories of visiting while growing up,
with Bruce always laughing, sharing music (he gave me a record
album from his collection because he knew i liked it) and chatting
and being interested in all we had to say. A special person.*

Love and deep sympathy to Dianne and Michael from cousin Craig

Craig Ryding - November 12, 2019 at 03:37 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce Ryding.*



November 12, 2019 at 03:28 PM



“ *As Bruce's aunt, I got to know and love him from the very beginning. I was only 10 years old when he was born, so there weren't that many years between us. I baby sat him regularly and can attest that he was a brilliant, hyperactive little guy who loved Soupy Sales and the Little Rascals. He was a handful. We went our separate ways as we grew older but kept in close touch. Bruce was a beautiful, beloved soul and he will be sorely missed. Deepest sympathy & love to Dianne and Michael, Aunt Karin*

Karin Ryding - November 12, 2019 at 01:13 PM



“ *Aunt Karin Ryding purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Bruce Ryding.*



Aunt Karin Ryding - November 12, 2019 at 11:07 AM

WM

“ We have known Bruce for nearly 40 yr. when we moved in the neighborhood.
He was very friendly and had a great smile.He always made time to talk to us when we were outside on our lawn.We will miss him and his smile.
Our deepest sympathy to Dianne and Michael.

Wendy and Mita

Wendy Mita - November 11, 2019 at 07:25 PM

WM

“ We. have known Bruce for nearly 40 years.He was the friendly neighbor with the great smile.He always made time to talk to us when we were working on the garden. We will miss him and his smile.
Our dearest sympathy to Dianne and Michael

Your neighbors,

Wendy and Dr Maitra

Wendy and Dr Maitra - November 11, 2019 at 04:44 PM

WF

“ I met Bruce when he was still assisting his father 40+ yrs ago. When he assumed his father’s practice, he got me as as a patient, as well. I remember him taking a genuine interest in my personal life and hobbies - even choosing background music on his stereo that suited my tastes (which we discussed at length). He was a dedicated and skilled professional who always found a way to solve any dental problems I had. He once did some major work on my front teeth on Christmas Eve! I won’t forget the time I was able to see him perform with his band at the New Way Bar on Woodward. I really loved the guy. I’m really going to miss his “chairside banter”- he was a unique and special person, and I feel lucky to have known him.

William Fraser

William Fraser - November 08, 2019 at 11:20 PM

JC

“ Bruce was the friendly easy going neighbor who enjoyed the people around him and made all he met feel his warmth.

Our deepest sympathy to Dianne and Michael

Your neighbors, Julie and Nick

Julie Connolly - November 08, 2019 at 02:38 PM

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“ Former Lahser Classmates 2011 purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Bruce Ryding.



Former Lahser Classmates 2011 - November 08, 2019 at 01:05 PM

JR

“ *Bruce always joined us at our annual Super Bowl Party. He loved the game, the people and the food. He was a great person and a fine neighbor. His courage in his fight for life is our inspiration.*

*With deepest sympathy to Dianne and Michael
Your neighbors, Jan and Dan*

jan Roncelli - November 07, 2019 at 08:49 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - November 07, 2019 at 05:37 PM