



Delmar "Bruce" Chase

May 7, 1929 - April 14, 2020

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Bruce died on April 14, 2020 at the age of 90.

He was a 49-year resident of Pleasant Ridge, MI. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Dorine (née Olson), his daughters, Christina (Charles) Peruski and Micheline Carter, and 4 grandchildren. Bruce attended Albion and the University of Michigan, and graduated from General Motors Institute with a Mechanical Engineering degree. He worked for General Motors at the GM Tech Center for 36 years, and retired from the Cadillac division. He served in the Air Force from 1947-1952 in Cold Bay Alaska, and earned the rank of Staff Sergeant. While stationed in Alaska, Bruce served as a Ground Control Approach (GCA) specialist, safely landing planes during the extreme weather conditions, including one plane carrying Bob Hope, the Secretary of the Air Force, and other officers before a Christmas show, for which he received special recognition.

Bruce was active in many Pleasant Ridge community organizations, including working on the annual Pleasant Ridge Auction for 25 years, serving on the Pleasant Ridge Historical Commission, the Pleasant Ridge Foundation, and as an election poll worker for many years. Bruce enjoyed recreational skiing and went on many ski trips to Colorado with his wife. He also served as a Ski Patrolman at Pine Knob for many years. He enjoyed traveling in his later

years, and he and his wife had many wonderful trips to Europe and Asia.

Bruce was an accomplished woodworker. He skillfully built his own black powder muskets, which he was able to masterfully shoot as a member of the Michilimackinac Voyageurs re-enactment group that assembled annually on Memorial Day at Fort Michilimackinac, and he was a member of the Clinton River Muzzle Loaders. He also built a harpsichord for the Drayton Avenue Presbyterian Church in Ferndale. He completed the extensive restoration of an 1883 family log house in Rapid River, MI, reconstructing the doors, windows, cellar, and teaching himself to chink logs and whitewash. He particularly enjoyed designing and crafting treasured wood toys for his grandchildren, creating trucks, cars, and airplane kits.

Burial will be in Rapid River at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Pleasant Ridge Foundation. Share a memory at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Your family gave me my best friend...just in time for Kindergarten. and almost 50 years later we still are great friends! Bruce , you built us a Fort in the corner of your yard, you let us hide jars of money(change) all over the yard... there may still be some there. You took me to Pine Knob to ski, more times than I can count and I will always be grateful for those times. As we moved on Micheline, to Georgia, Texas, Missouri ,Illinois and now Idaho..I stayed in Michigan; I would visit time to time...and you had all good things to share about your girls and their children. Your vision and body let you down , but your mind was still sharp. I am so saddened that this Virus took you away, but you are blessed that your suffering is over. Thank you for sharing your family with us..I still look down your driveway when I home visiting....looking for the telltale Station Wagon.

*Rest Easy
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