



## Forbes, Bruce

May 31, 2012

Dr. Bruce Wallace Forbes, 79, passed into the loving arms of God and waiting family on Thursday, May 31, 2012 at Wheeling Hospital. He was born on August 24, 1932 in New Martinsville, W.Va., the son of the late Bruce Leigh Forbes and Austa Marie Forbes, née Hoyt. He graduated from Magnolia High School in 1950 and from West Liberty University. He earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine in 1957. He married Jane E. Buchanan of Jamestown, N.Y., on March 30, 1957. Dr. Forbes was commissioned as an officer in the United States Army during his senior year in dental school. Following graduation, he served in the Dental Corps of the U.S. Army for three years in Stuttgart, West Germany. While there, he served in the Restorative Pediatric and Oral Surgery Services, and as Commanding Officer of the Nellingen Dental Clinic in Stuttgart. After honorable discharge from the Army as Captain, he returned to New Martinsville and opened his private dental practice in 1960, serving his patients with a kind heart and gentle and exacting care for fifty years.

Dr. Forbes was a member of the American Dental Association, receiving the ADA Life Membership Award in 1998, and the West Virginia Dental Assoc. He served on the W.Va. Dental Assoc. Executive Council for two extended terms. He was a member of the Marshall, Wetzel, Tyler Dental Society and served as President, Secretary and Treasurer. He was inducted as a Fellow of the International College of Dentists in 2001. He was a member of the George M. Hollenback Operative Dentistry Seminar, the Academy of Gold Foil Operators,

and the Academy of Operative Dentistry. He was an active member of the Case Western Reserve University Alumni Assoc., serving as President and Vice President. He was an active member of the West Liberty University Alumni Assoc. and was honored for his service as President. In addition to his private practice, Dr. Forbes was a Dental Staff Member at Wetzel County Hospital.

Dr. Forbes was an active member of the New Martinsville community, serving with the New Martinsville Jaycees, New Martinsville Lions Club, and the New Martinsville Rotary Club; Commodore and Regatta Chairman of the New Martinsville Yacht Club. He was a member of St. John's United Methodist Church (now New Martinsville UMC) and served on the Board of Trustees as Chairman and Youth Leader. He also led the parade for the ribbon cutting opening ceremony of the Ohio River Bridge in 1961.

Dr. Forbes was an avid boater, owning several over the years. He often used his powerboat during the New Martinsville Regatta as Official Race Monitor. His other loves were snow skiing and golfing with friends and family. He had a lifelong love of Mercedes-Benz roadsters, Lionel trains, steam trains, and was one of the driving forces in bringing the B&O steam locomotive No. 1190 to display in New Martinsville's Bruce Park. He considered his greatest accomplishment to be his family, frequently sharing stories with his much-loved patients over the years.

He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Jane Buchanan Forbes. He is also survived by his sister, Linda Forbes Edwards, of Wellsburg, W.Va., and her husband, Dr. David G. Edwards, who was his closest friend and confidant. In addition he is survived by four daughters: Nancy (Dr. David) Taylor of Elkhart, Ind.; Dr. Dianne Forbes (Jeffrey Kostzrewsky) of Austin, Tex.; Sally (Bishop Thomas) Bickerton of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Janet (Jason) Chevallard of Mauldin, S.C. He was the proud grandfather of six: Orion Forbes Taylor, Hannah Jane Taylor, Ian Robert Edwards, Bruce Nicholas Edwards, Annabel Jane Chevallard, and Julia Marie Chevallard. Also surviving: brother-in-law William Douglas Crow of Olympia, Wash.; sister-in-law Carol Buchanan of

Concord, N.C.; nieces Virginia Lynn Caulder of Omaha, Neb.; Victoria L. Orgel of Concord, N.C.; and special friend Charles Hope.

Family will receive friends on Sunday from 2-4 and 6-9 pm at the Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 751 Third St. New Martinsville, and on Monday from 10am until time of service at 11:00 am at the New Martinsville United Methodist Church, 10 Howard Jeffers Dr. New Martinsville, WV with Bishop Thomas Bickerton officiating. Burial will follow in Northview Cemetery, New Martinsville

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to:

Case Western Reserve University, School of Dental Medicine

With reference in the memo field:

Dr. Bruce W. Forbes Scholarship Fund

Address:

Case Western Reserve University

School of Dental Medicine

10900 Euclid Ave.

Cleveland, Ohio 44106-4905

Sympathy expressions at [grisellfuneralhomes.com](http://grisellfuneralhomes.com)

# Tribute Wall

DD

“ Bruce was one of the best guys in our class at W.R.U. He was a quiet and very like-able person, every one liked him, and I'll bet all his patients did too. I am amazed at all the things this quiet man did. I did not get to know Bruce as well as I should have because I married my hi- school sweet heart after our first year at W.R.U. Judy and we will miss him at our class reunion. God is smiling because he knew Bruce was going to be with him.

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**Dale A. Burke. D. D.S.** - July 25, 2012 at 02:16 PM

JL

“ Janet, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Your family is in my prayers. Wishing you all the guidance that Goad can send your family in this time of mourning.

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**Joanne Jackson Luppe** - June 11, 2012 at 05:33 PM

TW

“ My family and I are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. I wish I could be there in person. Love, Tricia

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**Tricia Ogburn Wolfe** - June 03, 2012 at 07:13 PM

BD

“ I was so sorry to hear of Bruces passing and I send my love and prayers to all of the Forbes and his extended family and friends. A man who studied and developed skills , dedicated his life to a profession with restorative powers. He touched the lives of so many people in such a positive way. The many kind and generous deeds which people will never be aware of means Bruce has paided it forward and his spirit lives on in the hearts and minds of the lives he has touch. I know my life has been touch by Bruce and I am a better person for having known him and being able to call him my friend.

**Brent Boffield DDS** - June 03, 2012 at 06:20 PM

VK

“ My wife Doris and I wer so sorry to hear tht Bruce had passed away. He, John Ahart, Bill Kohn, Dick Givens and I up made a group during our school years that was known all over town. We continued to be in contact for a long time as we got along so well. I'm sure this was very hard on you, and you have our utmost symphony. I contacted John Ahart in California, so you may hear from him also. His work with different things was exceptionallygood for the area and for others. He will be greatly missed. My memories of those school days have stayed with me throughout my life. Virgil Kocher

**Virgil & Doris Kocher** - June 02, 2012 at 06:39 PM

BW

“ We hold your family in prayer as you remember and celebrate Bruce's life. May light from God's face shine on you, grace from God's hand fall on you, and may God's love without end come over you. In love, Rene & Bob

**Bob and Rene Wilt** - June 02, 2012 at 05:29 PM

KB

“ Sally, Tom and family, Keeping all of you in thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May the peace of Christ surround all of you.  
Karen Brown and the Lost Creek Charge

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**Karen B. Brown** - June 02, 2012 at 01:40 PM

LR

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family of Dr. Bruce Forbes. He was a sweet man, had a wonderful sense of humor and was proud to be on of his regular patients. He always made me feel comfortable when I was in the dental chair. I will miss him terribly. Love Ya Dr. Forbes! Rest in Peace.

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**Lisa Daugherty Riggs** - June 02, 2012 at 11:43 AM

BH

“ I had faithfully promised to visit with Bruce this summer while in New Martinsville. I also wanted to meet his wife. Bruce and I were classmates at Magnolia in 1950. I was much saddened to hear that he had passed away and our reunion will now be impossible. All my condolences to the family.

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**Bob Hill** - June 02, 2012 at 10:04 AM

DW

“ Dr. Bruce Forbes played a pivotal role in my career and life. I will always be grateful for the guidance he gave me and the endless supply of stories which made up his life. His career devotion helped shape my understanding of the word - Professional. Rest in Peace my friend.

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**Dr. Matthew Watkins** - June 02, 2012 at 10:00 AM

TB

“ You all continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. I have wonderful memories of "growing up" in the Forbes' home. Dr. And Mrs. Forbes always treated me as one of their own. Heaven has received a wonderful man! I wish I could be with you this weekend, but I will be praying for you all and I think of you all the time. Love and prayers,  
Tina

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**Tina Gorby Burch** - June 01, 2012 at 07:01 PM

RF

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Dr. Forbes was a really nice man. God bless!!

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**Ruth Fluharty** - June 01, 2012 at 05:35 PM

ES

“ Have been thinking about you all for so long. Our thoughts and prayers are with you always! I asked Daddy to meet him in heaven just a couple of hours before he passed. I'm sure he was waiting...

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**Eric and Carol Swartling Sevebeck** - June 01, 2012 at 05:26 PM

NW

“ Neil and I are so sorry to hear about Bruce. I called Virg and Doris tonight to let them know but Virg's son Phillip had already called. I know Virg will miss his school friend, "Sonny".

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**Neil and Sharon Kocher Wells** - June 01, 2012 at 04:46 PM

VR

“ Dick and I and the entire Riggerbach family offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to all of you at this time of your loss. The Paul and Rosalind Riggerbach Family

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**Vicki & Dick Reed** - June 01, 2012 at 04:09 PM