



R. Bruce Batdorf

January 1, 1937 - November 30, 2015

Batdorf, R. Bruce of Martins Ferry, OH passed away on November 30, 2015, after a long illness, at Liza's Place, in Wheeling, WV.

Bruce was a metallurgist, a graduate of Penn State University, and a lifelong supporter of his beloved Nittany Lions.

Bruce is mourned by Lou, his wife of 56-plus years; his son, Marshall, of whom he was immensely proud; his daughter-in-law, Karen; grandchildren, Nicholas and Shannon; and two great-grandsons, Jakoby and Skyler. He is also survived by brothers, Bill and Jim; two sisters, Carole and Barbara, who reside in Louisiana and Florida; and many nieces and nephews.

He welcomed many, many animals into his home and heart, and will be greatly missed by his dogs, cats, and cockatiel.

In honor of Bruce's wishes, there will be no visitation, and final arrangements will be private. The family is being assisted by Grisell Funeral Home and Crematory, 1 Ridgecrest Road, Wheeling\Bethlehem.

Bruce's family wishes to extend heartfelt thanks to the superlative and caring staff at Liza's Place, and memorial honoraria may be sent to Liza's Place, 308 Mt. St. Joseph Road, Wheeling, WV 26003.

Tribute Wall

RE

“ Bruce was my colleague at Yorkville plant of Wheeling Pittsburgh Steel Corporation 1969-1970 - I have so many good memories of him. I have been living in Sydney Australia since 1987 and few years ago after much endeavours I found his phone number and spoke with him for the first time since 1973 - but lost the number thereafter. Today I was planning my trip to USA next year and tried to find Bruce my mate phone number so that I can arrange to meet him - regretfully came across this notice.

I still remember the expensive gift that Bruce sent us to Knoxville Tennessee in 1973 when my first child was borne - Bruce was special.

I miss him.

Reza Eftekhar (the Iranian mate of Bruce)

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Reza Eftekhar - August 09, 2018 at 09:51 AM

CW

“ Lou and Marshall, I send you my love and prayers. Bruce was not only my brother but a friend as well. I always looked up to him and all that he accomplished. He started out as a caddy and went on to love the sport of golf. Not only did he excel in classes but basketball as well. I have always been proud of him and know he will be welcomed to heaven by our parents. He will be missed but we will meet again one day.

Carole Walke - December 10, 2015 at 02:01 PM

JK

“ *Judy Morris Kociban lit a candle in memory of R. Bruce Batdorf*



Judy Morris Kociban - December 10, 2015 at 05:58 AM

AJ

“ *Lou and Marshall: Our deepest sympathy to you and your entire family. My wife and I met Lou and Bruce about 20 years ago through a Greyhound adoption program. It was our honor and pleasure to work with both of you over all of those years, and whether you ever really knew it or not... You became and still are family to us. All of us in the Erie area will remember Bruce and his dedication and love for you and all of the animals that passed through your home and kennel.*

Alan & Peggy Ann Jordano

Alan Jordano - December 09, 2015 at 05:48 PM

RN

“ A bit more to add. This has stirred up a lot of memories. Marshall and I were best of childhood buddies. The Batdorfs lived right down the street from our house. It would have been about a wedge or 9 iron for Bruce to hit a golf shot. It was like having a second family especially in the summer. Because of Bruce's love for golf it influenced Marshall and I to make many of miniature Par 3 golf courses in their yard and provided hours of summer fun.

I have many fond memories of the Batdorf Family including Halloween, the fish pond, the animals, golfing, sleepovers, trips to Seneca lake, and hanging out on the tallest porch in Mozart. It seemed back then that you could see forever from that porch. The greatest memory was to watch Bruce fly kites off of that porch, he was a kite flying extraordinaire. Bruce always had a positive attitude and a smile on his face. Good, good stuff.

I think in all the years I went down to the Batdorfs, Bruce only got mad at Marshall and I one time. Bruce dropped us off in downtown Wheeling to go to the movies. We were instructed to pick up some groceries at a downtown store after the movies which included a loaf of bread. As we waited out in front of the store for our ride Marshall and I decided to throw the loaf of bread like a football, little did we know that Bruce was circling the block watching us make touchdowns with this loaf of bread. Needless to say it was a long, long, cold ride home, But fortunately Bruce's anger didn't last and he was back smiling in no time. I will never forget that day.

Many great memories from childhood because of the Batdorfs. I still have several pictures of Marshall and I when we were kids.

God Bless Bruce in heaven and Lou and Marshall here on earth.

Rick Neuhardt

Rick Neuhardt - December 04, 2015 at 02:17 PM

RN

“ *Lou and Marshall,
So sorry to here the news that Bruce past, God Bless and may the
years of memories comfort you throughout these times. You are in
my prayers and may you find a true peace beyond all
understanding.
Regards,
Rick Neuhardt*

Rick Neuhardt - December 04, 2015 at 03:12 AM

BM

“ *My deepest sympathy to Lou and Marshall....my brother was loved
by all of us. We did not get to see him often, but we always knew he
was there for us. We had a wonderful childhood growing up with
Bruce...all five of us....and we got into trouble many times. He was
popular in school with his peers and with his teachers. He was so
smart and the teachers always reminded me of that. We will miss
him immensely but I know that we will see each other again some
day. Rest in peace my wonderful brother and know that we love
you.*

Your Sister Barbara

Barbara Moody - December 04, 2015 at 12:28 AM

DR

“ *Many fond memories of trips to Dewey Beach. Bruce had a great
mind & a wonderful grin!! He will be missed. Love you, Lou...you
know Jim & I are always here for you.*

Dr. Jim & Judy Radcliffe - December 03, 2015 at 09:59 PM

GT

“ *Lou & Family,
Time passes so quickly, friendships come and go, but great and happy memories will always be in our hearts about Bruce. He was a rock that we leaned on while we stumbled through so many things decades ago. His support, Lou, of all your work, doing so much for animals, especially greyhounds, will always be remembered by us. We mourn with you. Much love, Geneva T. & Steve F.*

Geneva Templin - December 03, 2015 at 08:43 AM

RF

“ *We were neighbors (Neuhardt Family) of Bruce. Lou and Marshall. The thing I remember most about Bruce is how hard he worked and he always had a smile on his. We know he will be missed. RIP.*

Robert Neuhardt & Family - December 03, 2015 at 07:42 AM