



Bruce Markle

June 3, 1933 - December 10, 2014

Bruce M. Markle, devoted husband, father and grandfather, died Wednesday, December 10, 2014 of cancer at the age of 81.

Bruce was born in Chanute, KS on June 3, 1933, the son of Bruce and Willie Ruth Markle. He had an older sister, Beverly and an identical twin brother, Bill, with whom he was inseparable from their youth through their service together in the U.S. Navy.

Bruce grew up in Chanute where he played junior high basketball, and moved with his family to Emporia, KS when he was a junior in high school. There he played American Legion baseball and graduated from Emporia High School. He attended Emporia State College for one semester before enlisting in the Navy. He was honorably discharged four years later, in 1956 and returned to college to complete his studies. He graduated from Emporia State in 1960.

He and Marilyn Harris married in 1961 and were blessed with three children: Lori, Fletcher and Amy. Those three in turn graced Bruce and Marilyn with nine grandchildren: Owen, John, Mary Beth, Sydney, Brian, Lanie, Mark, Braden and Sara. Bruce was never happier than when watching his grandchildren compete in sporting events or when he was able to accompany one of them on a hunt. As a dad, he coached little league baseball and fastpitch softball and kept time at swim meets.

Bruce worked 32 years at Phillips Petroleum Company, the majority of that time in Bartlesville. He retired from the credit card division in 1992 and spent the ensuing years traveling with Marilyn and their friends to places around the country in their motor home or fifth-wheel. He and Marilyn also enjoyed several winters "snowbirding" in south Texas.

Bruce leaves behind his wife of 53 years, Marilyn; their three children, Lori Canfield (Owen) of Oklahoma City, Fletcher Markle (Shay) of Granby, CO and Amy Hanna (Joe) of Auburn, AL; and his nine grandchildren. Also, his sister Beverly Holst, sister-in-law Sue Markle, nephews Todd & Jason Markle, Chris Holst & niece LeAnn Robbins and several great nieces and nephews.

A and visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Friday, December 12, 2014 at Walker Brown Funeral Home, 4201 E. Nowata Rd. Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, December 13, 2014 at St. John Catholic Church, 715 S. Johnstone, Bartlesville with Father Michael Pratt officiating. Interment will be in Memorial Park Cemetery. Military rites will be conducted by the U.S. Navy Honor Guard. Arrangements are under the direction of Walker-Brown Funeral Home.

A fan of traditional Country and Western music, Bruce asked that his funeral be a "boots and jeans" affair.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Mary Martha Outreach ministry, P.O. Box 314, Bartlesville, OK 74003, or Comforting Hands Hospice, 2450 SE Washington, Blvd. Suite A, Bartlesville, OK 74006 who provided outstanding care for

Tribute Wall



“ *Posted by Jack & Marilyn Hanna from Albuquerque, New Mexico
Marilyn and family. What a loss for you, but the memories will
comfort you. We got to know him through your daughter, Amy who
married our son. He was such a fine gentleman, husband, father,
and friend. May you find peace in your Faith and caring friends.*

Love, M&J

12/18/2014 at 10:53pm

Posted by Angie McNabb from Leander , Texas

*Aunt Mar, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in
this time of loss. Bruce was a wonderful, kind man. He will be
greatly missed.*

12/19/2014 at 03:30am

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“ Posted by Lindsey Gundelfinger from Foristell, Missouri
Aunt Mar, Lori, Amy and Fletcher--My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Bruce was such an amazing husband, father, grandpa, uncle and friend, he will be missed by many. Heaven has gained a remarkable Angel.
12/11/2014 at 01:44pm

Posted by Mike & Janet from Springdale, Arkansas
Sorry we cannot be at the services as we are in south Texas already. Know all of your family will miss Bruce as he was always so much fun to be around. Praying that you will find peace and comfort in the next days ahead.
12/11/2014 at 09:55pm

Posted by Virginia Brown from Lawrenceville, Virginia
Marilyn--my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this time of loss. I know that Bruce will be greatly missed, as you remember the wonderful times all of you had together. Virginia
12/11/2014 at 11:35pm

Posted by Erma Palmgren from Brewster, Kansas
Marilyn, you and your family are in our prayers. We feel so Blessed to have the privilege of meeting you and Bruce and enjoying some good times together down south. LaVelle and I send our love to you at this hard time and may you feel God's loving arms about you to give you strength to see you through. Love ya.
12/12/2014 at 02:05am

Posted by Jason Markle from Highland Park, California
Dear Marilyn, Lori, Fletcher, Amy, and Family, I know these times are difficult, but I can't help but think of all the good times and laughter between Bill and Bruce and our families. They say a man's wealth is measured not by the size of his roof, but by the family and friends gathered beneath. All our love, Jason, Andrea, and Logan.
12/12/2014 at 03:12am

Posted by Elaine Girl from Casa Grande, Arizona

*We've lost a great friend. But we have many memories of the good times we had together camping and Bruce insisting on having a fire no matter the temperature! He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Though we can't be there in person, we will be there in Spirit. Love you Mar, Elaine and Mel Girl
12/12/2014 at 04:28pm*

Posted by Pia O'Hare from Okahoma City, Oklahoma

*So sorry we can't be there with you, but we will be praying for you all to find comfort & peace during this difficult time. May you feel the loving presence of God as he wraps you in His arms. Hugs & prayers from Oklahoma City. Pia, Ciaran, Michael, Anna & Caroline O'Hare
12/12/2014 at 07:14pm*

Posted by Jerry Robinson from Jonesboro, Louisiana

*I haven't know Bruce very long, but he was as good a friend as you could have. We met in Donna Tx a few years ago. He will missed by everyone that knew him. May you rest in peace now Bruce. Till we meet again!!
12/12/2014 at 10:33pm*

Posted by Benola Robinson from Jonesboro, Louisiana

*Bruce, you will certainly be missed by many and certainly by me. You and Marilyn have been dear friends. You saved me a dance last New Year's Eve and I will dance one in your honor this coming New Year's. Love you and your family. You were always so very proud of your children and grandchildren and if they are anything like you, you had every reason to be. I'm sure you left them with ideals and values dear to us all.
12/13/2014 at 11:29pm*

Posted by Kevin Lutz from Overland park, Kansas

*Thinking of you all. Bruce is at peace and watching over you.
12/15/2014 at 02:07am*

*Posted by Margaret Dey from Brooklyn, Iowa
Keith and I met you and Marilyn in Donna, Texas. How wonderful
that was! I will always remember the laughter, fun at dances, jams,
parties and just getting together. You will be missed, but I know we
will meet again. God Bless your family now and forever.
12/18/2014 at 07:21pm*

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