



Bruce Allen Furr

November 10, 1936 - February 3, 2022

Bruce Furr, 85, a resident of Bloomington, IN. for 65 years, died on Wednesday February 3, 2022, at 1:45 AM at his home surrounded by his wife and loving family following a long bout with cancer. Bruce was preceded in death by his parents, Gerl and Edna Furr (Haney) of Brownstown, IN and sister Jerri Martin, Bluffton, SC. Bruce is survived by his wife of 64 years, Ann Furr (Spurgeon), his children Steve (Kelly) Furr, San Antonio, TX, Lance (Jamie) Furr, Bloomington, IN, Lisa (Jeff) Reifinger, Westminster, CO, Carol (Paul) Gillard, Bloomington, IN, Kim (Mike Resener) Hendren, Carmel, IN, and Rex (Jackie) Furr, Bloomington, IN, 19 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren.

Bruce was born in Terre Haute, IN in 1936 and grew up in Brownstown, IN. As the son of a High School basketball coach, Bruce excelled in basketball, softball, and track and field. He was married to Marjorie Ann Spurgeon of Brownstown, IN, his high school sweetheart, on August 31, 1957. They both attended Indiana University where Bruce played for the 1955 Hoosiers basketball team as a freshman. He graduated with a BS in Business and they settled in Bloomington.

Bruce was a successful entrepreneur and land developer. He owned and operated dozens of businesses in 7 different countries employing thousands of people. Bruce was responsible for developing commercial and residential developments in Bloomington and Ellettsville. He built the Bloomington Sportsplex and the Furr Building on Bloomington's West side.

Bruce was a member of the Elks Lodge and the Bloomington Country Club where he could frequently be seen in the afternoons playing cards with his many friends. His entrepreneurial spirit gave him a love for gambling. He excelled at Blackjack and poker. He loved taking trips to Las Vegas, NV, where he was a legendary figure.

Bruce was fiercely competitive in everything he did and he instilled this competitive spirit to his children and grandchildren. He was a fun-loving person and a great storyteller. He was known for coming up with nicknames for his family and friends.

Bruce was a devoted family man who loved spending time with his children and he was a mentor and loving supporter to his grandchildren. He coached several youth sports teams in baseball, basketball, and football. Bruce and Ann rarely missed any of their children's and their grandchildren's games and events. Bruce and Ann were well known for hosting their famous 4th of July family gatherings during the 1970s and 1980s.

Bruce was a devoted sports fan and generous donor. He supported Bloomington South athletics and the IU Foundation and he was a supporter of the IU Soccer program. Bruce and Ann were frequently seen at Bloomington South games and rarely missed an IU basketball or football game over a 60-year period. Bruce's generosity extended beyond sports. He supported many local causes and aided many of his employees and friends who needed help. Bruce's later years were characterized by his faith in Jesus Christ. He dedicated his life to Christ in 2016. He was the spiritual head of his large family, where his proudest achievement was leading his family members and friends to a love of Christ. Bruce strongly believed in the mission work of Saul to Paul Ministries of Ellettsville, IN. Saul to Paul is a discipleship program for down and out men who are suffering from drug and alcohol addiction and is engaged in prison ministry programs.

Memorial services will be held at Allen Funeral Home, 4155 South Old Highway 37, Bloomington, Indiana on Monday February 7, 2022. Visitation hours are from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM, followed by a memorial service at

12:30. Graveside service to follow at Valhalla Memory Gardens. All guests are then invited to a celebration of life reception at the Bloomington Country Club. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Saul to Paul Ministries, 8400 State Road 46, Ellettsville, IN 47429, www.saultopaul.org and First United Methodist Church, 219 East 4th St., Bloomington, IN 47408, www.fumcb.org. Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memory Gardens

310 North Johnson Ave.
Bloomington, IN 47401

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall

RP

“ I worked for Bruce and Ann for 47 years. To say he was a kind and generous man is an understatement. He made all of us part of his family. There are not enough words to express what he meant to my family. I will miss him. Rhonda Peterson

Rhonda L. Peterson - February 07, 2022 at 09:40 AM

CB

“ The Furr family will always hold a special place in my heart. I spent as much time at their house as i did mine. I remember the late night basketball games and having Bruce right out there with us. The next day Ann would tell the kids to quit doing that or we was going to give him a stroke or heart attack. Sorry that I will not be able to attend his funeral or celebration of life but just let you know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers. Craig Briles

Craig Briles - February 07, 2022 at 04:27 AM

DD

“ Derek Danks purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Bruce Allen Furr.



Derek Danks - February 06, 2022 at 08:28 PM

NH

“ I met Bruce and Ann Furr in 1985 when I started dating Charley Schendel (Kelly Schendel Furr's father). I was amazed at the close family events. Bruce was a wonderful husband,father,grandfather and great grandfather! Bruce loved his family and was always there regardless of the distance he needed to travel for any kind of events his family was involved in. I respected Bruce so much for his business knowledge and entrepreneurial expertise! Bruce was an awesome friend and always treated me like part of the family! My prayers for the entire Bruce Furr family! Sorry I can't attend the services tomorrow as I wasn't aware of Bruce's passing. I would have been there if I had know I am sad that I can't be there! I will be praying for the family tomorrow at the time of the service! Love and Hugs! Love, Nancy Hastings. RIP Bruce now you are pain free my friend!

Nancy Claire Hastings - February 06, 2022 at 08:13 PM

PJ

“ Bruce Furr.....The memories flood the consciousness! All the kindness under his savvy and knowing attitude. The generosity on Vegas Trips, Hilton Head trips, The Palm Springs trips, The Scotland Trip, The trips your putters took while whirly birding into lakes all over the world, the trips to Europe and even Lesa's birthday trip to the Turks and Caicos Islands. Our shared joy and laughter at the "club" and all the years of the :Calcutta". Blackjack at the Wynn and the card games high up in the air, the business ventures together. SO MUCH LIFE!!! Bruce you cut a wonderful swath through your life and the lives of so many others. Thank you .Mr. Furr for all the memories and all you've given...and enjoyed throughout your ride on this Pale Blue Dot in the endless Cosmos. I know your preparing the way for all of us. Peter and Lesa Johnson

Peter Johnson - February 06, 2022 at 04:40 PM

SS

“ We were so saddened to read of Bruce's passing. We send sympathy to Ann and their children and families. He was a fine man, and we were happy to read that he was the spiritual leader of his family.

*With Sympathy,
Bruce and Shannon Storm*

Shannon Storm - February 06, 2022 at 12:10 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bruce Allen Furr.



February 05, 2022 at 11:17 AM



“ My sincere condolences and prayers to the family. Rest in Peace Bruce.

Jim Santella - February 05, 2022 at 10:24 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bruce Allen Furr.



February 04, 2022 at 07:17 PM