



Bronko Marinkovich

January 25, 1950 - April 10, 2025

Bronko Marinkovich went home to be with his Lord and Savior on April 10, 2025, at the age of 75. Born on January 25, 1950, in Lippstadt, Germany, Bronko's life was a testament to courage, love, and adventure. As a young child, he immigrated with his family to the United States through Ellis Island, a journey that marked the beginning of an extraordinary American life.

He was raised in Gary, Indiana, and graduated from Horace Mann High School. Following his education, Bronko served his country honorably as a Military Police Officer in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. His dedication to service was a reflection of his steadfast character and patriotism. After returning home, Bronko pursued higher education and earned an engineering degree from Ivy Tech. His career as a service engineer allowed him to travel the globe, visiting Mexico, Europe, South America, Asia, and nearly every corner of the United States. Of all his travels, his most cherished were the adventures shared with his son and daughter during their younger years.

Bronko was a man of many interests and hobbies. He had a passion for grilling, a fierce love of racquetball, and a fascination with metal detecting. He was also a fan of harness racing and frequently visited Balmoral Race Track. Bronko had a soft spot for his West Highland Terriers—Barklee, Catone, and most recently, Maddie—who brought him constant companionship and joy. In retirement, Bronko embraced life on the road. He and his beloved wife Mary traveled extensively in their 33-foot Fleetwood Bounder RV, accompanied by

their loyal Westies. The open road, ever-changing scenery, and peacefulness of nature brought him great joy and contentment.

Bronko is survived by his loving wife of 26 years, Mary H. Marinkovich; his devoted children, Nathan (Ginger) Marinkovich and their children Niko and Ava, and Joann Marinkovich, along with her beloved dogs Buddy and Jax. He also leaves behind his stepchildren Jeff (Angela) Boyd (Heather, Andrew, Chandler, Alan); Edward (Nadine) Boyd (Zachary, Erin, Ethan); and Dawn (Keith) Hartsell (Alyana, Xander, Justin, Stephen, Michael, Chaz). Bronko is also survived by his brother Rodenko (Patricia) Marinkovich, sister Radmila Maric, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, great-grand stepchildren, and friends who will miss his kindness, wit, and stories dearly.

He is preceded in death by his father Nadeljko and mother Anna Marinkovich; siblings Ronko Marinkovich and Dragica (Savo) Baljak; stepbrother Zivko Bohan; brother-in-law Nikola Maric; niece Marija Maric; and step-grandson Trevor Wilde.

Bronko lived a full life defined by faith, family, service, and adventure. His legacy lives on in the memories he created, the lives he touched, and the love he gave so freely. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity or faith organization. A memorial visitation will take place on Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 10 a.m. until the time of the memorial service at 12 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Pastor Rusty Shields officiating. www.burnsfuneral.com.

"Well done, good and faithful servant." – Matthew 25:23

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

APR **26**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Bronko Marinkovich.*



April 24, 2025 at 04:05 PM



“ *The Yelton Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bronko Marinkovich.*

The Yelton Family - April 23, 2025 at 07:07 PM



“ *The Yelton Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Bronko Marinkovich.*



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“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bronko Marinkovich.*

April 20, 2025 at 07:57 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bronko Marinkovich.



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“ Knesek Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Bronko Marinkovich.



Knesek Family - April 19, 2025 at 12:26 PM



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“ We are so sorry to hear of Bronko's passing. May he rest in peace and comfort now.

Pat and Carl Charlson - April 12, 2025 at 03:39 PM

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“Bronko was always kind and generous to me. When I flew to Indiana for Dawn’s wedding, he made sure I was cared for and transported on time for every event. The memory I treasure the most was the night he took me to the race track. I had never been to watch live races, and this experience fascinated me. Bronko seemed pleased with my love for the sport, but on the way home he gave me a good lecture on the dangers of gambling. That was my first and only time at the race park, but I attribute my enjoyment totally to Bronko. Rest in the loving arms of Jesus, my friend. You will truly be missed.

Pat Cook - April 11, 2025 at 06:54 PM

RZ

John and I send our love and condolences to the entire Marinkovic family. We shared so many good times together at festivals, holidays, and family celebrations. Bronko was always so nice to talk with - easy going and a great sense of humor. We are sending love and comfort to all of you.

Regina Zdravich - April 13, 2025 at 05:12 AM

JD

My Condolences to the entire Marinkovic family. Our families go way back in time and have shared much joy and friendship. Bronko was a Kind, Caring and Wonderful Man. May GOD Rest His Soul and May His Memory Be Eternal. Jovan Djokic / Rotonda West, Florida

Jovan Djokic - April 23, 2025 at 11:14 AM