



Bruce L. Woods

March 5, 1942 - January 5, 2021

Bruce L. Woods, age 78 of Merrillville, IN passed away on January 5, 2021. He was a graduate of Merrillville HS class of 1960. He worked at Gary National Bank and attended IUN in Gary. He served in the US Army and then taught at Merrillville High School for almost 30 years. He served on the following: President of the Lake Court House Foundation, Curator and Director of Lake County Historical Society, Old Homestead Preservation Society, Crown Point Historic Preservation Commission, Merrillville Education Foundation, Merrillville Classroom Teachers Association, Lake County Public Library Board of Trustees, Lt.Gov. Calumet Division of Kiwanis, Merrillville, Gary, and Hammond Kiwanis, Scholarship scoring for Crown Point Community Foundation, Times Editorial Advisory Board, Association of Indiana Museums, Lake Michigan Coastal Advisory, Appointed County Historian, County Historian Preservationist. Bruce received the Legacy of Foundation Volunteer of the Year Award and the Indiana Historical Society's Hubert Hawkin's History Award, and volunteered at Harbor Light Hospice and Merrillville and Hobart Meals on Wheels. While teaching high school, he directed plays and was Faculty Advisor for the yearbook and newspaper. As an adult, he acted in numerous plays and performed in musicals and sang in the church choir in high school. Bruce was preceded in death by his parents- Bartlett and Hazel Woods. He is survived by his brothers-Bill and Jerry Woods and sister- Pat (Woods) Carroll. Visitation will be held on Monday January 11, 2021 at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point from 9 am until

the funeral service at 2 pm. Interment at Historic Maplewood, Crown Point. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Lake County Historical Museum, 1 Courthouse Square -Suite 205, Crown Point, IN. 46307. Masks and social distancing is required and funeral will be live streamed. www.burnsfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Maplewood Historic Cemetery

347 Maple Ln
Crown Point, IN 46307

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ To Bruce's family and friends and former classmates, I extend my sincere condolences.
Bruce and I were dance partners on the American Bandstand TV show when we were in 8th grade. His older sister allowed us kids to tag along on the bus with the high school group. What a wonderful memory...Bruce was such a great dancer. I was looking forward to seeing him after so many years at our next reunion, so I could tell him again after all this time what a great life's memory that was. I'm so sorry for everyone that knew and loved him. He will be missed by us all.

Carol Lowell Davies Kuntzman - April 15, 2021 at 06:48 PM

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“ Näkemiin ~ be seeing you, dear friend...
Andrea (nee: Soyring)

Andrea (Soyring) Arntz, MHS Class of '61 - February 03, 2021 at 02:38 PM

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“ My cousin would stay with me over Thanksgiving, and we always had loads of fun. We would shop in Warsaw on Friday and then drive to Nappanee to his favorite place, Borkholder’s. One Saturday we got in to a blizzard and police made us turn around. We didn’t know if we’re ever going to find a way home. We could barely see the road. Then one year, I wanted a new fake Christmas tree and we looked all over. Finally found a seven-foot tree I thought I liked, and Bruce set it up and I decorated it. Bruce called it my memory tree. A few days after he left, I decided I didn’t like it so I removed the ornaments, neighbors took it down, and I returned it. Bruce had a fit. But we had a lot of laughs about it over the years. He always imitated me calling my cat. I can still hear him calling, “Here Molly, Molly, Molly.” He would drink his wine and I drank my Kahula. We sure shared some great and hilarious times. I love you, Bruce. Your cousin, Peggy.

Peggy Gerkin - January 17, 2021 at 01:37 PM

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“ What an amazing man..... and what a Smile :) Kindness and Caring are an understatement when describing Bruce
All of us at the Court House (including the Grand Lady herself) will be missing Bruce forever.

a friend - January 11, 2021 at 03:13 PM

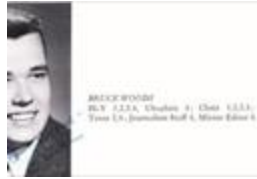
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“ Mr. Woods was first a teacher and advisor at Merrillville High School to our beloved brother and uncle, the late Milosh Djurich, Jr., and later became Bruce, a dear family friend to all of us - including Milosh's mother Anica, sister Vida and their families after Milosh's passing in 1986. We send our sincerest condolences to his entire family. May his memory be eternal. Sincerely, the Djurich, Churchich and Stanistic families - Vida, Marko, Katarina with their respective families.

KATARINA STANISIC - January 11, 2021 at 12:02 PM

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“ Bruce was a classmate and a friend. I will miss him and especially his punster Facebook posts - he was a master!



Lolitia Beaty Bache, San Diego, CA - January 09, 2021 at 03:46 PM

J
Steven
Tasicas-
Young

“ He supported me and Tom in everything! We will miss him greatly.



J Steven Tasicas-Young - January 08, 2021 at 08:18 PM



“ *Strength and Wisdom Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Bruce L. Woods.*



January 08, 2021 at 08:09 PM



“ *Bruce and I started 1st grade together and went all the way through graduation. Class of 1960. Been in touch with each other all these years. Will miss you Bruce. Lois Appleton Lewis*



lois lewis - January 08, 2021 at 11:23 AM



“ *Indiana Historical Society purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bruce L. Woods.*



Indiana Historical Society - January 08, 2021 at 09:57 AM



“ *I will miss Bruce! He was more like a brother than a cousin to me. He and I were the same age. He use to come to Warsaw and stay either at my house or my sister's. We would go shopping and out to eat. I will miss our conversations and how he could get me laughing hysterically with his wit and stories. Rest In Peace Bruce. I love you! Nancy*



Nancy Dirck - January 07, 2021 at 07:04 PM

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“ *Indiana District of Kiwanis purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bruce L. Woods.*



Indiana District of Kiwanis - January 07, 2021 at 11:20 AM