



Bruce Gadansky

September 9, 1944 - November 30, 2020

Bruce Gadansky, 76, passed away at Baptist Hospital East on November 30, 2020 due to Covid-19. Bruce was a United States Navy Veteran, having served in Vietnam. He gave over 10 years of service to the Oldham County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy, and was Vice President of Operations for the Louisville Better Business Bureau where he championed causes for the elderly and worked with the FBI to fight against consumer fraud. He was a longtime, devoted parishioner of Holy Trinity Parish, and volunteered his time to St. Matthews Baseball, the game he loved the most. He played guitar and sang in a bluegrass group, restored vintage Ford Mustangs, was a playwright, a stage actor, a voracious reader, and a World War II history buff. He loved being a husband, father, and grandfather. He also loved dogs (especially Golden Retrievers), the Brooklyn Dodgers, laughing with friends and co-workers, bourbon, cigars, and appreciated a good joke. He was a friend to all, stranger to no one. No matter your position in life, where you came from, how you got here, no matter your race, creed, political affiliation, belief system or personal circumstance, you have a story to tell, and Bruce would always want to listen. Bruce was preceded in death by his parents Helen and Joseph Gadansky, his infant daughter Kathryn Lorraine Gadansky, and son Joseph Anthony Gadansky. He leaves behind a loving wife Mildred, son Chris (Cori), daughter in law Amy Gadansky, sister Lorraine Ahern, nephew Russell Day (Debbie), brother Ed Carty, and five beautiful grandchildren: Sophia, Emma, Luke, Leo and Harper.

One of Bruce's favorite quotes is worth stating now: "Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened."

Until we see you again, keep us in your heart Bruce, as we will keep you in ours.

A small, private family visitation will be held at Pearson Funeral Home. Bruce's funeral mass will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church, followed by a processional and burial at Duncan Memorial Chapel (Floydsburg Cemetery) in Crestwood, Ky. The mass and burial are open to family, friends and those who loved Bruce. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, a celebration of Bruce's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Bruce's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, St. Matthews Baseball and/or the American Humane Society.

Cemetery

Floydsburg Cemetery
5600 Old Floydsburg Road
Crestwood, KY, 40014

Events

DEC 9 Funeral Mass 10:00AM - 11:00AM

Holy Trinity Catholic Church
501 Cherrywood road, Louisville, KY, US, 40207

DEC 9 Burial 12:00PM

Floydsburg Cemetery
5600 Old Floydsburg Road, Crestwood, KY, US, 40014

Comments



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bruce Gadansky.



December 07, 2020 at 03:54 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce Gadansky.



December 07, 2020 at 11:21 AM



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



December 07, 2020 at 10:21 AM



“ Lori Shepherd lit a candle in memory of Bruce Gadansky



Lori Shepherd - December 06, 2020 at 02:58 PM



“ Dear Gadansky Family,

My condolences on the death of Bruce. I remember many fun times with him at my dad's, Paul Adams', home and at yours.

Bruce was always kind and funny. He helped me set up my first computer in 1997. And, he taught me how to write a screenplay. What a Renaissance man.

I will miss him and, in Quaker fashion, will hold all of you In the Light.

Tina Adams

Tina Adams - December 06, 2020 at 10:52 AM



“ The world lost a jewel...but heaven has gained one. Bruce had a smile that would light up a room, eyes that sparkled when he was happy, hugs that were sincere. He had a voice that would soothe your soul. He helped guide me through some of my most difficult times. Talking through them...crying and laughing. I will never forget that.

A husband, father, grandfather, friend, and colleague that will be remembered and loved forever. Our lives will never be the same without him. But, the memories, we will cherish forever.

To the Gadansky family, I am so very sorry for your loss. I am sorry for the pain you are going through. One day at a time.

To Bruce, you will forever be in my heart.

Reanna Smith-Hamblin - December 05, 2020 at 03:00 PM



“ It was a pleasure to work in Bruce's group during his years as manager in IBM. I'm sure that I am responsible for more than one of his gray hairs. He was a gentle man and a gentleman. I am saddened by his passing. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. Amen. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Don Mudd

Don Mudd - December 05, 2020 at 01:23 PM



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



December 05, 2020 at 07:47 AM



“ I never met Bruce in person, but I've considered him a good friend for years. We both have been committed to our work at BBB. Many BBB people have loved his good humor, which shined in frequent emails to the BBB listserv. Now and then Bruce would trade little jokes with me by email, too.

As recently as October this year, Bruce was sharing helpful scam prevention news with his BBB colleagues - and his wisdom. Looking back through emails he sent, I found a quote from William Faulkner that he put at the bottom of almost all his emails in 2020. It said:

"So, never be afraid. Never be afraid to raise your voice for honesty and truth and compassion, against injustice and lying and greed."

That's Bruce all over. I never saw the man in person, but I heard his voice often, and it was a powerful voice.

I hear it now, calling us all to fight injustice, dishonesty, and criminality. Bruce, we'll carry on that mission. We owe that to you - and to ourselves. - Luana

Luana Lewis - December 04, 2020 at 05:57 PM



“ Luana thanks for this. Although you never met pop in person, you truly knew him. Thank you.

Chris Gadansky - December 08, 2020 at 09:40 AM



“ Bruce was a friend, leader, wonderful person and the best ambassador the BBB could have ever asked for. Jeff Barr

Jeffrey N Barr - December 09, 2020 at 01:25 PM



“ Susan Cohen lit a candle in memory of Bruce Gadansky



Susan Cohen - December 04, 2020 at 04:59 PM



“ Bruce was a true gift to the BBB system. He was kind, passionate and hilariously funny. I sent many prayers for to all of his family for peace and comfort during this very difficult time. Know that Bruce was a real shining star who made a big difference. He will be missed. God Bless, Lisa Schiller/BBB Serving Wisconsin

Lisa Schiller - December 04, 2020 at 04:37 PM



“ You will be truly missed throughout the BBB system. Many prayers for Peace & Comfort for your family during this difficult time.

Mary Gallaher
BBB serving Northwest Florida



Mary Gallaher - December 04, 2020 at 03:07 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce Gadansky.



December 04, 2020 at 02:53 PM



“ Sherri Williams lit a candle in memory of Bruce Gadansky



Sherri Williams - December 04, 2020 at 02:52 PM



“ Christy Mauch, BBB Dayton lit a candle in memory of Bruce Gadansky



Christy Mauch, BBB Dayton - December 04, 2020 at 02:25 PM



“ I was Bruce's Sgt. on the Sheriffs Office and I cannot say enough about his character and his ability to interact with people. It was my honor to serve with Bruce. Never saw him without a smile or a good joke. Rest In Peace my friend. We will take it from here.

Scott Childers - December 04, 2020 at 02:17 PM



“ Bruce was my mentor and friend for many years through Better Business Bureau. Despite the fact I live in south Louisiana, I always treasured talking to Bruce and visiting with him in person at conferences. I owe Bruce much not only for the help he gave me in my career but the treasured friendship I will never forget. He truly exemplified the torch of light BBB uses as its seal. Fair winds, my friend...

Robert Jones

Robert Jones - December 04, 2020 at 02:03 PM



“ Joe Schwartz lit a candle in memory of Bruce Gadansky



Joe Schwartz - December 04, 2020 at 01:47 PM



“ Shannon Spainhour lit a candle in memory of Bruce Gadansky



Shannon Spainhour - December 04, 2020 at 01:46 PM



“ Randa lit a candle in memory of Bruce Gadansky



Randa - December 04, 2020 at 01:27 PM



“ Mary Owens lit a candle in memory of Bruce Gadansky



Mary Owens - December 04, 2020 at 01:16 PM



“ Bruce Smith lit a candle in memory of Bruce Gadansky



Bruce Smith - December 04, 2020 at 01:08 PM



“ Bruce made everyone at BBB feel special. He was my "go-to" expert on any matter. His sense of humor made our days a little lighter at BBB. May God grant his family, and all who loved and cared for this incredible man, His perfect peace. The world is a little bit darker without Bruce but will always be brighter for his service, presence and love.

Dottie Callina - December 04, 2020 at 12:59 PM



“ Darrellyn Bonstell lit a candle in memory of Bruce Gadansky



Darrellyn Bonstell - December 04, 2020 at 12:50 PM



“ Bruce was a passionate BBB professional who always provided his witty sense of humor to lighten the mood. I always enjoyed reading his emails to the system. When I first started my career with BBB, Bruce was one of the first friends I made at a conference. He shared many memorable stories and was always willing to lend an ear when I had a question. He will be greatly missed, and I'm forever thankful our paths crossed—my deepest condolences to Bruce's family. ----Chelsea Ellis



Chelsea Ellis - December 04, 2020 at 12:46 PM



“ Rhonda Mettler lit a candle in memory of Bruce Gadansky



Rhonda Mettler - December 04, 2020 at 12:44 PM



“ Collette Allen sent a virtual gift in memory of Bruce Gadansky



Collette Allen - December 04, 2020 at 12:42 PM



To The Family of Bruce:

My heartfelt sympathy to you. Bruce's quote, "Don't be sad it's over. Be happy that it happened." That's Bruce and the true nature of him. Always kind, gentlemanly, smart, funny.....many adjectives define Dear Bruce.

Our lives were richer because of Bruce. He was the epitomy of what a man should be: great husband, great father and grandfather, and friend.

These next days and months are not going to be easy, but please remember your blessings and the good life you had while he was here. One day at a time. One story at a time. One laugh at a time. One cry at a time. All wrapped up into unbelievable memories.

Know that many arms are virtually wrapped around you. If there is any way that I can make it for his Celebration at another date, I will do my best to be there.

With Love & Prayers,

Marjorie Stephens
BBB Northern Indiana CEO

Marjorie - December 04, 2020 at 12:42 PM



Mechele Mills lit a candle in memory of Bruce Gadansky



Mechele Mills - December 04, 2020 at 12:41 PM



Sarah Caplan lit a candle in memory of Bruce Gadansky



Sarah Caplan - December 04, 2020 at 12:33 PM



“ Allie Araoz lit a candle in memory of Bruce Gadansky



Allie Araoz - December 04, 2020 at 12:30 PM



“ Tami Clark lit a candle in memory of Bruce Gadansky



Tami Clark - December 04, 2020 at 12:30 PM



“ Kristin Mickelson lit a candle in memory of Bruce Gadansky



Kristin Mickelson - December 04, 2020 at 12:24 PM