



Bruce Marsden Richards

July 26, 1953 - April 9, 2015

Bruce Marsden Richards, 61, of Manassas, passed away suddenly of a heart attack on April 9, 2015 at Novant Health Prince William Medical Center.

Born July 26, 1953 in Homestead, PA, he was the son of William G. and Joan Richards.

Upon graduation from Fairfax High School, Bruce was offered a four year, full scholarship in Engineering, to American University in Washington, D C. True to who he was, he chose the path less traveled and entered the automotive field with a career that encompassed being an auto mechanic and a Snap-On Tool Dealer, to owning a Shell gas station in Fredericksburg, VA, and many years in direct automotive sales.

He was a man of integrity who possessed a core value system that defined who he was: a man who kept promises and honored commitment. Bruce possessed a unique laugh which resonated where ever he went. One time en route on the Metro to a Redskins' game, Bruce made a small monetary wager with a Cowboys fan. After the game, as hundreds of fans exited the stadium, the winning fan approached Bruce indicating he tracked him the minute he heard his laughter in the crowd. To Bruce, no one was a stranger.

Bruce was preceded in death by his father, William G. Richards. Survivors

include his loving wife of 30 years, Kathleen of Manassas; his daughters, Heather Richards and Melissa Richards of Manassas, VA; his mother, Joan Richards of Apopka, FL; two brothers, William (Cheryl) Richards of PA and Robert (Julie) of NC; two nieces, Tracey (Michael) McMillen of TN and Katrina (Grant) Page of NC; one nephew, Cody Richards of NC; and many beloved family members and friends.

The family will receive friends between 2:00 – 4:00 PM Sunday, April 26, 2015 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of flowers or memorial contributions to The American Heart Association:

http://honor.americanheart.org/site/TR/Events/General;jsessionid=309251836166CB8D255655E5BF985AFA.app244a?pg=fund&fr_id=1030&pxfid=277542

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **26**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bruce Marsden Richards.* ”



April 26, 2015 at 10:59 AM



“ *The Richards Family purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Bruce Marsden Richards.* ”



The Richards Family - April 24, 2015 at 03:42 PM



“ *I'm so very sorry to hear the news about Bruce. I haven't seen him for years and years, but have great memories of him. I can still hear his voice and his laugh and see that look of amusement on his face. What a great guy. I'm praying for your comfort.* ”

Patti Elmore

Patti Elmore - April 24, 2015 at 08:39 AM



“ I am very saddened to hear of Bruce's passing. Although it's been many, many years since I've seen Bruce, I remember his smile and laugh as if he were in the room with me now. I only pray that you all find strength and comfort in God's promise of everlasting life in Paradise.

Robin Smith (Richards) Cunningham

Robin Cunningham - April 24, 2015 at 12:30 AM



“ Thinking of all of you during this time. Sending lots of love, prayers, and hugs to Aunt Joan and my cousins Billy, Bobby, and Bruce's families. Cherish all your memories for they will help you get through the rough times.

Carol Richards-Brown - April 21, 2015 at 09:51 PM



“ Our longtime, dear friend...Nobody will ever forget that laugh of yours. Wayne will not have anybody to play golf with now in his retirement. Love you always and forever.

Sue and Wayne

Sue - April 20, 2015 at 02:59 PM



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Sue - April 20, 2015 at 02:28 PM

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Sue - April 20, 2015 at 02:27 PM

KB

“ *The entire Brimmer family sends our love to our aunt Joan and Bruce family. My favorite memory was when the cousins were together at Nana and Pop pops building the dog house for your dog Blondie. We were all so young. Miss you Bruce. Miss you Billy and Bobby too. Love, Keith Marsden Brimmer*

Keith Marsden Brimmer - April 18, 2015 at 04:11 PM

GL

“ *Sending hugs and much love to all the families...may the many years of great times and fond memories get you through the days till we all meet again and can share in laughter all the love. Gail Lynn and family*

Gail Lynn - April 18, 2015 at 01:22 PM

LO

“ *Sending love and prayers to all. His laughter will live on in all of us. I will miss that. I love you all. Love Lois*

Lois - April 17, 2015 at 08:13 PM

SU

“ Sue lit a candle in memory of Bruce Marsden Richards



Sue - April 17, 2015 at 02:49 PM

AW

May the wonderful memories help during this difficult time and know that you have friends that care.

Andrea Lewis Weakley - April 20, 2015 at 09:23 AM

MD

Dear Kathy, Heather and Melissa, So sorry to hear of the passing of Bruce. Remembering our All Saints days. May God give you all the strength, peace, and grace you need to make it through this most difficult time and the days ahead. You are in my thoughts and prayers. God's peace be with you, Mary Daley

mary daley - April 20, 2015 at 10:27 PM