



Bruce Turner Ricker

May 7, 1941 - July 13, 2025

Bruce Turner Ricker of Herndon VA, a devoted husband and a cherished friend, peacefully passed away on July 13, 2025 in Fairfax VA, of natural causes at the age of 84. Bruce was born on May 7, 1941 in Washington, D.C., son of Arthur L. and Ruth (White) Ricker; spent his childhood in the city growing up at his family home at 3710 Jocelyn Street, NW.

Bruce was educated in the D.C. public school system: at Ben Murch Elementary, Alice Deal Junior High and graduated in 1959 from Woodrow Wilson High School.

In addition to his beloved bride, Kathy Ann Ashley Ricker, Bruce is survived by his brother Arthur W. Ricker and sister-in-law Priscilla Ricker. Other survivors include sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law: Brenda Hanna, Bruce F. Hanna, Joy Campbell and Stephen Campbell.

He began his telecommunications career as a cable splicer's helper at Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company, progressed into installation of business data systems with Bell Atlantic in the metropolitan D.C. area. He later retired from Verizon Communications after dedicating over 30 years of service in the telecommunications industry.

After retirement, Bruce spent time driving as a charter coach driver and tour

guide for Virginia Coach Company and engaged in driving automobiles with a local dealer exchange network.

Bruce had a zest for life and enjoyed various hobbies throughout the years. In his youth, like his brother Arthur, he delivered The Evening Star newspaper and enjoyed flying control line model airplanes.

Much later, in September 1985, while Bruce volunteered as a vintage streetcar operator at the National Capital Trolley Museum, he met his beloved bride-to-be Kathy Ann Ashley. Bruce and Kathy were married 38 years. They devoted their lives to each other as they shared their love of trains, railroads and train travel.

Bruce was also a member and participant in the National Historical Railway Society, Washington D.C. Chapter, as a host on train excursions, and also volunteered time with the Potomac Valley Theatre Pipe Organ Society.

In addition to his beloved cats, Bruce was survived by many nieces and nephews, extended family and friends. He will be remembered for his sense of humor and mechanical ingenuity. Bruce was a man of integrity, loyalty, kindness, patience, a loving heart, understanding and peace-loving. He appreciated the simple pleasures of reading and playing with his cherished cats.

Bruce Turner Ricker leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter and cherished memories that will forever be remembered by his family and friends.

A celebration of his life will be conducted on Saturday, September 13 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas VA 20110. Visitation begins at 10:30 AM with service at 11:00 AM, followed by a reception at the funeral home at 12:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations can be sent to the National Capital Trolley Museum, 1313 Bonifant Road, Silver Spring MD 20905 or Asbury United Methodist Church, 14113 Fleetwood Drive, Nokesville VA 20181.

Funeral services will be livestreamed below on September 13, 2025 at 11AM.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 13. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Celebration of Life

SEP 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Reception

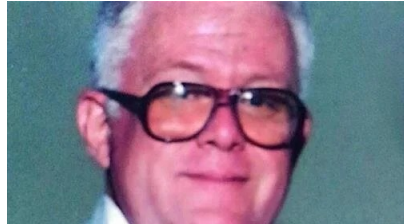
SEP 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home Celebration Room
9609 Center Street
Manassas, VA 20110
<https://www.piercefh.com/who-we-are/celebration-room>

Tribute Wall



“ *Pierce Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Bruce Turner Ricker*



Pierce Funeral Home - September 03, 2025 at 11:19 AM

WB

“ *With Love & Prayers, Kim Bacon purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bruce Turner Ricker.*



With Love & Prayers, Kim Bacon - September 12, 2025 at 04:47 PM

BB

“ *Barbara Bacon purchased the Basket Full of Wis hes for the family of Bruce Turner Ricker.*



Barbara Bacon - September 10, 2025 at 07:25 PM

BB

“ Remembering many wonderful times with Bruce and Kathy, most frequently on steam train excursions, but also on Amtrak. My husband Roger shared a love of all trains with Bruce, and one of the best trips we four took together was from DC to New Orleans, where we spent several days exploring the city, its music and its yummy food! What a wonderful friendship we have shared. May Bruce rest in peace, and may Kathy find solace in memories of our times together.

Barbara Bacon - September 10, 2025 at 07:14 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Bruce Turner Ricker.



August 25, 2025 at 02:43 PM

JE

“ My first meeting of my dear friend Bruce was some 22 years ago when we were both employed by the Moore Cadillac's Tire Department, in Vienna, Va. selling tires to retail business's. I was their part time outside salesman and Bruce, and a few other gents, made the deliveries out of Moore's tire warehouse. After a year or two, we both found ourselves another favorite retirement type job, that of transporting vehicles from one dealership to another, with a group of about six other retiree's from all walks of life. Whenever I was teamed up with Bruce, we were never short on conversation, discussing life's experiences and sharing many a good story. Some of these trips to other states could range in the 7 to 8 hours in each other's company and a few drives, even longer. Then in 2015, my wife and I moved to N.C. and at that point, my days concluded working with Bruce and seeing him on a regular basis. What did not ever stop was our keeping in touch by phone and quite regularly text messages. There was not much that we did not share, including how cats were doing and the travel that my wife, Marianne, and our English Springer Spaniel, Rosie, did on occasion. Bruce was always a patient listener, as I strived to be, and even though miles apart, we stayed close. Yes, Bruce Ricker is and will be very much missed and our prayers are with his family and dear wife Kathy, during his passing. As is often said, we know he is in a better place now and in complete peace.



John and Marianne Eiden

John and Marianne Eiden - August 23, 2025 at 04:26 PM

DG

Dear Kathy -- we received the announcement you sent just yesterday, but I'm so grateful that it was in time to virtually attend the beautiful celebration of life for Bruce which just ended. We will remember him fondly for so many things, but especially for the ways in which he loved you so deeply!!! It was comforting, indeed, to hear the pastor share the word about 'final boarding call!' as I reflect on the wonderful life Bruce had here on earth and the wonderful eternal life he will have as he is embarking on his next journey. SHALOM. Debbie Greenawald & David Lawton

Debbie Greenawald - September 13, 2025 at 12:33 PM