



Bruce W. Williams

April 16, 1941 - February 9, 2020

Bruce W. Williams, age 78 of Algonquin, formerly of Huntley and longtime resident of Des Plaines, passed away on February 9, 2020 at JourneyCare in Barrington, IL. Bruce was born in Chicago on April 16, 1941 and was the son of the late Nicholas & Helen (nee Klick) Williams.

On August 25, 1962, he married his best friend, Norleen R. Olson. Bruce was a former Police Officer for the City of Des Plaines and retired, having earned the rank of Captain. In retirement, Bruce enjoyed spending time with his family and friends as well as going fishing any chance that he had. He was a member of Salmon Unlimited. He is survived by his beloved wife of almost 58 years, Norleen. Their loving and devoted children, Michael (Patti) Williams and Cheryl (Ron) Murphy and his two much loved and adored granddaughters, Michela and Mia. Other survivors include his sister, Beverly (Kirt) Melton, his in-laws, several nieces, nephews, and countless faithful friends. In addition to his parents, Bruce was preceded in death by his brothers, Nick and Bob. Visitation will be held at Miller Funeral Home, West Dundee from 3:00 - 9:00 P.M. on Thursday. Funeral Services will be held at the funeral home on Friday at 11:00 A.M. Following the service at Bruce's request, he will be cremated. Inurnment will be private. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Bruce's memory to Salmon Unlimited, 321 Railroad Avenue, Bartlett, IL 60103.

Events

FEB **Visitation** 03:00PM - 09:00PM

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Miller Funeral Home

504 W. Main Street, West Dundee, IL, US, 60118

FEB **Funeral Services** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Bruce was my first boss in police records. I just like him so much. May you rest in peace.

Maryanne Ausland - March 14, 2020 at 12:27 PM



“ Bruce wandered into our business many years ago. He asked "if the small lake behind our building was stocked with fish". My father did not discuss the lake with many people but there was an instant bond with Bruce. Bruce became the number one fisherman at Lake Elmer. Some days when Bruce would finish fishing he would stop by my office. He would say " I know you are busy and I do not want to bother you" and we would then proceed to discuss the state of the world. Bruce taught my grandchildren to fish. Bruce would catch and then clean fish and deliver to my mom and dad. I will so miss looking out the back of the store and seeing Bruce towel on head fishing in Lake Elmer. My last conversation with Bruce was his explaining to me that make sure you have the no trespassing signs around the lake. You see my dad Elmer had passed away and Lake Elmer was now mine and he was looking out for me.
Barb Christ

Barbara Christ - February 13, 2020 at 06:03 PM



“ My deepest condolences on the passing of your husband and father.
Bob Sturlini

Bob Sturlini - February 13, 2020 at 12:56 PM



“ Bruce was a wonderful neighbor to live across the street from for the last decade in Algonquin. He was always so kind to our family. Norleen and the rest of the family are in all of our thoughts and prayers. May Bruce Rest in Peace.

With love,

Patrick and Katy McGovern

Patrick McGovern - February 13, 2020 at 12:54 PM



“ Bruce was great to be with on our 6 family vacations. He made sure he did wonderful fish boils which were outstanding! He was great with our kids and laughed a lot with us. This man was an all over great man. He will be missed!

Judi and Jerry - February 13, 2020 at 12:54 PM



“ Bruce and I worked together for 20 years. As Bob Ornberg said, Bruce was an excellent fisherman. We competed on a few fishing trips. Once such a trip into Ontario. Bruce tried to convince me to use a big Doctor spoon. I was partial to a seven inch Rapala. Fishing was not so good. One morning We went our separate ways in different boats. Not having any luck with my Rapalas, I switched to the Bruce's Doctor spoon. Low and behold, I caught four northern pike in a two hour period, The biggest being 20 pounds and 44 inches long. I could never admit to Bruce that I caught those fish on his highly recommended Doctor spoon. Another such trip to somewhere in northern Wisconsin, Bruce had broken some ribs and was in a lot of pain. He chose to ride in my Dodge four-wheel-drive pick up thinking it would be a better and softer ride. I was in pain just watching him grimacing from the bumps. he spent every night of the trip sleeping sitting up in a chair. he would endure any kind of pain just to catch a fish. He made those trips a lot of fun! Rest in peace Bruce! You will be missed! Our condolences to Norleen and the rest of the family!
Ken & Kathy Randolph
Cape Coral, Florida

kenneth Randolph - February 12, 2020 at 05:01 PM



“ Bruce and I worked together on the Des Plaines PD, "crushing crime" and were also fishing buddies. After I retired and moved to northern Wisconsin, and Bruce would visit. We fished for muskys in Little Sissabagama Lake...he'd catch 'em and I'd net 'em. I recall returning from a day of fishing on a Wisconsin lake (after dark), I accidentally ran the boat up on land. Fortunately it was a gradual incline. Bruce just smiled, and we moved on. He was a good friend, good cop, and a better fisherman than me. Mary and I send our condolences to Norleen and family.
Blessings,
Bob and Mary Ornberg
Hayward, Wisconsin

Robert Ornberg - February 12, 2020 at 03:04 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Bruce W. Williams.



February 12, 2020 at 02:37 PM



“ Bruce's presence will be very much missed when we get together at Mike and Patti's family parties!!! I always looked forward to the stories Bruce and I would share, he always made me laugh! He also brought laughter to our dinner table after my son came home from a fishing trip Bruce brought him on! Rest In Peace Bruce

Debbie Ferlito - February 12, 2020 at 09:37 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bruce W. Williams.



February 11, 2020 at 03:04 PM



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



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“ To the wife and family of Bruce Williams:
We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your beloved. Bruce was a wonderful guy and we always looked forward to seeing him. He brought much needed humor and joy into this world and we will miss him dearly
Our sincerest condolences,
Dr. Bob Ryan, Nancy and Monika

Dr. Robert Ryan - February 11, 2020 at 01:29 PM



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