



Pastor Ray L. Bruce

February 18, 1940 - December 17, 2020

Raymond Lee Bruce-

Pastor Raymond Lee Bruce, a man devoted to his faith, family, and ministry, entered into the Lord's presence on December 17, 2020. There he joined his beloved wife Betty of 58 years, taking his place with her in the Kingdom they both treasured. He is survived by his three children: Amy (Mark) Blackgrove, David (Stephanie) Bruce, and Carolyn Bruce. He also left a profound impact on his eight grandchildren: Drayton, Hailee, Drew, Camryn, Reece, Carter, Cara, and Cade; as well as two great-grandchildren, Parker and Blakely. He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl Carson Sr. and Sarah Carolyn Bruce, and his three brothers: Earl, Jack, and Bobby. He is survived by his brother, Jerry.

A graduate of Bob Jones University, he began his pastoral ministry by serving as a youth pastor for 4 years in Belleville and Flint, Michigan, before he felt God's call to become the senior pastor at Hale Baptist Church. After 10 years there, he accepted a position at First Baptist Church in Brooklyn, Michigan, where he ministered for 28 years. It was within these roles that Pastor Bruce displayed his deep devotion to his congregation by humbly serving, counseling, and praying for each member, often in the wee hours of the night. His love for children was reflective of Christ's as he welcomed them warmly, generously sharing from his abundant supply of Tootsie Rolls. His retirement did not keep him from faithful service, and he demonstrated this as a member of Fellowship Baptist Church, where he filled the pulpit occasionally and taught Sunday School alongside his wife.

Founder of the Old State Road Stump Sitters, a family hunting club he began in 1968, Raymond spent years of his life in the hunting blind, establishing a tradition and passion for the outdoors that lives on through his children and grandchildren. He cherished time spent in the Smoky Mountains with Betty where they often visited the scenic Cades Cove. Watching wildlife from his front porch rockers, studying Proverbs in his sunroom, honoring his southern roots by rooting for the Crimson Tide, and singing hymns alongside his family and congregation were among his most favored pastimes.

Visitation will be held at Fellowship Baptist Church on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., with a funeral service to follow immediately after. A private burial will take place following the conclusion of the service. COVID-19 mandates and

social distancing guidelines will be observed. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Henry Ford Allegiance Hospice Home or the missionary fund at Fellowship Baptist Church. Funeral services are provided by Eineder Funeral Homes – Brooklyn Chapel

Cemetery

Briggs Cemetery

U.S. 12

Comstock, MI,

Events

DEC **Funeral Service** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Fellowship Baptist Church

3200 Reed Road, Clarklake, MI, US, 49234

Comments



“ 1 file added to the album Ray Bruce Tribute Video



Eineder Funeral Homes - December 29, 2020 at 06:41 PM



“ Beautiful video... love the music, too. What wonderful memories...

Linda Mijangos - December 30, 2020 at 04:28 PM



“ Great video a true man of god

Steve plate - December 30, 2020 at 08:05 PM



“ I so enjoyed seeing the video of Ray and Betty's life. I was so privileged to be in his first youth group at Bethany Baptist Church in Belleville in the 1960's. As a teenager their love for God and each other was contagious. I was so taken how much they loved each other and prayed that God would bless me someday to have such a wonderful marriage. During that time when cars front seats were one long seat I was so impressed that Betty ALWAYS sat right in the middle next to Ray!!! They encouraged me to go to Bob Jones University and so I did! We've kept in touch through out the years and I was saddened to learn of their passing. Their love is now complete with their God and each other. I know that they both heard "Well done thou good and faithful servant!"

Kathy Tremper Boyd

Kathleen Boyd - January 06 at 06:37 PM



“ I am so sad to hear of both Ray and Betty's passing. I, too, was part of Ray's 1st youth group in Belleville, MI. Such wonderful memories that have remained with me and lots of laughter. I, went to Bob Jones University upon Ray's encouragement. My sister and I visited Ray and Betty about 5 years ago. It was as if nothing had changed and we were able to talk freely as though with family.

May God continue to bless you all.

Donna Tremper Nadeau

Donna Nadeau - January 08 at 08:54 PM



“ What a privilege to have served with Pastor Bruce and Betty as their youth pastor for 7 years. Such a precious couple. We also will hold dear memories of Amy, David & Joy. May our Lord strengthen the family in these days ahead.
Pastor Dave & Linda Oberst

Pastor Dave & Linda Oberst - December 28, 2020 at 08:52 PM



“ Jerry & Jan purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Pastor Ray L. Bruce.



Jerry & Jan - December 28, 2020 at 04:19 PM



“ Although I never meet Pastor Bruce , his life and legacy is evident in the testimonies of those individuals his ministry touch over his years of devoted service to the Lord. Most evident in his children. Especially his son David who I have become great friends with and brother in Christ in recent years.
Prayers for the family for comfort in weeks to come knowing his has finally received his reward for the labor was not in vain to win souls to the Kingdom.
I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.
3rd John 1:4

Ben Brown - December 28, 2020 at 08:41 AM



“ Ray was a dear friend of our family. My dad Pastor Bill Jenkins was a good buddy and enjoyed spending time with Ray. My husband Pastor Bill Wyatt loved Ray and they talked often on the phone. I had the privilege of being Ray's barber for many years and so enjoyed our visits. He was very generous and always wanted to know how my folks were and would hand me money to send them. He will be greatly missed, but we are so happy he and Betty are together again that's where he wanted to be. Lovingly Pastor Bill , Myrna and Pastor Bill & Pam Wyatt

Bill & Pam Wyatt - December 24, 2020 at 08:17 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pastor Ray L. Bruce.



December 23, 2020 at 04:18 PM



“ Todd Boudreaux & Pepsi Family in Livingston LA purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Pastor Ray L. Bruce.



Todd Boudreaux & Pepsi Family in Livingston LA - December 23, 2020 at 04:11 PM



“ Williams family and Springdale Pepsi Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Pastor Ray L. Bruce.



justin williams - December 23, 2020 at 10:28 AM



“ I had the privilege of hearing Pastor Ray Bruce preach from the pulpit, and also in more relaxed settings around the Bruce household. I was always struck by his night owl tendencies, however it occurs to me after reading his obituary that perhaps the reason he stayed up so late was due to his commitment and love for the congregation. Both Pastor Ray and Betty treated me like family, and I will remember them fondly always.

—Erik Wyatt
Indianapolis IN USA

Erik Wyatt - December 23, 2020 at 01:49 AM



“ Jamsion Family and Team Maumelle purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Pastor Ray L. Bruce.



Jamsion Family and Team Maumelle - December 22, 2020 at 08:57 PM



“ Pepsi Tupelo team purchased the My Soul Lives On Blanket for the family of Pastor Ray L. Bruce.



Pepsi Tupelo team - December 22, 2020 at 05:43 PM



“ "Collierville Service Team" purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Pastor Ray L. Bruce.



"Collierville Service Team" - December 22, 2020 at 03:09 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Pastor Ray L. Bruce.



December 22, 2020 at 02:54 PM