



Bruce William Byrne

January 2, 2018

Bruce William Byrne, 68, of McDonough, graduated and was promoted to heaven Tuesday, January 2, 2018 after battling a long illness. He was born in Kankakee, IL to the late William J. and Mary Ann Christensen Byrne. He graduated from Bradley-Bourbonnais High School in 1967. He attended the University of Illinois and was a road surveyor for the state of Illinois. Then he served as a sergeant in the Air Force from 1969-1973 as an instrument RPMN working on aircraft. He graduated with a BBA in 1981 from Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe, Louisiana. He worked for Atlas Die as a technical sales representative until his retirement in 2015. Also, he was a member of the American Legion. He loved fishing, hunting, golfing, collecting coins, eating good BBQ, and spending time with his family. Bruce was an avid Georgia Bulldogs fan and a faithful season ticket holder for almost 20 years. He and his wife were members of Prospect Methodist Church since 1989 and served the church in many capacities. Most importantly, he knew Jesus as his personal Lord and Savior.

Bruce is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Kay Patterson Byrne of McDonough, daughter and son-in-law Mary and Chad Mangum of Statham, son and daughter-in-law R.J. and Margo Byrne of Americus, grandchildren, Ava, Ella, and Isabelle Mangum, and Josephine (Phee) and Clifton (Cubby) Byrne, along with sisters and brothers-in-law, Kathy and Mike Baron of North Chesterville, VA and Robin and Al Sheputis of Essex, IL.

Funeral services will be held Friday, January 5, 2018 at 11:00 am at Prospect Methodist Church with Rev. Ronny Brannen and Rev. Lawrence Lockett officiating. Interment will follow at Prospect Methodist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the church starting at 10:00 am. Online condolences may be made at www.wheelerfuneralhome.com Wheeler Funeral Home 11405 Brown Bridge Rd. Covington (770) 786-7111. In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations to be made to www.invadingdarkness.org with special designation for Pastor Mawussi.

Cemetery Details

Prospect UMC Cemetery

Hwy 212
Covington, GA 30016

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Prospect United Methodist
6752 HWY 212 N
Covington, GA 30016

Funeral Service

JAN 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DK

“ Condolences to the Byrne family. I have thought about Bruce many times over the years. He was a good friend who always looked out for me, one of the Bourbonnais neighborhood girls. May Bruce rest in peace and may your memories comfort you all.

Dawn Corlett Kingston

Dawn Corlett Kingston - January 05, 2018 at 04:11 PM

AW

“ My sincerest sympathy to you my precious friend, Kay, to Mary and R J. Bruce, we tried oall we knew and believed to achieve thst miracle, our conversations snd prayers. But God saw how tired your body had become over this journey, witht spirit still strong as ever, but you needed rest. You are resting high on that mountain with your God and your liife will always be a beacon of faith to everyone.

Rest in peace, friend. Anne Whites

Anne White - January 05, 2018 at 10:25 AM

DL

“ My sincere condolences to the Byrne family. God's peace and comfort be with all of you during this difficult time.

Denise Marquis Lindquist - Bradley Bourb. H.S. Class '67.

Denise L. - January 04, 2018 at 11:52 PM

CO

“ I mostly knew Bruce in our younger days as his mother was my girl scout leader. Sometimes he had to come to the meetings with Kathy his sister, and his mother. I We went through Bourbonnais Grade school together, but by High School we ran in different circles. I always though he was a great person, and have wondered many times where he was. Rest in Peace Bruce.



Cheryl Topliff O'Hare

Cheryl OHare - January 04, 2018 at 03:23 PM

KK

“ Remember the love, remember the laughter; remember a wonderful life. I've known Bruce for many years, working with him at Atlas. He will be missed. With heartfelt sympathy,
Kathy Kauffman

Kathy Kauffman - January 04, 2018 at 03:16 PM

WL

“ Kay, RJ, and Mary, you are in mine and Donna's prayers. We will Bruce, but know he is now with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Bruce and Kay were always an encouragement during those difficult days, not worrying about themselves, but everyone else. We had some great Saturdays in Athens. You were a great friend, mentor, and brother in Christ.

Wes Long - January 04, 2018 at 02:56 PM



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Wheeler Funeral & Cremation Services - January 04, 2018 at 01:47 PM