



Bruce D. Fonda

August 11, 1950 - April 24, 2023

Bruce D. Fonda passed away suddenly on April 24, 2023. He was with his beloved wife and friends when he passed. Bruce was raised in Watervliet NY and lived in upstate NY until he retired to Lady Lake Florida. Bruce attended Watervliet high school and graduated in 1968. He played baseball for the Cannoneers and was an avid "Vliet" sports fan his entire life. At most sports games in the 90's you could hear him yelling "We are...Vliet".

He enjoyed supporting his girls in all their sports and was Coach of many of their Latham Lassies and Watervliet Softball teams. "Cousin Brucey" was the soundman for the band Night Fire and passed on his love for music to his girls and anyone he came in contact with. He was a crown champion of name that tune and was the "Karaoke King" of Water Oak. His favorite song to sing was "Everybody Loves Somebody".

Bruce worked for NYS OGS as a Senior Stationery Engineer for 35 years before retiring. After retiring, he moved to Water Oak and was the "Mr. Rogers" and "Cruise Director" of the neighborhood. You could always see him outside washing his...and other people's cars. He always had a friendly word for everyone. His smile was contagious. One of his great loves was his 56 Chevy and he attended car shows any time he could. He could identify anyone in the car show community by their cars. Some of the best friends of his life were made at car shows.

Happy hour on the lanai was the highlight of many people's nights and he would always take over as the "DJ" of the pool. He was the ultimate entertainer. His favorite vacation areas were Key West Florida and York Beach Maine.

He is survived by his beloved wife Deborah; he was the best dad to Kelly (Don) Ewing and Kristin (Chris) Lee and was stepdad to 3 children. He was loved by his grandchildren Brianna Moorehead, Tyler and Eli Lee, Bentley Ewing and 4 step grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents Robert and Irma (Gould) Fonda, his brother Kenneth Fonda and his daughter Shannon.

Bruce was one of a kind and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

There will be a "Celebration of Life" for Bruce on Sunday April 30th at the Water Oak Satellite Clubhouse in Lady Lake FL from 4-7 pm. Friends are encouraged to attend and celebrate his wonderful life. In lieu of flowers a donation may be made to the charity of your choice in Bruce's name.

"I've had the time of my life and I owe it all to you"

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home of Lady Lake, Florida.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **30**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Water Oak Satellite Clubhouse
Lady Lake, FL 32159

Tribute Wall

PB

“ Deborah was his love which was obvious all the time. So sorry this happened and praying 🙏 for family during this difficult time. God be with you all.

Pam Broschay - May 01, 2023 at 03:02 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Bruce D. Fonda.



April 28, 2023 at 11:33 AM

MS

“ Bruce was one of the good guys. He always had a smile on his face and always put a smile on your. I'll never forget the good times we always had at the lake George car show. All the car shows we attended will never be the same without Bruce. Sunday, we will meet again at the car shows in the sky.

Martin Sabatino - April 28, 2023 at 10:20 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bruce D. Fonda.



April 28, 2023 at 07:29 AM

JV

“ wow am i going to miss the phone calls from weather to all the trouble he would get himself into.best memory is him hearing my car coming home from work and looking out his window waiting for a smoke show .he was happier than a little kid on xmas morning. loved him like a father joe vitetta

Joe Vitetta - April 27, 2023 at 10:18 PM

GK

“ No poem I'd write could give him due, His life affected all he knew;
A loving husband, father, son, A grandpa, neighbor, sport's fan, fun.
A softball coach, Karaoke King, And Chevrolets were Bruce's thing;
35 years an engineer, Unfriendly words you'd never hear. An expert
one at washing cars, To shows he'd travel near and far; Loved York
Beach, Maine, the Western Keys, A friend to all, especially we. We'll
"Fondly" miss the path he took, His love of life, his welcome look;
Apologies these words I own, No poem I'd write's worth what he's
shown. The Kittells

George & Bonnie Kittell - April 27, 2023 at 07:53 PM

KE

“ You were not only my dad but my best friend... I will miss our daily talks about everything from the weather, what we were eating for dinner, the kids, music, cars etc... I don't know what I will do without you.... You taught me how to be a strong independent woman and a parent.... Your advice got me through some tough times.... My heart will forever have a missing piece with you gone.... I can already feel you haven't left me and never will... that you'll be standing by my side until we meet again in heaven... I love you....
Kelly

Kelly Fonda Ewing - April 27, 2023 at 03:39 PM

MH

“ I became friends with Bruce in the early 90s when he was the facility engineer for the Legislative Bldg in Albany NY and I worked for Honeywell. We hit it off immediately as we are both into Muscle Cars. He was funny and always complimentary. He had way of making me feel happier after we talked. When I should have been doing "Honeywell Stuff" I would look for reasons to swing by his office to BS with Bruce. After Bruce retired to Florida we kept in touch with phone calls occasionally, and I still laughed and I still was happier when we talked. I will miss him and try to carry on the "people lessons" he taught me as I go forward. I am so sorry for his loss.

Mark Hamel

Mark Hamel - April 27, 2023 at 12:55 PM

KL

“ Dad,
No one will ever be able to take your place. We will miss you forever.

Love, Kipper

Kristin Lee - April 27, 2023 at 11:29 AM

LM

We will never forget all the great times we had together. He was one special man. We will miss you dearly.

Lois & Tom Maychack - April 28, 2023 at 01:39 PM