



Bruce A. Dempsey

January 1, 1947 - April 14, 2022

On April 14, 2022, Bruce A. Dempsey loving husband and father passed from this life at the age of 75. Bruce was a lifelong resident of Piedmont, Alabama. He leaves behind his wife, Kaye Verell Dempsey; his son, Andrew (Pam) and daughter Holly Clonts; 3 grandchildren, Claudia and Ben Dempsey, Chandler Armstrong and his therapy dogs, Buck and Lulu. He was preceded in death by his parents Hershel and Panna Dempsey and his sister, Dawn Dempsey. Bruce was a 1965 graduate of Piedmont High School and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from Auburn University in 1969. He worked for Garratt Callahan for 26 years where he was known as one of their “finest District Managers”. In the words of Matt Garratt “as long as Garratt Callahan is around, the memory and the stories will be intricately intertwined with that of Bruce Dempsey”. He was a member of Piedmont First United Methodist Church where he served on multiple committees. He was especially proud of his involvement facilitating the design and construction of the PFUMC Meditation Garden, where he will be laid to rest. He was passionate about Piedmont as demonstrated by his participation in many community service boards. He was a long-time member of the Lozahatchee Lodge #97. Bruce enjoyed life and was always ready with a smile and a joke. He never met a stranger. He loved his family, fishing, gardening and his Tennessee Walking Horses. A Celebration of Life will be held at Piedmont First United Methodist Church on Monday April 18, 2022 at 12:00 noon. The family will receive friends and family between 10:30 and 12:00. In lieu of flowers, the family

requests memorials be made to Piedmont First United Methodist Church or the Piedmont Benevolence Center. A special thank you to Piedmont Health Care Center for their care during these past few weeks.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 18. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM.

First United Methodist Church of Piedmont
300 North Main Street
Piedmont, AL

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

RR

“ Just found out about Bruce's passing. He was an excellent mentor to me when we worked for the same company. Bruce was a man of many stories and could captivate a group with his wit and humor. He always inspired me with his ethical outlook on life and business and made you want to be a better person. He will be missed as a wonderful human being and a true friend.

Ronald Russell - October 31, 2023 at 09:34 AM

BD

“ Betty Mitchell Dame lit a candle in memory of Bruce A. Dempsey



Betty Mitchell Dame - November 02, 2022 at 02:41 PM

SC

“ We were so saddened to hear of Bruce's passing. I just found out today. We always enjoyed seeing he and Kaye at the horse shows. Our love to Kaye and the family.

Susan and Phil Cobb - April 18, 2022 at 11:29 PM

DB

“ David Baker lit a candle in memory of Bruce A. Dempsey



David Baker - April 17, 2022 at 10:29 AM

RC

“ *I have many special memories of Bruce as well as Kay. I know he will be missed by so many. Thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Roxy Cole - April 16, 2022 at 09:11 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Bruce A. Dempsey.*



April 15, 2022 at 10:25 PM

BP

“ I went thru 12 years of schooling with Bruce in Piedmont. When he was about 11-12 years old he had a daily paper route (Anniston Star) around town. Toward the end of one week, he asked me if I had a bike with a basket on the handle bars, and I said I did. He said his family was going on vacation the next week and would I fill in the next week...and I would get paid. So, naturally I said yes, I liked the paid part. I rode with him around town that Friday and he showed me his route, one day. I picked up his papers at Bud Kirk's service station that Monday and away I went. When I had finished I had more 'extras' than he had when we finished the route. When he got back he paid me but I am afraid that a few of his customers didn't get their paper that week.

Another story. We were seniors in Mrs. Hughes home room and we came in a little early at lunch and were standing at the windows looking out toward the flag pole. Those two tone brown and white shoes were getting popular and after seeing someone wearing them, he turned to me and said he wouldn't be caught dead in those shoes. I said, " me either". The next morning he came in wearing a pair. He said his mother had bought them and he had to wear them. I moved to Georgia in 1970 but was down about 3-4 years ago and was eating breakfast at Jack's and he saw me and came over to talk. Same old Bruce, with a smile on his face. He was a good guy and will be missed. Brent Parker

Brent Parker - April 15, 2022 at 06:44 PM

HC

Thank you for sharing. This made me laugh. I can totally see my Pano in the shoe story. Pano always told my brother and I, "Bruce never talked back to me" and I believe it. My Dad was truly a good man. Again, thanks for sharing.

Holly Clonts - April 16, 2022 at 08:59 AM

David Tierce

“ *That smile will be missed.*



David Tierce - April 15, 2022 at 05:57 PM



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April 15, 2022 at 04:46 PM



“ *All your friends at Garratt Callahan purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Bruce A. Dempsey.*



All your friends at Garratt Callahan - April 15, 2022 at 03:35 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



James Marshall - April 15, 2022 at 11:35 AM

MA

I have many stories of Bruce and me but one of the best ones was when we were in CA for a Garratt-Callahan Meeting. We had been there several days and had meal choices of pasta or suchi (sp) so we decided to eat some of our favorite foods. The hotel had a bus that would take us to a great steak house. We told the driver Where we wanted to go and he nodded with an accent did not quite Understand and we were not sure he understood us. He pulled up to the restaurant and we got and went in and it was a turkey roasting restaurant so Bruce and I looked at each other and said we love turkey and dressing!!! We had a great meal at a great price. The kicker is when we were leaving there was about a 20 lb turkey roasting in the window but Neither of us had noticed it! It definitely not a steak! God bless you Bruce Dempsey and I still love you!

Mike Adams - April 15, 2022 at 05:36 PM



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April 15, 2022 at 10:43 AM

JG

“ Thank you Bruce, for the way you lived and the care and concern you had for others. I saw this firsthand every time I was with you. Those who had a chance to know or spend time with you, saw someone who was always trying to build us up to be the best we could be; and that is evident when I look at the special people in your life. We were blessed to have you in our lives. Thank you for mentoring me and for the hard work in building the wonderful Alabama District team that you grew from a single Territory. Loving wishes to Kaye, Holly, Chandler, Andrew and everyone else for all you did for Bruce over the many years.



Jeff Garratt - April 14, 2022 at 05:28 PM