



Mr. Bruce E Dunkley Jr.

April 14, 1959 - November 14, 2019

Bruce E. Dunkley, Jr., sixty years old, of Roswell, GA passed away surrounded by his loving family on November 14, 2019. To be clear: he was in no way ready to leave this life. He had far too many things left to do.

Bruce was in every way a family man. He adored his mother, his brothers and sisters, his dad. What word could one use to describe the love he had for his son? Something more. Something ethereal. They had a blessed bond. When Jake was just a tiny baby Bruce laid him on his chest to soothe him; Jake would instantly go to sleep feeling completely safe and loved. They did everything together they possibly could; countless adventures of skiing trips, Gamecock football games, camp outs, fishing, roasting doughnuts over a bonfire, and plenty of soul searching quiet time. Bruce loved Karen, his wife of twenty five years, and tolerated her numerous quirks. He might have even encouraged them at times. Countless trips and wonderful experiences are treasured memories now.

Bruce was born in Charleston, South Carolina on April 14, 1959 to Mr. Bruce Dunkley, Sr. and Mrs. Kathryn (Pellum) Dunkley. After high school, Bruce attended the University of South Carolina where he graduated in 1981 with a B.S. in Business Administration (Go 'Cocks!). He then went on to earn his E.M.B.A. in Business Administration from Georgia State University in 1998, an experience he completely embraced and loved every second of. Yes, he was smart. Smart like a whip. He could do numbers in his head most of us can't do on a calculator. But he'd never tell you that.

He was blessed with many treasured friends; men he considered brothers. He was that kind of guy. Best friend to so many and genuinely so. He loved working outside, especially at his cabin in the woods, his peaceful place. Never was he more in his element than down by the creek near a fire with a cold beer in his hand and friends gathered around. Bruce purely loved dogs, especially his good boy Reacher. When asked what we should foster next in many years of rescue service, the answer was quick and certain: "Puppies. Lots of puppies." And so we did. Litters of puppies! More than fifty at last count. Were there moments that he might be found sitting in the puppy pen hand feeding these babies? Why, yes. Yes there were. "Are you perhaps spoiling them?" he was gently asked. "No. They were hungry and afraid. I am just helping them through it." As he did for so many in his life.

Bruce was also a dedicated member of his neighborhood HOA board, a T-Ball coach, a Y Guide dad, a member of the EPMS Dad's Club, a 2nd Degree Black Belt in Taekwondo, and a patriot.

Bruce loved his family, his dog, his friends, college football, his mountain home and the occasional Old Fashioned.

Bruce loved life. He will be missed beyond measure.

We are going to celebrate his life on Sunday, November 24th at Roswell River Landing in Roswell, Georgia from 2-5pm. Come join us, let's have a toast to a great man.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to may make donations to Angels Among Us Pet Rescue.

<https://www.angelsrescue.org/donatenow/>

Cemetery

Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Rd

Roswell, GA, 30075

Comments



“ I was so sad to hear the news. I knew Bruce as a fellow board member of the Edenwilde Homeowner’s association. What a class act. He would come into our meetings with a smile, approach issues with calm reason, and was willing to listen to all sides. I’ll miss his great laugh and big smile. Sending prayers to all who knew him.

Kate Baar - November 24, 2019 at 04:39 PM



“ What a beautiful day to celebrate a beautiful life!
How lucky were we to have know Bruce with his smiling face.
Karen and Jake my heart and prayers are with you today. He will be missed.
In love and friendship, Carla Chahoy

Carla Chahoy - November 24, 2019 at 08:57 AM



“ My family and I send our deepest condolences. Working with Bruce has been a blessing; he was such a wonderful person. I feel lucky to have known him. I have learned so much and I will always remember him. Our hearts are sad and our thoughts and prayers are with you. I will miss him very much.

Michelle, Rebecca & Kimberly Truesdell



Michelle Truesdell - November 23, 2019 at 08:11 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Bruce E Dunkley Jr..



November 23, 2019 at 03:34 PM



“ Karen & Family, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. I always loved seeing you and Bruce out walking your many foster puppies. You can tell he was a man of joy. I know you will miss him deeply. We are thinking of you during this time. Rob & Lynne Weber

Lynne Weber - November 21, 2019 at 02:04 PM



“ Bruce was a great person that I am fortunate to have called a friend. He truly was a family man. And, he did love his Gamecocks! I will miss those Saturday afternoons watching games with Bruce, cursing at the TV, and solving the world's problems over a couple of beers.
A genuine salt-of-the-earth person. Lucky us to have known him. He will be sorely missed and never forgotten.

Mark & Carol Sottile - November 20, 2019 at 07:59 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Bruce was a great man, and I only had the pleasure to meet you a few times! Your family is in my thoughts and prayers!

Kimberly Burt-Whatley - November 20, 2019 at 07:16 PM



“ This was a beautiful tribute to an amazing guy. Takes me back to when I first met Bruce and helped introduce him to my beautiful friend KD. Words escape me, but Bruce was definitely taken way to soon. I hope his amazing love for KD and Jake will help carry them through.

Barbara Oswald - November 20, 2019 at 05:31 PM



“ We are grateful for the sweet memories made with Bruce and his loving family. A kind man with a fun spirit; I will remember him each time a Matador is served and every time the Gamecocks play. Your loss will leave a huge void-we love you buddy!

Diann Jackson - November 20, 2019 at 04:52 PM



“ What a beautiful tribute for a sweet sweet person. I didn't really know Bruce well or often as an Adult but did as a Teenager. He was kind, responsible and respectful. It comes as no surprise that he was this man that you so lovingly describe. Your family will be in my heart and prayers today and many many days to come. I will always treasure my friendship with each of the Dunkleys. And now you Karen, Jake and Reacher are there too. Much love on this new and difficult journey.

september hoeler - November 20, 2019 at 04:30 PM



“ We are so very sorry to hear of Bruce's passing. He was such a caring and sweet man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Debbie and Scott Rotkowski



Debbie Rotkowski - November 20, 2019 at 10:56 AM