



Bruce R. Winstanley

December 11, 1947 - January 9, 2024

Bruce was born in Lansing, Michigan, on December 11, 1947, to Roderick Francis and A. June (Leutzinger) Winstanley. Bruce attended Grand Ledge Public Schools, graduating in 1965 from Grand Ledge High School. He then attended Michigan State University where he received a B.S. degree in Education. His first teaching job was at Holbrook Elementary School from 1971 to 1975. He then taught at Beagle Middle School until retiring in 2002.

During his summers off from school, he volunteered at Camp Barakel in Fairview, Michigan, where he met Linda Lee Moon and had their first date on July 4, 1973. They were married four months later on November 18, 1973. Their 50th Anniversary was this past November.

He and Linda were members of Grand Ledge Baptist Church, and served faithfully there during their marriage, always being available to help wherever needed, and serving as a Deacon for several terms. Bruce continued to drive bus for Camp Barakel in the summers as well as working on construction projects, and serving on their Board.

They had many adventures traveling and camping with family and friends. Favorite spots were South Haven, Michigan; and Ft. DeSoto, Orlando, and Ft. Myers, Florida. They enjoyed roller-blading, walking, riding bike, and playing cards and pickleball. They liked to tell people they had a house divided

between MSU and UofM loyalties!

On July 4, 2023, Bruce started exhibiting health issues and was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer on July 22nd. He began chemo at the end of August but had to stop chemo after a fall on December 21st. With subsequent health issues, and an almost three-week hospital stay, he stepped into the arms of Jesus on January 9th, 2024.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Linda (who is residing in Memory Care at Independence Village of Grand Ledge); mother, A. June Winstanley; three sisters: Rebecca (Jim) Hagberg, Bonnie (Bruce) Schulert, and Bettie (Dave) Mahnke; brother- and sister-in-law Larry & Gail Moon and Janet & Dan Armstrong; along with ten nieces and nephews & spouses, and 16 great-nieces and nephews; and many, many friends. He was predeceased by his father, Roderick Francis Winstanley; and in-laws, Elmer and Dorothy Moon.

A funeral service will be held at 11:30 AM on Saturday, January 20, 2024, at Grand Ledge Baptist Church, 1120 Willow Hwy., Grand Ledge 48837. There will be visitation beginning at 10:00 AM until the service and a luncheon afterwards. A graveside service will be held at Strange Cemetery (8864 Oneida Rd., Grand Ledge) at 3:00 PM.

Memorial donations can be given to Camp Barakel, PO Box 159, Fairview, Michigan 48621-0159 or Grand Ledge Baptist Church. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Share your memories and condolences online at www.holihanatkin.com.

Cemetery Details

Strange Cemetery

8860 Oneida Road
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Grand Ledge Baptist Church
1120 W. Willow Hwy.
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Service

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Tribute Wall

DJ

“ When we were in junior high school, Bruce, Bennett Hart, and I rode our bikes on three different trips. One was to Sunfield, one to Wacousta, and one to East Lansing and MSU. That was the farthest we had ever ridden our bikes! They are very fond memories. I also went to Camp Barakel with Bruce during those years until my family moved away. Rest in peace my friend. Sincerely, Dan Jensen, Rockford, Illinois.

Dan Jensen - January 23, 2024 at 06:37 PM

DT

“ JoNesta and I have gone to church with Bruce and Linda for over 22 years and have had great times. During the covid shutdowns we would put a table in the car and our camping chairs and meet Bruce and Linda at Chic-fil-A and have lunch or dinner sometimes in the cold and sometimes it was very hot. The people at the restaurant would bring us cookies sometimes, they loved having us show up there. We continued meeting them there after all of the bans were lifted sometimes we would go inside and sometimes we would still sit out at our table in the parking lot for a couple of hours, just visiting. Another great memory is going to the quartet convention with them Pigeon Forge. We had great times together. We will cherish our memories forever. Dale Thompson

Dale I Thompson - January 20, 2024 at 07:50 AM

EB

“ I wish I could be there to share my thoughts in person. I have so many great memories of Bruce. I'm so thankful for a close family and the times we have shared. I remember several camping trips to South Haven, Shermans, motorcycle rides. I remember Bruce let me "do" his hair when I was young, complete with ponytails and lots of teasing! I remember sitting at the piano with him and playing "When the roll is called up yonder" and singing the Camp Barakel theme song. I'm blessed to have known him. I know he loved his family and that he will be greatly missed.
Liz Brinkley

Elizabeth Brinkley - January 18, 2024 at 12:06 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Bruce R. Winstanley.*



January 17, 2024 at 08:25 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Bruce R. Winstanley.*



January 16, 2024 at 04:27 PM

BA

“ I used to look forward to riding down to Lansing on his bus back in 97 from Barakel. Then my son used to ride on his bus to and from Barakel. You'll be missed and look forward to seeing you someday in the presence of God's glory

Brian Armstrong - January 13, 2024 at 10:19 AM

WV

“ Mr. Winstanley was my 3rd or 4th grade teacher at Holbrook Elementary School. He was one of my favorite teachers. Mr. Winstanley was not only a great teacher but he was empathetic when I lost my grandparents. I valued him. When my aunt and uncle had Labrador Retrievers I explained to him the dogs had webbed feet. My mom and aunt brought both dogs in to show the class. Every time I think of Holbrook School it brings up the memories I had from Mr. Winstanley's class. Rest in Heaven Mr. Winstanley.

Wendy Wells Veltman - January 11, 2024 at 02:53 PM

JD

“ Mr. Winstanley was my fourth grade teacher at Holbrook Elementary and also one of my eighth grade teachers at Beagle Middle School. He was always a good guy and one of my favorite teachers. Rest in peace Mr. Winstanley.

Jon Dixon

Jon Dixon - January 11, 2024 at 12:04 PM

CK

“ Our condolences to our Aunt June Winstanley and cousins. May you all find peace in the fond memories you have of the years you spent with him & Linda. Those two knew how to have a good time traveling & all the sports they enjoyed together.

Cathy (Leutzinger) Kruizenga & Marvin

cathy kruizenga - January 11, 2024 at 09:48 AM

BL

“ Bruce and Linda were a dynamic duo exemplifying what “being Jesus’s hands and feet” looked like....serving joyfully together for many years. When I was a little girl at camp Barakel, I vividly remember a counselor running up to my counselor and saying “he asked me to marry him!!” Then they both broke out with squeals and hugs.....decades later, I found out it was Linda!

Bruce was quiet, but had that sweet smirk....his life on earth was full....his eternal life—abundant beyond our imagination, because of his knowledge of Gods saving grace.

Hugs to his Moms heart, and to all his family and close friends. May Linda, too, know Gods great peace.

Blythe - January 11, 2024 at 08:12 AM

DA

Linda, June, Becky, Bonnie, Betty you are in our thoughts and prayers. Bruce was a great servant of God, and a big support to our family. May God uphold each with his righteous right hand! Hallelujah what a Saviour!! 🙌

Dan and Jan Armstrong - January 11, 2024 at 09:16 PM