



Bruce Anthony Rhea

June 26, 1954 - June 27, 2017

Bruce Anthony Rhea, 63, Sanford, FL, died June 27, 2017 surrounded by his family and priest.

Bruce was born June 26, 1954 to Daryl and Helen Rhea, in Brookville, PA.; attended Immaculate Conception Grade School, and graduated in '72 from Clarion Limestone High School, Strattanville, PA. After attending DeVry Institute of Technology in Cincinnati, OH he became a licensed FCC technician. He was an avid pilot and the youngest person in Clarion County to earn his private pilot's license at 14 and enjoyed flying with his family and friends.

Bruce married Ruth Lander of Lucinda, PA in 1976. He was a devout Roman Catholic, and member of St Thomas More Catholic Church in Sanford. His greatest joy was the giving of his time and talents to his Church and any neighbor in need. He was the retired co-owner of TRS Wireless in Orlando, FL and owner of I-4 Mini Storage in Sanford, FL.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth; children, Rhonda (husband, Justin Sauer) and Jeffrey (wife, Rose) of Sanford, FL and Philip (wife, Ashley) of Coral Gables, FL; 16 beautiful grandchildren; siblings, John (wife, Dixy), Eloise (husband, Kurt Raeder), Katherine (husband, Ed Hoffman), and Teresa (husband, George Haws); sisters-in-law, Suzanne Rhea and Susan Rhea.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers Gregory (at birth), Daryl Jr. and David.

Viewing will be on Sunday, July 2 from 4 pm to 7 pm at St Thomas More Catholic Church in Sanford, FL. A Traditional Latin Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday, July 3 at 9:30 am, followed by Interment at All Souls Catholic Cemetery, Sanford, FL.

A Reception will be held immediately following Internment. Reception will be at St. Thomas More Catholic Church/Priory in the back yard.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Thomas More Academy at 550 Riverview Ave., Sanford, FL 32771.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
550 Riverview Ave
Sanford, FL 32771

Funeral Mass

JUL 3. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
550 Riverview Ave
Sanford, FL 32771

Reception

JUL 3. 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
550 Riverview Ave
Sanford, FL 32771

Interment

JUL 3 (ET)

All Souls Catholic Cemetery
W. 25th St. and Hardy Ave.
Sanford, FL 32773

Tribute Wall

BB

“ I remember Bruce since his youth at the family lumber yard in Clario, Pa. He was an exemplary individual, as was his entire family. I am blessed to have known Bruce.. He will no doubt join his two older brothers in heaven as God's angels. God bless his family at this sad time.

Bud Bender - July 22, 2017 at 07:30 PM

LW

“ Been missing Bruce at Holy Mass for two years with my being medically home bound. Due to his saying one Sunday of hoping to soon live-video Holy Masses, I am so happy every Sunday and his Mass today for the ability to pray them. May he rest in peace and best wishes to Ruth and the family. God Bless. Lou Winter

Louis Winter - July 03, 2017 at 11:34 AM

SR

“ Sorry 4 your loss!

sara reichard - July 01, 2017 at 06:38 PM

SR

“ Sara Reichard lit a candle in memory of Bruce Anthony Rhea



sara reichard - July 01, 2017 at 06:34 PM

BK

“ *My memories are old, but strong. I remember sharing Thanksgiving in Bruce's home with the Banners, the day after I returned from my two year Peace Corps stay in Guatemala in 1983. I couldn't keep up will the conversation about cell phones, having just spent two years in Casillas, Guatemala, a village without a single phone. I remember a great trip to the Cleveland Air Show from Clarion, PA in 1972 with Bruce driving. Then there was Bruce and Bernie piloting a Cessna in Sanford to give my 15 year old son, Chris, a memorable day in Florida. Bernie and Bruce were close friends, and I was lucky to get to tag along with Bernie and share the joy of having Bruce as a friend.*

Byron Kirkpatrick - June 30, 2017 at 12:42 PM