



Donald Clarence Bruyn

July 7, 1934 - October 13, 2022

DONALD C. BRUYN, age 88, of Pine Bush, New York, passed away peacefully on October 13, 2022 with family members by his side. Donald was born on July 7, 1934 in Middletown, New York. He was the son of C. Raymond Bruyn and Doris Ida (Dickerson) Bruyn, widower of Eleanor R. (Smith) Bruyn and devoted companion of Audrey Biagini of Montgomery.

Donald graduated in 1951 from Pine Bush Central High School where he maintained a .444 batting average on the baseball team and was a proud member of the undefeated championship six-man football team. Donald obtained an Associate Degree in 1953 from SUNY Cobleskill and was a member of their national champion cross-country team. In 1954 Donald was drafted into the US Air Force and served as a navigator for two years. Donald married his longtime love Eleanor R. Smith on July 9, 1955 while stationed at Ellington Field in Houston, Texas. After a stint in Tucson, Arizona, Donald and Eleanor returned to New York to raise a family. In October, 1956, Donald started his employment with IBM where he remained a dedicated employee for over 37 years. During that time Donald and Eleanor moved from Pine Bush to Kingston to Saugerties and then back to Pine Bush while raising their family of seven children.

Donald was a devoted husband and father and was active in all of his children's activities involving the school, church, scouts, little league and more. Donald was also very involved in community organizations, including the Sawkill Volunteer Fire Department, Saugerties Conservation Commission

(a founder), the Cobleskill Alumni Association, Pine Bush High School PTA (president), town of Crawford Historical Society and the American Legion. Donald was raised in the Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Thompson Ridge and upon moving back to Pine Bush became very committed to the life of the Church serving in many capacities including Deacon and Elder. Donald was also very proud to serve on the Board of Directors of the William Bull/Sarah Wells Stone House Association.

Donald was an engineer at heart and loved his precise penmanship and recordkeeping. Among the records recently found was a reference to his 427,170 commuting miles back and forth to IBM. More recently, Donald was very diligent in sending out emails to family and friends keeping everyone up-to-date with his activities and news of all in his chain. The family often marveled over his reporting of the number of times the lawns at the homestead or at Audrey's house had been mowed. Donald was an avid outdoorsman enjoying fishing, hunting, hiking and camping. He was an avid sports fan and watched and attended many sporting events, including his beloved Yankees and Penn State and Army football games. Donald loved to travel and take family vacations to see the many natural wonders of our country.

Donald was predeceased by his wife Eleanor, his brother Douglas (Bobby), his son Jon, his son-in law Rick Jones, and two grandchildren Jon Robert Bruyn and Mariah Ann Bruyn. Donald is survived by his devoted companion Audrey Biagini and his brother Raymond (Deane). Donald is also survived by his six children, Candy (John), Wayne (Sherryl), Peter (Faye), Donna, Lisa (Vern) and Barry (Paula), his daughter-in-law Dawn Anderson, his grandchildren Richard Sperl (Shelly), Robert King (Naomi), Marsie Brugman, Michael Diers (Lisa), Olivia Bruyn, Matthew Bruyn, Loran Bruyn, Michael Vente, Emily Bruyn, Katharyn Kavanagh (Dan), Daniel Jones, LaVerne Sessler (Marissa), Nicholas Sessler, Zachary Bruyn and Jacob Bruyn, and great-grandchildren Katelyn Sperl, Mattelyn Sperl, Jayson King, Evan King, Stella LeDuc, Elijah Brugman, Amara Brugman, Ava Diers, Porter Diers,

Gabriella Bruyn and Oliver Bruyn, and many nieces, nephews , cousins and dear friends. Donald will be greatly missed by all!!!

Calling hours will be held on Friday, October 21,2022 at the Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Thompson Ridge from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon followed by a Church service. Burial will follow at the New Prospect Cemetery, Pine Bush, New York. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Hopewell Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 15, Thompson Ridge, New York 10985.

Cemetery Details

New Prospect Cemetery

Pine Bush, NY 12566

Previous Events

Public Visitation

OCT **21**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Presbyterian Church
Thompson Ridge Road and NY 302
Thompson Ridge, NY 10985

Funeral Service

OCT **21**. 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM (ET)

Hopewell Presbyterian Church
Thompson Ridge Road and NY 302
Thompson Ridge, NY 10985

Burial

OCT **21**. 1:15 PM (ET)

New Prospect Cemetery
Pine Bush, NY 12566

Tribute Wall



“ *To Peter, Faye and family: So sorry to hear of your dad's passing Peter. I didn't know him, but what I have read about him shows what a great person he was. Please accept our sincere condolences Peter. We are thinking of you and sending prayers at this difficult time. Nilani and Gemunu DeSilva.*

Nilani - October 25, 2022 at 02:54 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Donald Clarence Bruyn.*



October 20, 2022 at 02:41 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences to your entire family...May he rest easy... Bernadette S and girls(from Audreys house)*

Bernadette Scheible - October 20, 2022 at 09:35 AM



“ *Rest easy Donald, we go back a long way. Nice sitting with you again at the Alumni reunion, sorry you were not feeling well that day.*

Patricia Stueber Davis - October 18, 2022 at 09:27 AM

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“ To Candy, Wayne, Peter, Barry, Donna, Lisa and the entire Bruyn Family--The World has lost a great man, a great dad, a great granddad, a great husband and to me a great friend. There wasn't a man more proud than Mr. Bruyn of his family! And some of the times I remember the most are when he and Mrs. Bruyn sat on the sofa together next to each other watching Wheel of Fortune! It was a sight that the greatest of painters couldn't do justice. The joy now he is again sitting with his wife. My sincerest condolences. Brian O'Leary

Brian O'Leary - October 17, 2022 at 08:33 PM

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“ Condolences to the entire Bruin family. Your father was always nice to me when I was over.

Arnie Hackett - October 17, 2022 at 06:58 PM

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“ Dad, We have learned so many lessons in life from you. We would like to tell you a heartfelt Thank You! You have always been there for us in life and always been there to support our family. The good times and memories we once enjoyed and deeply love we can never lose. Heaven is celebrating today and every day because it got the best gift ever. Dad you are the best Father, Grandfather, my best Friend and everything to us. In all the times of joys and sadness. We are going to miss you! Love Barry, Paula, Zachary and Jacob.

Barry Bruyn - October 17, 2022 at 09:01 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Donald Clarence Bruyn.*



October 15, 2022 at 01:22 PM



“ *My condolences to the Bruyn family. Don was a great and charismatic man. I always enjoyed my conversations with him. He will be truly missed.*

Rich Lalli-Gagan Funeral Home - October 14, 2022 at 03:46 PM



*Dear Wayne, Pete, Candy and Bruyn Family,
Many fond memories of your Dad. A friendship developed when he was a leader of a group of us teenage guys to Philmont Scout Reservation in New Mexico. Throughout the years, always a pleasant conversation whenever our paths crossed. Our thoughts are with you at this time.*

Juanita and Jack Wilsey

Jack Wilsey - October 18, 2022 at 10:08 AM



Dear Bruyn Family: Angela Schoepf, Walter Schoepf and our daughter Luisa Schoepf send you our condolences. We recall with fond memories his presence at our wedding in the past. Also the many years of friendship between your family and our families , including Anna Gohlke and William Gohlke and Helen and Walter Schoepf . May you be blessed with peace and good health. All the best.

Walter Schoepf - October 22, 2022 at 03:06 PM