



Mr. Bruce Gerald Martin

July 10, 1957 - December 8, 2023

Bruce Gerald Martin, a revered husband, father, grandfather, educator, coach, fireman, first responder, and counselor, passed away leaving an indelible mark on the lives of many through his multifaceted career and compassionate spirit.

Bruce's educational journey was both impressive and diverse, including degrees in Physical Education and Elementary Education, a Master's in Experiential Education, and a Doctorate in Education and Leadership. His extensive knowledge culminated in the creation of a unique communication assessment tool for identifying communication styles, emphasizing his commitment to fostering understanding and effective communication.

As a Certified Crisis Intervention Counselor and Certified Adventure-Based Counselor, Bruce demonstrated an unwavering commitment to supporting individuals through challenging circumstances. His professional accolades, such as the MNAPHERD Educator of the Year award and Heart Saver Awards, underscored his impactful contributions across various fields, the latter acknowledging his life-saving interventions as a first responder.

As a military father, Bruce was deeply moved to contribute to the welfare of military families. He created and facilitated "Empowering Couples" retreats for the Wounded Warrior Project and "Project Communication" for the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program. These programs were designed to support resilience in both the soldiers deploying and their families serving from home, reflecting Bruce's understanding of the unique challenges faced by military

families.

His dedication to sports was exemplified in his successful career as a football and baseball coach, touching lives at all levels, including professional arena football. Bruce's coaching was not just about the games; it was about mentoring, guiding, and inspiring athletes, instilling in them values that extended far beyond the sports field.

Bruce is survived by his loving family, including his wife Kathy Martin, daughter Darcy Martin and son-in-law Justin; his son Kyle LaShomb, wife Beth Ann , and their children Annabelle and Chase; his son Joel LaShomb and his children Esme and Caden; his son Keith LaShomb and wife Alexandra; brother Scott Martin, his wife Mary, and their son Charles; and sister Lynn Mulvey, her husband Greg, and their sons Jason and Adam, brother in law Ted Leines and wife Diana. And sister in law Ann Hemming Husband Wayne and sons Sean and Chad and families.

Bruce's legacy lives on through them and the countless lives he touched. Bruce Gerald Martin's life was a remarkable tapestry of service, leadership, and kindness, and he will be dearly missed and forever remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Memorial Service

DEC 15. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Reception

DEC 15. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Kathy, we are so very sad to hear about Bruce. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. He was such a sweet man. May you feel the love and comfort of Jesus during this very difficult time.
Jan and Boyd Loftis

Jan Loftis - December 19, 2023 at 10:35 AM



“ Kathy A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Bruce Gerald Martin.

Kathy A. - December 15, 2023 at 08:07 PM



“ Dear Darcy, my heartfelt thoughts & prayers for you & your family in the loss of your dear father. Sincerely, Kathy Anderson

Kathy Anderson - December 15, 2023 at 08:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Bruce Gerald Martin.

December 15, 2023 at 12:29 PM

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“ Dear Kathy and the entire Martin Family: In time, I hope you will find comfort with your many fond memories of Bruce. I am very sorry for your loss. I am glad I had the great pleasure to know Bruce. He was funny, charismatic, and always willing to lend a hand to someone. At Mary's parties, he would help with the grilling and the clean-up. He was always there when someone needed help. He didn't ask, he just knew he had to help. When our dad was very sick, Bruce drove two hours to come help with mowing our grass and doing yard work. Bruce was passionate about helping people and his community. Bruce's legacy will live on with his loving family. Bruce touched so many lives for the better. It was an honor to have known Bruce through the years. I send peace and love to all of the Martin Family during this difficult time. Sincerely, Susanne Huxsahl

Susanne Huxsahl - December 14, 2023 at 12:32 PM

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“ Uncle Kenny and Mark and DeAnna Gungor planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Bruce Gerald Martin.

Uncle Kenny and Mark and DeAnna Gungor - December 13, 2023 at 10:43 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Mr. Bruce Gerald Martin.



December 13, 2023 at 10:43 PM

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“ Coultas A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Bruce Gerald Martin.

Coultas A. - December 13, 2023 at 10:39 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mr. Bruce Gerald Martin.



December 13, 2023 at 06:38 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Bruce Gerald Martin.



December 13, 2023 at 06:37 PM



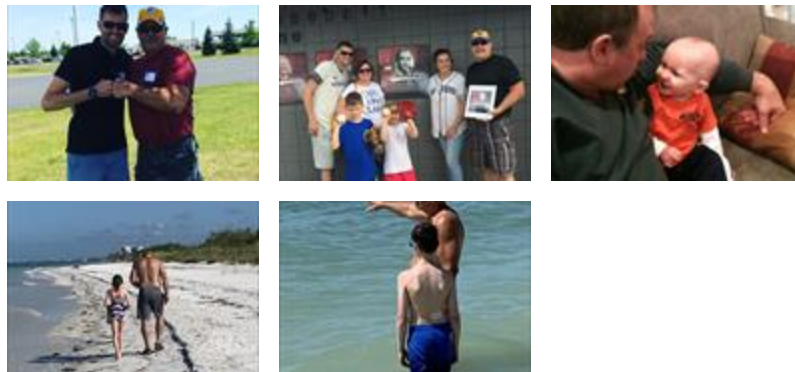
“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Bruce Gerald Martin.



December 13, 2023 at 08:55 AM

KM

“ 15 files added to the tribute wall



Kathy Elizabeth Martin - December 13, 2023 at 08:52 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kathy Elizabeth Martin - December 13, 2023 at 08:47 AM

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“ Kathy I didn't know you two for long but I loved how you two loved each other and enjoyed being with each other. I am so sorry for your loss. I wish I could make the hurt in your heart go away. Bruce was such a nice man. You can hold so many loving memories in your heart. Hugs.

Lisa Kirwin - December 12, 2023 at 07:57 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Mr. Bruce Gerald Martin.*



December 12, 2023 at 07:33 PM



“ *We'll miss you Bruce! Always a smile, a great sense of humor and ready with a motivational or encouraging word - you left a mark on the world, my friend.*

Caren J Weiner - December 12, 2023 at 07:29 PM



“ *To a great High School friend and College roommate. Rest in peace. You will be missed!*

Dave & Teri Nelson - December 12, 2023 at 06:37 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Bruce Gerald Martin.*



December 12, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Bruce Gerald Martin.*



December 12, 2023 at 10:10 AM



“ *Kyle and Tiffany "Sacha" Walker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Bruce Gerald Martin.*

Kyle and Tiffany "Sacha" Walker - December 12, 2023 at 09:42 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Bruce Gerald Martin.*



December 12, 2023 at 09:42 AM



“ *Rick E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Bruce Gerald Martin.*

Rick E. - December 11, 2023 at 09:34 AM