



Bruce Thompson

October 29, 1946 - May 3, 2018

Conway...

Bruce Thompson, age 71, passed away Thursday, May 3, 2018 at Conway Medical Center surrounded by his family.

He was born on October 29, 1946 in Long Island, NY, but grew up primarily in Key West, Fla. He was the son of the late Robert and Nancy Rapp Thompson.

Bruce graduated from Belmont Abbey College with an A.B. in Political Science, in 1969; Jersey City State College with a Masters in Psychology; and East Carolina University with an M.B.A. in Business Administration. In 1974, he started working with Greene Mental Health Center in Wilson, NC as a psychologist. He was also an Adjunct Business Professor at Atlantic Christian College. His family moved to Myrtle Beach in 1986. In 1987, he began working at Coastal Orthopaedic Associates, P.A., in Conway, SC as a medical manager. He was also an Adjunct Professor of Business at Coastal Carolina University. In 1999 he relocated to Northeast Orthopaedics, P.A., in Concord, NC.

Bruce lived an extraordinary life and achieved many successes. He lived life to its fullest, running marathons, biking Mt. Mitchell, and rowing competitively. He was a loving husband and father and a loyal friend to many. Bruce retired

in 2011 to his dream home on the Waccamaw River. He became an avid golfer and continued his love of the outdoors.

Bruce was extremely proud of his Irish heritage. He played the bagpipes for over 20 years for different functions and events. He was an active member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He was past President of the NC division and he was the current Vice President of SC Division.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years Pat; his daughters, Kate Thompson of Conway and Ann Marie Thompson Howell and her husband Scott of Spartanburg, SC; sisters, Sister Roberta Ann Thompson of Washington DC, Jane Thompson of Lexington Park, MD, and brother, William Thompson of Socastee, SC.

The family will be receiving friends at the Goldfinch Funeral Home in Conway, SC on Monday, May 7, 2018 between 5:00 and 7:00 pm. The Funeral Mass will be at 11:00 am, Tuesday May 8, 2018 at The Catholic Church of St. James in Conway with Father Timothy Gahan officiating with a reception to follow.

The family has requested that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at stjude.org

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home
606-610 Beaty Street
Conway, SC 29526
(843) 248-4211
info@goldfinchfuneralhome.com
<https://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Mass

MAY 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

The Catholic Church of St. James
1071 Academy Dr.
Conway, SC 29526

Tribute Wall

CA

“ *Cathy sent a virtual gift in memory of Bruce Thompson*



cathy - May 10, 2018 at 07:38 PM

CA

Pat, I should have known Bruce was gone, he would never have left his Wall Streets in the mailbox. I read about him in today's paper. I had no idea what an amazing man he was, what an amazing life he had. He could always make me laugh. I can see Luke greeting him. You are in my thoughts and prayers

cathy - May 10, 2018 at 07:42 PM

MM

“ *Precious Thompson family, we carry you in our hearts during this season of grief and pray God's comfort and peace as you celebrate Bruce's life. We only know Annemarie, but she is a joy and delight. Sending hugs from your Father's Vineyard church family and from us, Love, Sean and Mary McAfee*

Mary McAfee - May 08, 2018 at 09:58 PM

JY

“ *You were a great friend and we shared many, many wonderful times together. A good man, the world would be a better place with many more like you. Rest easy, my friend*

james Yates - May 07, 2018 at 09:13 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bruce Thompson.*



May 07, 2018 at 02:35 PM



“ *Deepest condolences to Pat and family, he will be missed. Love Pat and Ruby Mullaney*

Tara Morgan - May 07, 2018 at 10:57 AM



“ *Bruce was one of the nicest gentlemen I had ever met. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Pat and the entire Thompson family. He will be missed.*

Joe Dougherty - May 06, 2018 at 08:08 PM



“ *I will never forget how moving it was to hear Bruce play his pipes at my Moms funeral in Charlotte. He gave a few minutes of happiness at a very sad time. I cannot attend the services for Bruce, but will be with you in spirit. RIP*



Jeanmarie & Hans Schuler - May 06, 2018 at 05:48 PM

BK

“ I met Bruce 7 years ago on a golf course. I don't remember which course. We were one of the founders of the Golden Swingers. I do remember enjoying Bruce's mild manner and quick wit and how much he enjoyed the game. I enjoyed his company. When I got paired with him, I knew it would be fun. Rest in peace my friend. Hope to see you again on the course in the sky

Brian Kasprzyk - May 06, 2018 at 05:32 PM

PE

“ Pat and family,

I was proud to call Bruce a good friend for many years. He was a very unique individual. I shall miss him as I know you will. God bless him and us all. Pete

Pete - May 06, 2018 at 01:16 PM