



Harold Bruce Downey

February 11, 1934 - March 23, 2024

Harold Bruce Downey, 90, of Myrtle Beach, passed away at Embrace Hospice House on Saturday, March 23, 2024.

He married Nancy L. Richardson on February 8, 1958, in Belmont, Massachusetts. He was the only son of Eugene and Blanche Downey. He was preceded in death by his parents and his middle son, Stuart Downey, at the age of 48.

Bruce was a graduate of York High School in Elmhurst, Illinois. He graduated with a B.A. from Harvard College in 1956. He received a Master's Degree in 1960 from Northwestern University and a PhD in Education from Virginia Tech in 1984. He worked as an Assistant Director of Risk Management until his retirement in 1995. Bruce also managed his own horse farm in Christiansburg, VA. He was a great animal lover.

He will be missed by his family. He leaves behind his loving wife of 65 years, Nancy Downey; his son Scott Downey and wife Tricia; his son David Downey and wife Susie; as well as 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Bruce will be remembered as a loving man, husband, and father.

Services will be private. Goldfinch Funeral Home of Carolina Forest is honored to serve the family.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Hwy 544
Conway, SC 29526
(843) 347-4909
<https://www.hillcrestcemetery.com/>

Tribute Wall

FK

“ A Harvard '56 friend sends condolences to Nancy and family. My reconnect with Bruce was late in life, but we enjoyed our exchanges and I came to realize what a loving legacy he had built over a lifetime. It must have been helped by those Friday night dates with his beloved Nancy, that he faithfully recounted via e-mail. Kudos on a life well lived my friend!

Fritz Kussin - March 30, 2024 at 05:36 PM

VH

“ So sorry for your loss. Your dad started communicating with my mom and dad years ago after he found out they lived in Carlinville, Illinois and were life long members of Charity Baptist Church. They enjoyed him so much. I think it was on the Big Trip that they stopped in Carlinville & we all had a picnic at Beaver Dam State Park. Your mom & dad stopped at the nursing home my mom was at several months before she passed away. She enjoyed that visit so much. It was a beautiful day and we sat outside and had a great time reminiscing.

Vicki Austwick Halteman

Vicki Austwick Halteman - March 28, 2024 at 10:49 PM

TD

Yes, that was on the Big Trip. I think you must be the "friend" our daughters told us about when they arrived back home. Papa/Dad was very interested in Carlinville and the church because he spent his boyhood summers there with his Uncle Tom & Aunt Molly. He truly enjoyed that visit and the hospitality of your family.

Trish Downey - March 29, 2024 at 08:26 AM

ST

“ Dad was a fully engaged dad & leaves us with many good memories of times spent together: ice skating practices at the crack of dawn, boating in Maryland, & summers at the Cape Cod house as a child. Later, there were all the times at Magnolia Lane with the many stories of family history, the barn & horses, walking the trails, the kids 4-wheeling, Christmases, Easters, and summer visits. Taking our girls on the Big Trip across the country! Thank you, Dad.

Scott & Tricia - March 28, 2024 at 08:01 PM

WB

“ Bruce was my dad Robert Sherman Black Sr. half brother and they loved each other.

William Black - March 28, 2024 at 06:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harold Bruce Downey.



March 28, 2024 at 11:44 AM

CK

“ Carroll Knight planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold Bruce Downey.

Carroll Knight - March 28, 2024 at 11:44 AM

KD

“*Bruce/Papa will truly be missed. Now he will reunite with Stuart as they have much to catch up on. All our love Karen, Skye, Logan, and Caleb*

Karen Downey - March 28, 2024 at 06:55 AM