



## Rev. Bruce Edson Burghard

May 15, 1929 - January 25, 2019

Bruce Edson Burghard was born in Kenton, Ohio on May 15, 1929. His family moved to North Tonawanda, New York where he met his beautiful wife Dolores Louise Farino. They started dating in High School, then went to Bethany College in Bethany, West Virginia. They were united in marriage in 1950. They moved to Texas where Bruce completed seminary at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. While there, in 1951 he became a Father to son Bruce John. They moved to Orlando, Florida in 1954 and in January of 1955 had their daughter Bethany Dawn. Bruce had started ministering to the first of three Disciples of Christ Churches that he developed in the Orlando area. Upon retirement from the full-time ministry at Bethany Christian Church he helped many other churches by filling in as their interim pastor. Bruce went on to teach Science and Coach Swimming at Robert E. Lee Junior High School. Along his journey, through the occupations, he became a proud Grandfather to Granddaughters Angela Bethany and Erica Dawn. In 2003 he was crowned Great Grandfather, better known as Papa Bruce. He has three Great Grandchildren, Jade Dawn age 15, Charles Colby age 6 and Aden Jacob age 4 months.

Bruce was known best for being kind, polite, and a wonderful person in every way. He lived his life as a shining example to all those he came in contact with. He always departed by saying, "God Bless You" and you knew you had been blessed because you had the privilege to know Bruce. His earthly presence is sorely missed but his heavenly presence is felt as we hold him

close in our hearts. God bless everyone who loved him dearly!

# Tribute Wall



“ My Papa is one of the greatest men I know, he loved and cared so much for others. I will always remember his soft-spoken voice saying “God bless you” while hugging me goodbye after a visit. He would then walk us out and stand at the end of the driveway waving goodbye until you were out of sight. I am blessed to have had such an amazing grandfather that gave me 34yrs of wonderful memories. Although my Papa and son Aden only had a short time together, I am grateful and comforted by knowing he is watching over us. Thank you for loving us endlessly papa and teaching us to do the same. I miss you more then words can say and will always love you.

Love your favorite granddaughter  
Erica A.



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“ During this time of great sorrow, caring thoughts are with you. So sorry for your loss. Hearts ache when they are overwhelmed with sadness and grief. May your loving memories of Bruce bring a smile to your face and a calm to your heart, as you draw comfort from "the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our trials", "while your throw all your anxieties on him because he cares for you" (2 Corinthians 1:3-4 - 1 Peter 5:7) May the marvelous hope to see our loved ones when the resurrection occurs and to have this promise fulfilled when "death will be swallowed up forever" bring you peace  
(John 5:28,29 - Isaiah 25:8) Deepest Sympathy

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“ “Uncle” Bruce was a wonderful man, pastor, friend, role model, and unconditionally loving man. We are blessed to have him in our lives and in our hearts.

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“ Sincere condolences to the family of Bruce. May you find comfort in the hope that soon you can see your loved one again.

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