



Bruce Roger Nordquist

February 26, 1951 - July 26, 2015

Bruce Roger Nordquist of Oakland, Florida died on July 26th. He was born February 26, 1951 in St. Paul, Minnesota to Roger & Patricia Nordquist. He grew up in North St. Paul playing baseball in the Legion League and went on to play at North Saint Paul High School. He was honored as an All-Star in both leagues. He went on to attend the University of Minnesota to continue his studies and play on the U. of M. "gopher" baseball team. On June 17, 1972, he married his girlfriend of 2 years, Nancy Barnes. His senior year as a gopher the team won the Big 10 and went on to play in the College World Series. He graduated in 1973 with a physical education degree. On June 4, 1974, Bruce and Nancy welcomed a healthy baby boy, Bradley Bruce Nordquist. Three years later on April 17, 1977, they welcomed a healthy baby girl, Amy Elizabeth Nordquist. In 1979, Bruce and Nancy moved from Oakdale, Minnesota to Ocoee, Florida. While living in Ocoee, Bruce spent many years coaching Pop Warner Football and Little League Baseball. He became the supervisor of the City of Ocoee Recreation Department and later became the Director. He retired as recreation director in 2001 and pursued a teaching career at East Ridge High School in Clermont. He was a math teacher and coached boys baseball and girls softball during his tenure at East Ridge H. S. He retired from teaching in 2013.

During his free time he enjoyed riding his motorcycle and was an avid car enthusiast!

Most of all he enjoyed spending time with his friends and family, especially his 4 grandchildren, Nicholas Nordquist, Alexander Croeze, Vincent Nordquist and Ava Croeze.

Bruce is survived by his mother, Patricia Nordquist of Forest Lake, MN, his wife, Nancy Nordquist of Oakland, FL, his children Brad Nordquist (Carol) of Lithia, FL, Amy Croeze (Alex) of Mount Dora, FL, grandchildren Nicholas, Alexander, Vincent & Ava, his siblings Nancy Storelee, Steve Nordquist, Christine Feinstein, Julie Wrather & Tim Barnes.

He is preceded in death by his father, Roger Dean Nordquist.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations
910 W. Michigan Street
Orlando, FL 32805
(407) 841-4424
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Service

AUG 1. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

NA

“ To Nancy, Brad & Carol, Amy & Alex and your beautiful children - words cannot express the pain I am feeling for all of you. Bruce was a hardworking, generous, fun-loving guy that everyone adored and respected. I loved being his sister - watching him play ball, teasing his siblings, working so hard at college and driving my mustang around town. There will forever be a huge hole in my heart. Love you all.

nancy - August 09, 2015 at 09:20 PM

JU

“ Julie lit a candle in memory of Bruce Roger Nordquist



Julie - August 08, 2015 at 01:33 PM

MM

“ To Nancy, Brad, Amy, and all of his family and friends, I am so sorry and can not even explain the lost feeling we all must be going through right now. From being a next door neighbor and watching each of our families grow, to fishing and playing softball together with beers afterwards, I know I am at a loss and will miss Bruce forever. Bruce was a good guy and a great friend. It's just going to be sad without having the "Big Guy" around. Rest in Peace. Mike Martin

Mike Martin - August 07, 2015 at 06:57 AM

HC

“ Henry and Kim Wisniewski, cousins purchased the Garden To Go Basket for the family of Bruce Roger Nordquist.



Henry and Kim Wisniewski, cousins - August 05, 2015 at 02:44 PM

DF

“ So sorry for your loss. Bruce welcomed me as a young ball player at the U of MN. What a wonderful person he was. I always looked up to him. We will all miss him.

Dan Forsythe

Dan Forsythe - August 05, 2015 at 08:33 AM

AM

“ 27 files added to the album Dad



Amy - August 04, 2015 at 11:49 AM

BU

“ Pat and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Losing a Child or a Sibling is one of the hardest things. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Peace for today. Betty Utecht

Betty Utecht - August 03, 2015 at 06:43 PM

DD

“ I'm saddened to read of Bruce's passing. I don't believe our paths crossed since High School but Bruce was such a Class guy and talented athlete that he stands out in my memories of our Maplewood Junior and North Senior High years. May his family be comforted knowing those who knew him when, still have high regard for Bruce. May I add to his sis Nancy, "Love and peace."

Denny Dyer
Sarasota, Florida

Denny Dyer - August 02, 2015 at 07:33 AM

BS

“ Bruce, a good friend I have known for 60 years. We grew up across the alley from each other. We have shared a lot of good memories throughout the years. I will I forever miss him. Bob Skeie

Bob Skeie - August 01, 2015 at 10:43 AM

BS

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Bob Skeie - August 01, 2015 at 10:42 AM



“ *Quiet Expressions was purchased for the family of Bruce Roger Nordquist.*



July 31, 2015 at 11:20 PM



“ *Bruce and I were "best" of buddies....we were each others "best man" in our weddings....Bruce was the "best" friend a person could ever have ! Even though we haven't seen much of each other over the years...Bruce, Nancy and the kids have always been in our thoughts and prayers...the 'old adage' is true...sometimes your best friends are people you rarely see....that is so very true with Bruce and Nancy ! I've missed my buddy ever since he moved to Florida 36 years ago....I'll continue to miss him until we meet again in heaven....*

*With Love.
Bob and Sue Engwer*

Bob Engwer - July 31, 2015 at 10:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bruce Roger Nordquist.*



July 31, 2015 at 06:15 PM

SM

“ Scott McCaffrey purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Bruce Roger Nordquist.



Scott McCaffrey - July 31, 2015 at 04:39 PM

HN

“ Henry De Nome purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Bruce Roger Nordquist.



Henry De Nome - July 31, 2015 at 04:24 PM

YF

“ Your MAA Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bruce Roger Nordquist.



Your MAA Family - July 31, 2015 at 03:31 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bruce Roger Nordquist.



July 31, 2015 at 02:22 PM



“ *Amazing Arboricola was purchased for the family of Bruce Roger Nordquist.*



July 31, 2015 at 10:21 AM



“ *Marlene and Bob purchased the We Share Your Loss Sympathy Gift Basket for the family of Bruce Roger Nordquist.*



Marlene and Bob - July 29, 2015 at 11:28 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Bruce Roger Nordquist.*



July 29, 2015 at 01:15 PM

AN

“ I will always remember Bruce for his big, warm hugs and his open, sincere smiles! No matter how long it had been since we last saw him and Nancy, he greeted you like you were his most dear friend. He had a way of listening that let you know he was truly interested in what you were saying and was fully engaged in the conversation. His heart was right out there for all to see. Bruce was a bright light in this world.

Bruce, you will be greatly missed ... but always loved.

Anne - July 29, 2015 at 08:33 AM

AF

Anne Fisk

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AN

“ Anne lit a candle in memory of Bruce Roger Nordquist



Anne - July 29, 2015 at 08:24 AM

JC

I liked Bruce, good man, aman..

John Cockrell - July 29, 2015 at 03:06 PM

LS

“ Love, Bob and Dee Skeie purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Bruce Roger Nordquist.



Love, Bob and Dee Skeie - July 28, 2015 at 04:57 PM

GD

“ Bruce was woven into the fabric of our lives. He was a smiling face that was present at our many family celebrations over the years. We could always count on him for a silly joke or some deep, irreverent observation about life. I will miss you, Bruce, and know that future celebrations will not be the same without you! May God bless your family and ease the pain of losing you so soon and so suddenly. One of your many friends...Glenda Dunn

Glenda Dunn - July 28, 2015 at 04:00 PM

SP

“ Sandra P. purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Bruce Roger Nordquist.



Sandra P. - July 28, 2015 at 03:38 PM

MI

“ Maggie I. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bruce Roger Nordquist.



Maggie I. - July 28, 2015 at 01:33 PM