



*Bruce Anthony
Messing*

March 29, 1950 - April 26, 2025

Bruce Anthony Messing, 75 of Nebo, passed away, Saturday, April 26, 2025. Born on March 29, 1950, he was the son of the late Leonard and Theresa Messing.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Jeanne Messing; sons, Robert Messing (Maryana) and Thomas Messing (Shannon); daughter, Tamara Trotter (Kevin); grandchildren, Anna Gerlach (Josh), Anthony Trotter, Andrew Trotter, Sarah Messing, Justin Messing, Caitlyn Messing, Sofia Leon, and Marco Leon; and a great-grandchild, Joshua Gerlach, Jr; Msgr. Robert Lunsford, sisters Shirley and Pat, and brothers Calvin, Dale and his twin brother, Brad.

In addition to his parents, Bruce was preceded in death by his brothers, Leonard Jr., and Russell Messing; Robert and Josephine Lunsford, brothers-in-law Jim Shubitowski, LeRoy Schimpf; sister-in-law Mary Jo Schimpf.

The funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, May 31, 2025 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church with Father Kenneth Whittington officiating.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Visitation

N/A

Service

May 31, 2025

10 a.m.

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

Committal

N/A

Tribute Wall

—Joe and Linda Baluch

Jeannie, Bruce was my one true friend. I could always depend on him for a summer meeting when ever he came close to home. That was always something I could count on. I did make it down to see you guys one time. I'm so so so sorry to hear about him. .god love you both. I'll never forget you two..I love you both Jeannie. We'll meet again in heaven someday. Love again Art.


—Arthur cregeur

Bruce and I were roommates at Aquinas College along with his brother, Lenny. It's where he met Jeanne. A farm boy, and a city kid. A match made in heaven. Although we lost close touch over the years, I talked to him and Jeanne over the Christmas holidays. And that magic from AQ all came back! Bruce is gone, but his legacy will never die! The memories and stories that I have will last me a lifetime, and always be cherished!!! Rest in peace, brother! And I hope they have a Speedy Mart in Heaven!

—Thom Wall



Bruce was an amazing guy. We first met in the late 70's when he and Jeanne moved to NC. At that time we were both in our 20's and ended up working at the same computer software company. We became friends as well as co-workers and had some great times working together on



various computer projects. Bruce was a genius and had a work ethic that was second to none! (I think it may have come from growing up on a farm in Michigan.). We eventually went to work at different companies but stayed in touch and in the late 80's were able to become business partners creating software together. Bruce's efforts were an important reason for the success we experienced and I will forever be grateful for his contributions and our lifelong friendship. Bruce and Jeanne had a beautiful family together. Bruce was so proud of his family and kept me updated about them over the years. Jane and I have Bruce's entire family, especially Jeanne, Tammy, Thomas, Rob and all of their families in our hearts as they deal with the loss of Bruce. He will forever be in our hearts and the memories of all of the time we spent together in our younger working years will never be forgotten. May Bruce and all of his family find peace after the pain of loss has subsided. We wish you all the very best! Love, Allen & Jane K. P.S. We knew that Jeanne had reached saint status many years ago when Bruce mentioned one day that he had her iron his underwear!! Jeanne you were the glue that held the family together and we know you will be blessed for all of your efforts and faithfulness!!

—Allen & Jane K

Dear Jeanne and Family, We were so very sorry to hear about Bruce's passing. We have so, so many memories going way back. I think Neil and Tammy were in first grade when we became friends. We know you'll be there for each other for support and remembering Bruce. Sending prayers and love. Larry and Gail

—Larry and Gail Dunham



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...loss of someone so special, is beyond hard. God needed his presence there with him, and we are sure there is a special job for him to do, maybe watch over us below. He will be missed greatly but the memories are many. Love and prayers to his family.

—Randy and Brenda Heleski

The love I have for my Papa is priceless. From my earliest memories, he was always there—cheering me on from the sidelines at every sports game, dance concert, and marching band performance. He wasn't just my biggest fan—he was my hero, my teacher, and my safe place. Some of my fondest memories are the silly ones—like teaching him how fun potty training could be (yes, really!), painting his toe nails with a thousand coats of neon colors that wouldn't come off, or playing “race car” on his face when I was little. He met every moment with laughter and love. Papa had a quiet strength and a heart that could light up the darkest day. His presence was constant, steady, and full of warmth. While losing him leaves a space nothing else can fill, I'm comforted by the endless memories I'll carry with me forever—and by knowing he's now watching over my son and comforting him, as he once did for me when I was a newborn, as his guardian angel. I am so incredibly blessed to have had a Papa like him. Though he may be gone from this world, he will never be gone from my heart.

—Anna Gerlach

Bruce was my twin and we shared many years of friendship during his life . We married classmates from Lansing , Mi. We thought we were marrying rich city girls and they thought they were marrying rich farmers . Come to find out both were wrong . We were each others best man in our weddings and I actually met my wife at Bruce and Jeanne's wedding . And the good times are innumerable , vacations , playing bridge and our rivalry between the Green and the blue . I am sure going to miss him . Rest in peace Bruce .

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