



## J. Bruce Hoffmann

August 20, 1947 - November 19, 2025

J. Bruce Hoffmann entered the gates of the Lord on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at home with his family by his side. Bruce was born on August 20, 1947, in the Naval Hospital of Staten Island, New York, to John and Beatrice Hoffmann. In the first half of first grade, he moved with his family to Miami Springs, Florida, and was proud to grow up in “Mia-muh,” as he affectionately called his hometown. He was industrious at a young age, holding several jobs including delivering newspapers to caddying for a golf course. In the summers, he enjoyed working on boats with his uncles in New York. In High School, Bruce was an honors student, a competitive swimmer, and a member of the debate team. He graduated from Miami Jackson Senior High School in 1965.

Bruce was awarded academic scholarships and attended the University of Florida, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Advertising in the College of Journalism. During his time as an undergraduate student, Bruce was a Varsity Cheerleader, an active member of Theta Chi Fraternity, and was selected for Florida Blue Key. Upon graduation, Bruce served as a Field Secretary for Theta Chi International. He returned to the University of Florida to study in the College of Law, earning his Juris Doctorate in 1974. During this time, he became a member of the Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity which is committed to scholastic and honorable achievement and professional ethics.

Bruce began his legal career in Miami specializing in Construction-related commercial litigation and probate litigation. He was well known for his civic service as a charter member of the Coconut Grove Jaycees, serving on the Junior Orange Bowl Committee, and serving as a dedicated member of Leadership Miami. In 1988, Bruce was elected to the Florida House of Representatives for District 114. He was honored as Legislator of the Year by numerous associations and was re-elected for a second term. Despite his distinguished service, Bruce would always joke the best part of his legislative time was serving on the House Telecommunications Committee where he met Marion Spiegel, who was representing Florida Cable Television Association. They were married 1991 in Gainesville, Florida with a reception following overlooking Florida Field.

In 1998, Bruce was overjoyed to become a father with the birth of his only son, Travis Eugene. In 2000, Bruce and his family moved to Tallahassee, when he became part of the Bush Administration serving as the General Counsel for Florida Department of Management Services and Florida Department of Revenue. In 2011, Bruce was honored to be selected by Secretary Cynthia O'Connell to serve as the Chief of Staff for the Florida Lottery. Every organization he joined he made better and stronger as a true public servant.

Upon retirement Bruce remained active both civically and personally and enjoyed mentoring young people. He served as a volunteer leader for Cub Scouts Pack 10 and Boy Scouts Troop 10, where he was proud to assist Travis in earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Always a proud Gator, he served as President of the Gator Clubs of Miami and Tallahassee, was a member of the Florida President's Council, and was a longtime Gator Boosters Scholarship Club member and an avid member of the Porche Club of America.

Those that knew him personally, remarked of Bruce's great patriotism, loyalty,

love of dogs, fondness for western and John Wayne movies, classical and country music, BBQ and Blue Bell Ice Cream.

Bruce was a dedicated son, assisting his mother who passed early in the year at the young age of 107. Bruce is survived by his wife, Marion (Spiegel) Hoffmann, his son Travis Hoffmann (Carol Frances Shaw), his new granddaughter, Frances Marion Hoffmann, and his brother-in-law Geoff Spiegel (Glenna Venoy), sister-in-law Kathy Spiegel, cousins Paulette Powell and Valerie Tudor, and the members of the Shaw and Moore Families in Tallahassee and his many friends and colleagues who were like family to him.

Bruce's family wishes to thank the incredible healthcare team both at UF Health and in Tallahassee and the compassionate caregivers and members of Big Bend Hospice who served him until his final day.

A memorial service will be held Friday, December 5th at 1pm at St. Peter's Anglican Cathedral. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in his name to the Tunnels to Towers Foundation or the Hamilton Center at the University of Florida.

Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)) is assisting the Hoffman family with their arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

St Peter's Anglican Cathedral  
4784 Thomasville Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32309

# Tribute Wall



“ Sorry to hear this news. Will always remember Bruce and his enthusiasm for UF and Theta Chi fraternity. Rest in Peace Brother Hoffman!

Joe Wallis - December 30, 2025 at 05:39 PM



“ Marion, I am so sorry to hear about Bruce! We have such fond memories of you guys in Italy..

Connie Petree - December 12, 2025 at 04:00 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of J. Bruce Hoffmann.



December 04, 2025 at 01:56 PM



“ Tom Gallagher purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of J. Bruce Hoffmann.



Tom Gallagher - December 01, 2025 at 04:00 PM

RR

“ Marion:

*Our prayers are with you and your son Travis for the loss of our good friend Bruce at this difficult moment; Mercy and I share in your sorrow.*

*I remember the good times at Miami Jackson High School and when we organized the class reunions, also participating in his political endeavors. Bruce was a good man and good friend always there to help when you needed him!*

*Although we cannot be with you in Tallahassee to share this difficult moment, we offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to you and your family!*

*Bruce, my friend, rest in Peace!*

*Rafael & Mercedes Robayna*

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**Rafael Robayna** - December 01, 2025 at 02:59 PM

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**Rafael Robayna** - December 01, 2025 at 02:54 PM

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“ *Bruce was a wonderful person and friend, who left us too soon. He put his heart and soul in everything he did. Thanks to him we had great Miami Jackson reunions after our graduation. May he rest in peace. Elena de las Cuevas Dyer.*

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**ELENA DE LAS CUEVAS DYER** - December 01, 2025 at 12:30 PM

DS

“ Marion, my heart just breaks for you and Travis. I know too well what you are going through. Bruce's smile always lit up a room. It was truly a pleasure serving with him. I am so sorry I didn't know he was ill. Although I've been in Tallahassee a lot in the last year and half, I was so focused on getting the townhouse ready to sell that sadly I didn't get in touch with our friends. Bruce was one of the good guys, and Jerry really enjoyed working with him. Now they can swap more stories.  
All of my love, hugs, and deepest condolences.  
Dixie

Dixie Sansom - December 01, 2025 at 12:17 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of J. Bruce Hoffmann.



November 30, 2025 at 07:50 PM

RA

“ Barney Bishop and I raised a glass yesterday at the Governors Club in Bruce's honor. You are missed Brother. 🌈🇺🇸

Randy Avon - November 27, 2025 at 04:54 PM



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November 27, 2025 at 09:58 AM

PB

“ Marion and Travis and family. Our prayers are with you as we mourn the passing of dear Bruce. Paul and Mary Ann Bryant and Joy Butler

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**Paul and Mary Ann Bryant** - November 27, 2025 at 12:24 AM

RA

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Bruce when he was a charter member of the Coconut Grove Jaycees. We shared a great time friendship and more. I enjoyed being s Big Brother when he was elected to the Florida Legislature. He was an excellent representative of the people and his Jaycee training heloed jim excell. We enjoyed great memories at both Jayceee and Legislative reunions. Our state is a better place because walked in his path of life. See you soon Brother.

Randy Avon  
Past President Florida Jaycees  
Past Charter Chairman Florida JCI Senate  
Former member Florida Legislature



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**Randy Avon** - November 26, 2025 at 02:31 PM

CC

“ I remember the 4th of July celebrations at the Hoffmann house. Great memories! Our deepest sympathies, Wayne and Christine Childs

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**Christine Childs** - November 23, 2025 at 06:32 PM

JS

“ Marion and Travis, please accept my love and sympathy in the loss of your wonderful husband and father. He was an AMAZING man with a multitude of attributes.

He was blessed to have such a special family as you were to have him.

Love and prayers, June Stivers 🙏❤️

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**June Stivers** - November 23, 2025 at 11:10 AM

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“ More Jaycee photos of Bruce



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**Kim Newlin** - November 22, 2025 at 06:58 PM

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“ Jason lutin purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of J. Bruce Hoffmann.



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**Jason lutin** - November 22, 2025 at 06:56 PM

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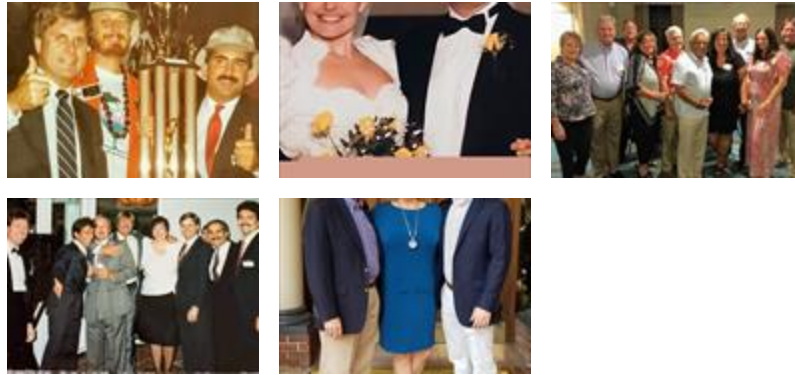
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**Jason lutin** - November 22, 2025 at 06:56 PM

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“ Bruce Hoffmann was one of my best friends. We used to go to State and National Conferences and Room together. Some photos of memories below.



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**Kim Newlin** - November 22, 2025 at 06:49 PM

FI

“ Figgers purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of J. Bruce Hoffmann.



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**Figgers** - November 22, 2025 at 02:45 PM

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**Figgers** - November 22, 2025 at 02:45 PM

DM

“*Bruce was a distinguished man and a great friend. His love for Marion and family was unsurpassed. I am proud to call him a friend for almost a half century and his memory will be cherished all my days.*

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**David Mica** - November 22, 2025 at 01:34 PM