



Joseph "Tony" Bruce, Jr.

September 8, 1950 - March 5, 2016

Joseph Anthony "Tony" Bruce, Jr., born September 8, 1950 to the late Joseph Anthony Bruce, Sr. and Velma Irene Moore Bruce, passed on March 5, 2016. He graduated from Fernandina Beach High School in 1968 and then furthered his education at Florida Baptist Theological College in Graceville, FL, graduating in 1997. He retired from the Container Corporation of America in 1986. Tony was also an ordained minister at Shady Grove Baptist Church in Grand Ridge, FL. Most importantly he was a proud "Tapa T" to his four beautiful grandchildren.

His is survived by his wife of 42 years, Doris Bruce; one daughter, Jennifer Babcock (James); four grandchildren, Hannah, Matthew, Robert and Katelynn; sister-in-law, Jane Butler (Dennis) and countless cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

A memorial service will be held on April 16, 2016 at 2:00 PM at First Baptist Church in Woodville, Florida. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. Burial will be on April 23, 2016 at 11:00 AM at Homeward Cemetery in Waverly, Georgia.

Amber Miller of Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel is assisting the family (www.bevisfh.com or 850-926-3333).

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **16**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Woodville
Woodville Highway
Woodville, FL

Memorial Service

APR **16**. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Woodville
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Tribute Wall



“ Gift of Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph "Tony" Bruce, Jr..



April 15, 2016 at 08:26 PM



“ Doris and Jennifer, our thoughts and prayers are with you. It was my pleasure to have Tony work with us at our real estate office. His cheerful personality and willingness to help will always be remembered!

David Truluck - March 09, 2016 at 08:27 PM



“ Doris & Jennifer: We are sorry for your loss and we are praying for you.

David & Marian

David & Marian Christjansen - March 08, 2016 at 09:02 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to all of you! Your husband, father and grandfather loved you so very much. He loved his family, but most of all he loved his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May you find comfort in knowing that you will see him again!

Judy Laster - March 07, 2016 at 12:37 PM

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“ Angie Mathis lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Tony" Bruce, Jr.



Angie Mathis - March 07, 2016 at 12:29 PM

 Gina
Kent

“ God is taking his army home. I pray for all of you. My fondest memory of Uncle Tony was the day we brought Christina to meet everyone. She wouldn't stop crying. Uncle Tony picked her up, rocked her to sleep and looked at me and said "That's how it's done". He definitely had a special way with the little ones. They all loved him. I know his grandchildren are going to miss him dearly and so will everyone else. Hugs to you all.

Gina Kent - March 06, 2016 at 11:14 PM

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“ Jennifer,Doris and family,we are very sorry to hear about tony. He had a long hard struggle but is at peace now. Dempsey and Wiline

Wiline and Dempsey odom - March 06, 2016 at 07:30 PM

BP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Doris, Jennifer and the Grandchildren of Tony as well as with his other family members and many friends as you grieve his passing from the life he shared on Earth with you, to his promised seat at the table in Heaven where he will be waiting when we all arrive.

I know Tony had been sick, but remember the laughter. He could always do or saw something to make people forget about how terrible their life situation was and make you laugh. I remember in 1971 when Tony was Best Man and I was Maid of Honor at our best friends wedding. Steve and Belinda were Soul Mates. Tony and I knew that they were two very lucky people and you did not get to be part of that kind of love very often. (Well in Tony's case he went on to find his Soul Mate). So any way Tony came up with this crazy idea. When we decorated Steves car, we put Belinda's baby brother on the floor of the backseat covered up with balloons with a tape recorder! His plan was to stop Steve when we got to the flashing lights after the draw bridge. Well, we did the traditional follow and honk as did a couple other cars who dropped off after the bridge. Tony tried flashing his lights, pulling long side nothing worked so we got behind and kept honking and honking all the way to Jacksonville and we were getting worried...

Finally Steve pulled into a gas station and got out. A red faced Tony had to tell him why we were still following. Steve opened the back door, took command of the recorder and told Little Brother what would happen if he told anyone what was on it.

Steve and Belinda took off and on the drive back to Fernandins Tony and I tried to get Belinda's brother to talk. Tony teased him and used all his charmed but he would not say a word.

Tony was a good man, a good friend and I am sure he became a good husband, father and grandfather. Blessings on you all. May your memories bring you comfort.

Brenda (Joy) Pobre - March 06, 2016 at 05:32 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Tony. Back in the late 60's and early 70's He worked with us at the boat yard. Tony was a good man and I always enjoyed the chats we would have about world problems. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Nick Deonas - March 06, 2016 at 04:08 PM

JB

Doris/Jennifer, so sorry about your loss . Bless his heart. He suffered so long and so gave you guys. Love and best wishes to the family

jinnie Batts - March 06, 2016 at 09:35 PM

LK

“ Jennifer and Mrs. Doris, my heart is with you during this time. I love y'all.

Lynna Kay - March 06, 2016 at 02:44 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph "Tony" Bruce, Jr..



March 06, 2016 at 12:11 PM