



Bruce R. Stewart

August 14, 1950 - October 16, 2023

Bruce R. Stewart, 73, of North Huntingdon, passed away Monday, October 16, 2023, with his wife and sons by his side. Born August 14, 1950 in Pittsburgh, he was the son of the late Robert and Jean (Sharp) Stewart.

A 1968 graduate of McKeesport High School, Bruce went on to graduate with both Bachelors and Masters degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh. He retired after 40 years as a senior structural engineer for Wheelabrator Air Pollution Control. While an engineer by profession, he was gifted in so many other ways. Bruce could cook a 5-course meal to perfection, design and grow intricate landscaping, sing along to any musical, and quote corny Mel Brooks movies.

Above all, Bruce was called to teach. He somehow paired his unwavering Christian faith with his love of all things mathematical. He devoted his life to teaching the Lutheran faith, sharing his vast study and wisdom with others. Hundreds of children passed through Bruce's carefully crafted Sunday School lessons – he could weave a story together not just with felt and glue, but with love. Over the years, more than 150 students solved impossible math challenges with him at the tutoring table one problem at a time. You didn't meet Bruce and not learn something – his knowledge was boundless.

Bruce's light and life was his family. As husband, father, grandfather,

godfather, family member and trusted friend, Bruce made every moment one of magic and memory, creating a new tradition or affirming an existing one at every interaction. The impact he has had on others will reverberate for generations to come.

Bruce is survived by his wife of over 48 years Georgia A. (Snyder) Stewart; son Benjamin R. Stewart of North Huntingdon and Joshua R. (Charles Guthrie) Stewart of Pittsburgh; grandson Thatcher Guthrie-Stewart; mother-in-law Anne L. Snyder; sisters-in-law Barbara (Joseph) Kayda, Lynda (Andy Baran) Snyder, Roberta (Randy) Harriger, and CDR Patti (Gene Block) Snyder USN (Ret.), brother-in-law Dr. Gary (Dr. Stella Volpe) Snyder; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his grandmother who helped raise him Nelda Stewart; and father-in-law George Snyder.

Friends and family will be received from 1 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the William Snyder Funeral Home, 521 Main Street, Irwin, 724-863-1200. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, October 21, at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Irwin with Rev. Sara Lee Faulkner officiating. Private interment will be at Union Cemetery in Irwin. Memorial contributions can be made to the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church where Bruce and Georgia first met, and where he and his family are members. (502 Main Street, Irwin, PA 15642)

For online condolences please visit www.snyderfuneralservices.com.

Cemetery Details

Irwin Union Cemetery

431 Bridge St
Irwin, PA 15642

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **20**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc.
521 Main Street
Irwin, PA 15642
(724) 863-1200
<https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation

OCT **20**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc.
521 Main Street
Irwin, PA 15642
(724) 863-1200
<https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

OCT **21**. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
502 Main Street
Irwin, PA 15642

Tribute Wall

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“ Georgia & family,

My sincere sympathy at the loss of your wonderful husband and father. Bruce was a great man with a brilliant mind and fantastic sense of humor. I was always amazed at how he bounced back from all of the many surgeries and health issues he endured throughout his life. Rest in peace Bruce Robert.

Robert Bruce Hahn



Robert Hahn - November 02, 2023 at 09:17 PM

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“ Georgia, Ben and Josh,
Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. May you find comfort in your memories.

Sue and Dean Helderlein

Susan Helderlein - October 23, 2023 at 12:47 PM



“ *Good-bye goof friend -Vince Petti*

Vincent Petti - October 21, 2023 at 12:50 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bruce R. Stewart.*

October 21, 2023 at 10:37 AM

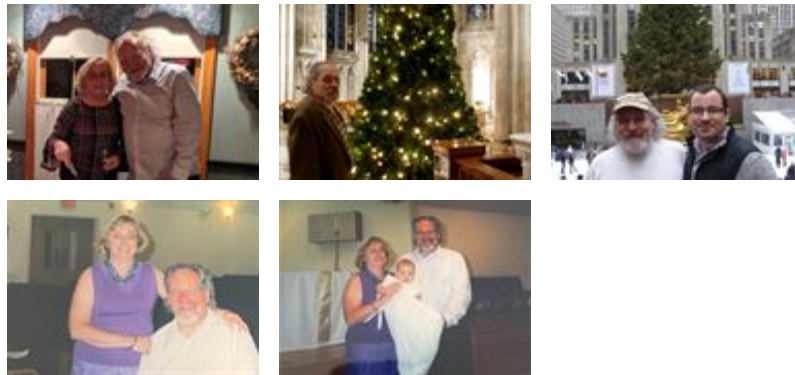
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“ To my friend and colleague Josh, you have my deepest sympathy on the loss of your father. Thinking of you and sending you vibes of peace and healing.
Mary Gallagher

Mary Gallagher - October 20, 2023 at 06:57 PM



“ 125 files added to the album LifeTributes



William Snyder Funeral Home - October 19, 2023 at 02:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Bruce R. Stewart.



October 19, 2023 at 09:36 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bruce R. Stewart.

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“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Bruce R. Stewart.*



October 19, 2023 at 09:27 AM



“ *Bruce was a truly wonderful and kind hearted person. Although I hadn't seen him very recently, he played a part in the lives of the Skinner family over many years. He was my "partner in mischief" when we chaperoned middle school trips and events. He kept me laughing on every bus trip. He was never at a loss for words yet he always listened and made you feel special. He wore the hats of math tutor and Boy Scout Leader for my kids. He always went above and beyond to help anyone in need. When I ran into Bruce, (usually in Giant Eagle) he was always cheerful and enthusiastic and I always walked away with a smile on my face. The world has lost a good one. RIP Bruce. You will be missed. With sympathy and love to the Stewart family, Jeannie Skinner*

Jean Skinner - October 18, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bruce R. Stewart.*



October 18, 2023 at 03:37 PM



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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Bruce R. Stewart.



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“ *Small Garden Dish* was purchased for the family of Bruce R. Stewart.



October 18, 2023 at 08:38 AM