



## Bruce Michael Lapina

December 16, 1949 - August 5, 2025

Bruce Michael Lapina, 75, passed away on Tuesday, August 5, 2025. He leaves behind his wife of 46 years, Julie and faithful dog, Ace. He is also survived by his mother Eva Lapina; sisters Alexis Phelps, Belinda Lockner, Gisele Dougherty and Tabitha Bailey, as well as brothers Alan James, Damon Lapina, Tony James, Mark James, and Cort Lapina.

Bruce was born in Danville, VA on December 16, 1949, and grew up in Jeannette, PA. He served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam until honorably discharged in 1971. Upon completion of his service, he earned his bachelor's degree at East Tennessee State University.

Bruce worked as a District and Regional Manager in retail clothing during his 30-year career while living in Orlando, FL. He retired in 2013 and relocated to Bradenton, FL in 2018.

Over the years, Bruce enjoyed new adventures, traveling and especially cruising. He will be remembered for his devotion to the dogs and cats with whom he shared his life.

He chose St. Francis as his Patron Saint because of his deep love of animals.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to The Michael J. Fox

Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Bruce was my Hero. He was always there for me. I will forever be grateful to have him as a big brother. I will miss him❤️. Thank you sweet brother for being so wonderful. My heart is full. RIP with our dear Lord🙏

Alexis - August 09, 2025 at 01:44 PM

BJ

“ There's so many wonderful memories of Bruce. He was the life of any event. The neighbors couldn't wait for him to come visit. He always loved spending time with all the kids, family, friends and neighbors. You will last forever in our hearts and your memories will continue to be blessings🙏🙏 I was happy to share so many wonderful, happy, fun times with you. I'm sad you are no longer with us but happy for you that you are at peace🙏 I will forever love you, Bruce Michael❤️ RIP BIG BROTHER



Belinda James-Lockner - August 09, 2025 at 12:58 PM

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“ *Allen, Belinda, Tony, Tab and Mark*

*I am so sorry for your loss. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.  
May the good Lord wrap his loving arms around you and comfort  
you as only he can.*

*Love to all, Tammy (Worley) Rhymer*

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**Tammy Rhymer** - August 08, 2025 at 11:50 PM