



## Bruce Curtis Monson

July 8, 1940 - April 7, 2024

On April 7 2024 , Bruce Monson passed away peacefully in the Memory Care Unit at Aravilla in Sarasota, Florida. He was born on July 8,1940 in Saginaw, Michigan at St. Luke's Hospital to Clifford and Bernice Monson. He graduated from Saginaw Arthur Hill High School in 1958 and from Central Michigan University in 1962, after summer school, with a Bachelor' s Degree in General Business Administration. He met his future wife, Pamela, during that summer school. Bruce entered the United States Air Force Officer Training School and became a 2nd Lieutenant on February 5, 1963. He was assigned to Moody Air Force in Valdosta, Georgia as a Supply Officer.

Bruce and Pamela were married in Sebewaing, Michigan on June 13, 1964. They moved to Misawa Air Base in northern Japan in June of 1965. Later they moved to Fuchu Air Station near Tokyo. Bruce was discharged from active duty and was employed by Old Kent Bank and Trust Company of Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1968. Jeff Monson was born to Bruce and Pamela Monson in Grand Rapids. Bruce joined the Grand Rapids Public School on July 26, 1969, as the Auditor of Internal Funds and during this time earned his Master's Degree in Education Administration from Michigan State University.

Bruce was appointed the Director of Finance for the Sarasota County Public Schools on October 20, 1981, and he retired from the Sarasota County Public Schools on June 30, 2007. He enjoyed traveling and visited all 50 states, 22

European Countries, Russia, and China. He was an avid railroad fan and enjoyed collecting locomotive numbers.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Pamela, son Jeff, granddaughter, Courtney (Xavier) Cortez, grandson Tyler, great granddaughter Eliana Cortez, and great grandson, Aven Cortez. Also surviving are his sister and brother in law, Jill and Scott Millerwise, nephew Steve, and great nephews, Ryan( Jennifer) Millerwise, and Matthew Millerwise. Also surviving is his sister in law Eleanor Monson, nephews Brian Monson , Wayne Monson , and Dean (Nancy) Monson great nephews Eric Monson, Scott(Michelle) Monson, Michael (Bailey) Monson, Justin(Danielle)great niece Katie (Jake) Gorton.

Bruce's brother, Walter Monson, preceded him in death.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Bruce at the Sarasota County School Board offices for eight years and was very appreciative of Bruce's professionalism. He carried himself with dignity and was well respected by staff in the instructional and non-instructional areas. I was sorry to learn of his passing and send condolences to his family. Roberta Palmer Hamilton

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**Roberta Hamilton** - April 17, 2024 at 08:17 AM