



Bruce Decker

August 10, 1954 - March 31, 2014

Bruce Richard Decker, age 59, left this earthly life to return to his Father in Heaven on March 31st, 2014. Bruce was born August 10th, 1954 in Seattle, Washington to Thomas Richard Decker and Juan Laura Miles.

He spent his growing up years in Seattle and graduated from Timberline High School. At the age of 19 he served a mission for the LDS church to the United States South mission which covered the states of Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. After returning, he attended BYU and majored in Mathematics. In 1977 he was married to Deanna Huckle and his daughters Rachel and Amryn were born. They were married for 5 years. After moving to Utah he met and married his sweetheart, Karen Lambert in 1984. She had 3 boys: James, Chris, and Chad; and together they had 3 additional children: Aaron, Andrea, and Amanda. Bruce and Karen moved from Utah to Washington state, then to Oregon state before returning to the Provo/Orem area for good.

Bruce enjoyed running, gardening, and spending time with his family. He especially enjoyed rocking little babies and snuggling with his kids. He was continually focused on self-improvement, and had a strong desire to strengthen the relationships his wife, children, and grandchildren.

Bruce was preceded in death by both his parents and his brothers William and Bill.

Bruce is survived by his wife Karen, his children: Rachel, Amryn, James, Chris, Chad, Aaron, Andrea, & Amanda, half-brother Richard, and 23 grandchildren.

Funeral Services for Bruce will be held Saturday, April 5th, at 1:00 pm, at Suncrest 10th Ward, 120 North 600 West, Orem, Utah, where a Visitation will be held prior from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. Interment in Orem City Cemetery, 1520 North 800 East, Orem, Utah.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

Cemetery

Orem City Cemetery

1520 North 800 East

Orem, UT, 84097

Events

APR **Viewing** 11:00AM - 12:30PM

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Suncrest 10th Ward

120 North 600 West, Orem, UT, US

APR **Funeral Service** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Comments



“ We will miss his warmth greatly. I personally will miss his incredible sense of humor. He brightened my day at work for over 6 years and had left for the land of retirement. His passing leaves an empty space where some laughter and smiles should be. May we all be reminded to value our few days we have here by his many good works. -
Brian Goodrich

Brian Goodrich - April 05, 2014 at 12:51 PM



“ Brian- Thank you for the kind words towards Bruce. It was not easy for him to go to work everyday. It was a stressful job. Dang it! He should have retired sooner. He deserved to have more time to do the things he loved doing. His grand kids deserved more time with him. He was wise in knowing that people and time are the greatest treasures of this life.

Karen Decker - July 20, 2014 at 08:36 PM



“ Decker Family, the Donald Gardner Family of Shelton, Wa, (son of Freda 'Toni' Decker) send their blessings and hugs to all. Your great Aunt Freda, my mom, was the oldest of the Decker's, with Uncle Tommy being the fourth born. Only Aunt Geneva survives her siblings today. Bruce is two years younger than me, and the same age as my younger sister. Due to family dynamic, we didn't get to interact much aside from possibly seeing each other at a major Decker family event. I do remember Bruce being proactive and continuing contact with my mom. He'd come see her occasionally. Mom spoke kindly of your father. Celebrate his life and remember all the good things he brought to you all. That's what he'd want. God Bless...

dgardner - April 04, 2014 at 07:26 PM



“ Thank you for your kind thoughts and words. Freda was important to Bruce. I know because I actually met her and we occasionally wrote while she was alive. I understand that the dynamics of Bruce's upbringing was not desirable, but I do know that his family and ancestry is dear to him.

Bruce was such a strong person in a very quiet way. His example of being a kind and patient person in spite of what life handed him has touched more people than I could ever imagine. He certainly is the kind of man worth remembering and celebrating. I am glad he chose me to spend life and eternity with. He is being missed.

Karen Decker - July 20, 2014 at 08:26 PM



“ He was a great neighbor, home teacher and friend. In our thoughts

Lynn Fillmore - April 04, 2014 at 06:19 PM



“ Lynn- Thank you for your kindness and thoughts. I agree, Bruce is a good man. He did what we are all expected to do in this life- work on becoming a better person every single day.

Karen Decker - July 20, 2014 at 08:02 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I have known Bruce since we were teenagers. He was in the Olympia, WA Stake with me. He was always a gentle soul. He loved to dance, so he always attended our weekly stake dances.

Sherri Smithee - April 04, 2014 at 05:10 PM



“ Sherri- Bruce loved telling me about the Olympia Stake dances! I loved hearing them. Thank you for your kindness and friendship.

Karen Decker - July 20, 2014 at 07:58 PM



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Rachel Dayton - April 04, 2014 at 11:21 AM



“ Another Washington cousin - kept in touch with Bruce on FB - so very sorry to hear of his passing! Our prayers are with the whole family!!!

Carolyn - April 04, 2014 at 10:10 AM



“ Carolyn- Thank you for your prayers and for your friendship towards Bruce. If it is okay with you I would like to keep the relationship going. I love hearing about Bruce before I met him.

Karen Decker - July 20, 2014 at 07:56 PM



“ Bruce became a friend when I moved to Olympia during high school, and we both were at BYU later. We haven't seen each other through the years, but my best memories of Bruce are at the weekly Olympia Stake dances. He was a great dance partner. He could dance them all from waltzing to electric sliding! I'm so sorry for the loss of his daily presence in your lives. I too am grateful that families are forever.
Deon Alexander Taylor

deon taylor - April 04, 2014 at 07:22 AM



“ Deon- I completely agree that Bruce was a great dance partner. His and my 'song' is Can I Have This Dance? by Anne Murray. The memories he had of the weekly Stake dances always made him smile. The friends he made at that time in his life will always and forever be a part of who he is. Thank you for being an important person in my dear husband's life. As for me the last dance will always and forever be his.

Karen Decker - July 20, 2014 at 07:52 PM



“ To the Decker family, I'm one of Bruce's cousins from Wa. I'm now in Az. my mom Geneva Healy (Decker) told me about Bruce passing away, and wanted you to know our hearts and prayers are with you all. We are so sorry for your loss. I hadn't seen Bruce for alot of years but followed him and the family through facebook. Will be thinking of you all on the 5th. Love to you all. Roxanne Berka (Smith)

Roxanne Berka - April 03, 2014 at 08:40 PM



“ Roxanne- Thank you for your prayers and thoughts. I feel bad that I haven't gotten to know you as I would like. I believe we met at a reunion Bruce organized years ago when we lived in Washington and his mother was alive. Were you there? Is it okay if you and I connect and try to make up for lost time? I know he valued the relationship you and he had, and I know he wished the relationship was stronger and consistent. Developing relationships with his family was something Bruce was consciously working on. Thank you for reaching out to us in such a kind way.

Karen Decker - July 20, 2014 at 07:43 PM



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Andi Crockett - April 03, 2014 at 10:19 AM



“ I can only imagine what an amazing father you were by raising such a wonderful daughter, Amanda. While she was in California on her mission, she touched many hearts including my wife's and mine. Thank you for teaching her correct principles and instilling in her a testimony of our Savior and our Heavenly Father and Their love for each of us.

Bishop and Sister Juarez
Norwalk Ward, Cerritos California Stake

Brian Juarez - April 02, 2014 at 11:51 PM



“ Thank you for your kind words and thoughts. Bruce is a wonderful father and grandfather. He loves unconditionally and everyday worked at becoming a more loving, patient and forgiving person. He shared his testimony of Jesus Christ in a quite manner, by the way he treated others. Even though it was difficult sending his little girl to far-away California he was filled with joy and happiness knowing she was serving in such a committed way and growing her own testimony of Jesus Christ. Thank you for being important people in our daughter's life and showing her love.

Karen Decker - July 20, 2014 at 07:29 PM



“ We go to Costco a lot, and Bruce went there a lot, too. We've shared lots of lunches with Bruce there. He said he went there because it was "the best deal in town," and we went there just to get out of the house. It was always fun to see him and catch up. Right from the beginning, he and Karen always made me feel like I was a part of the family. We're going to miss him.

Jennifer Lambert - April 02, 2014 at 10:46 PM



“ Jennifer- I will never be able to go to Costco without thinking of Bruce and smiling. Most of all I know how special you are to Bruce. It always brightened his day when he happened to see you around town. He would recount the details of your chance meetings to me with enthusiasm. I know he appreciates your friendship and your acceptance of him. You are very important to Bruce and I.

Karen Decker - July 20, 2014 at 07:13 PM



“ He loved "pecan pie"... He loved Arby's and I remember there were numerous times where we would be delivering avon or something and afterwards he would stop and get an Arby's sandwich and an apple turnover.. I think it changed to chocolate later on... Kinda like his coconut pie;)

chad huntsman - April 02, 2014 at 05:55 PM



“ Lol thanks Chad! I forgot about the apple turnovers.

Andi Crockett - April 02, 2014 at 09:00 PM



“ Chad- I believe dad's final favorites were apple pie turnovers, coconut cream pie and vanilla ice cream. He can change his mind all he wants as long as he doesn't change his mind that I am his favorite wife. :)

Karen Decker - July 20, 2014 at 06:53 PM



“ I just hear about Bruce's passing. I am incredible sad!! We were teenagers in Olympia Washington and yes we all enjoyed going to the state dances together. Bruce was a kind person who loved everyone unconditionally. He always loved to have a get together with the Olympia folks and reminisce over old times. He will be greatly missed. He was waaay to young to die. So sorry.

Liz Boyd Teerlink - June 25, 2015 at 03:57 PM



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Rachel Dayton - April 02, 2014 at 05:05 PM



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Kristin Lambert - April 02, 2014 at 03:28 PM