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Bruce Shaffstall Obituary

Bruce E. Shaffstall, 70, of Elyria, died March 8, 2019 at University Hospitals Elyria Medical Center. He was born October 2, 1948 in Elyria and was a 1966 graduate of Elyria High School. From 1968 to 1971, Bruce served in the United States Marine Corps, including 2 years in Japan. He completed his basic training at Parris Island and performed Avionics Maintenance on A-6 Intruders. He was also trained in nuclear weapons loading and programming, cross trained as a plane captain and was avionics shop QOS certified. He was formerly employed as a supervisor at GTE and had been operations MSC manager for GTE MobileNet from where he retired. He then owned and operated 3-D Cellular and invented SoftBase used by the largest wireless company in the US. He also helped develop a 911 tool for all four AT&T wireless system types and then worked at Blue Wireless in Buffalo, NY. He enjoyed music, especially from the 1960's, playing guitar, and had appeared on the Big 5 Show. He was a car enthusiast, especially Hondas, RC cars, motocross and motorcycles. He was an avid runner, having competed in marathons and triathlons. He loved spending time with his wife, children, and grandchildren and enjoying his Dunkin Donuts coffee. Bruce is survived by his wife of 44 years, Charlene B. (nee Costello); children, Keith, Christopher, Angela, and Corey (Danielle) Shaffstall; 10 grandchildren; brothers, John (Sharon) Shaffstall and Daniel (Denise) Shaffstall. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Margery (nee Kerkes) Shaffstall. Friends will be received Wednesday, March 13, 2019 from 10:00 am until the time of a 12 noon funeral service at Dicken Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 323 Middle Ave., Elyria, Ohio. Very Rev. Father Basil Stoyka will officiate. Burial will be in Brookdale Cemetery, Elyria, Ohio where Elyria VFW #1079 Honor Guard will present military honors. SERVICES Visitation Wednesday, March 13, 2019 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Dicken Funeral Home and Cremation Service 323 Middle Ave.



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PW

Pat Wick posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Bruce's passing. Used to love listening to him sing at open mics here in Akron, NY. He was such a nice man. Sending healing prayers to all his family and friends.

April 2 at 8:00 PM

BC

Barbara Clark posted:

I first met Bruce 15-20 years ago at Verizon. He was always so kind and warm to everyone and always had a huge smile on his face. Bruce was one of kind and will be greatly missed by so many people. Rest in peace Bruce. Our prayers are with your family.

March 12 at 8:00 PM

MW

Mark Woodruff posted:

God Bless

March 12 at 8:00 PM

BK

Byro Kalucki posted:

My running mate (5Ks, Corporate Challenges) has reached the finish line! Very sad. Bruce was a bright, engaging and unique individual. It was a joy to have worked with him and known him over the years. He will be missed by many.

March 12 at 8:00 PM

MR

Michelle Ryan posted:

Bruce was one of my favorite regulars at the wine bar. He was such a sweet and thoughtful man with such wonderful stories. He loved his family very much. He will be greatly missed. Rest easy my friend. Sing a song and have a glass of whie zin.

March 11 at 8:00 PM



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Bill Robb posted:

Dear Charlene and Family, I am very sad to hear about the passing of Bruce. Bruce was a great guy and friend. I was lucky to have become friends with him through running. I will never forget our trip to the 1st Annual Air Force Marathon where we won the team division. Another trip I will always remember is when we had a big group of runners and our family's at the Kelly's Island 10K. These are two great memories that I will always have. I would of liked to gone to the service tomorrow, but I am in mandatory in-service all week and cannot take off work. I will have a very heavy heart tomorrow as I sit in-service. I will be their in spirit and will keep you in my prayers. Take care and God bless you and your family, Bill Robb

March 11 at 8:00 PM



Jan Limpach posted:

Dear Bruce, Deeply saddened to hear the news... another reminder how short time is for us all. :-(What an impressive life story, a proud Marine, "nuclear weapons"? :-) business owner 3-D Cellular, software inventor "SoftBase", a Beautiful wife Charlene, of 44 years, 4 great kids, 10 GRANDCHILDREN! and appeared on the Big 5 Show... Rock On Bruce! Till we meet again...
~~~~~ Remember me in quiet days While raindrops whisper on your pane. But in your memories have no grief, Let just the joy we knew remain. Remember me when evening stars Look down on you with steadfast eyes. Remember if once you wake To catch a glimpse of red sunrise. And when your thoughts do turn to me, Know that I would not have you cry. But live for me and laugh for me, When you are happy, so am I. Remember an old joke we shared; Remember me when spring walks by. Think once of me when you are glad And while you live, I shall not die. ~~~~~

March 11 at 8:00 PM



**Sheila Paolini** posted:

Out thoughts and prayers with the family .Bruce was a lovely man who would visit us often when he was in town and bring a smile to everyone's face. His love of music was contagious! We will miss him!

March 11 at 8:00 PM



**Donal** posted:

Rest in Peace Bruce ... in my heart you will always be the guy I played baseball with ay Allen School during the summer and ended up as my lab partner in Biology at EHS.

March 11 at 8:00 PM



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CC

**Cynthia Costello** posted:

My thoughts and prayers go out to you as you morn the loss of a man who truly loved his family.

March 11 at 8:00 PM

BD

**Bob Davis** posted:

Bruce will be sadly missed you were a great guy and went out of your way to help me anytime or any hr when I had an issue with a phone. I will miss you dearly rest in peace my friend until we meet again

March 10 at 8:00 PM

BL

**Brent Lochhead** posted:

I miss his constant cheerful demeanor around work. He was not just a wealth of knowledge but also fun to be around as he cracked jokes as I was stressed out from time to time. Im really going to miss debating how bad Windows is with him. Love ya Bruce.

March 10 at 8:00 PM

EW

**Eric Wong** posted:

Bruce, thank you for sharing your excellent telecommunication knowledge. I have learned so much from you. You are the king of call routing. My son Shane always remember you as the goldfish snack guy. Every time I mention your name at home, he would say, Bruce gave me goldfish snack. We missed you very much. And yes, Windows does suck. TDM for life!!!!

March 10 at 8:00 PM

BL

**Barbra Leatherwood** posted:

Bruce was a good friend and coworker. I enjoyed our long technical discussions and I was fortunate to hear him perform once. He will be greatly missed.

March 10 at 8:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bruce by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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