



## Bruce C. Lemon

March 5, 1937 - August 16, 2012

On August 16, 2012, Bruce Charles Lemon of Maumee, after a long and valiant journey, enriched Heaven with his presence. Bruce was a cherished and beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, and friend. Bruce died in the warmth and comfort of his family home surrounded by his loving wife, Betty, their children, and grandchildren. Bruce was born on March 5, 1937 in Napoleon, Ohio, to the late Robert and Angeline (Sherman) Lemon. On August 9, 1958, Bruce married his high school sweetheart and best friend, Betty Spencer, at St. Augustine's Catholic Church in Napoleon, Ohio. Bruce and Betty built a beautiful life and family together during their 54 year marriage. The strength and fortitude of their love for one another and compassionate commitment to their family was truly special. It serves as a source of inspiration to those around them.

Bruce graduated from Napoleon High School. He began his working life as a teenager, with his dad, at Snyder's Chevrolet, doing whatever needed to be done: washing cars, changing oil, or just plain "errand boy." In 1958, Bruce graduated summa cum laude from The University of Toledo earning a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. Bruce commenced a lifelong career in corporate finance and accounting in the Toledo area. Bruce was a man known for his amazing character, intelligence, integrity, work ethic and quiet wit. He began his career following graduation with the nationally known, Toledo based developer, Donald J. Scholz, and was proud to serve for many

years as the Vice-President of Finance for Scholz Homes. Following the relocation of Scholz to Arizona Bruce served for several years as a Vice-President of Commercial Lending for the former downtown based Ohio Citizens Bank, then went on to serve for 15 years as the Vice-President of Finance of the Toledo based commercial steel corporation, Hardy & Dischinger Co. He subsequently served as Corporate Controller for both Ronfeld Inc. and K & C Supply, Toledo-based steel products companies. Bruce retired in 1999.

Bruce's many interests and memberships included the National Association of Accountant, the National Financial Managers Association, The University of Toledo Alumni Association, St. Joan of Arc, and Lake Columbia Homeowners' Association.

Bruce's most favorite passion was his family. His family remembers him as one of the kindest men God ever choose to put on this earth. He was the consummate family man and glowed with pride when it came to his "Greatest Legacy", his lifelong loving marriage to Betty and together raising their five children: Michael MD (Barb) of Bowling Green, Tom (Janice) Director of Toledo-Lucas County Plan Commission of South Toledo, Steve (Sissy) Vice-President of Engineering of "23 and Me" Genetic Testing, of San Jose, CA, Mary Beth Crawford MD (Joe) of Maumee, and David JD (Jeffery Sullivan) of South Toledo. Betty and the children have countless memories of their many summers together with Bruce at their family cottage on Lake Columbia in the Irish hills community of Brooklyn, MI.

Bruce loved his time at Lake Columbia with his family; water skiing, (pulling all 5 kids at once on water skis), golfing (he was a hacker), telling his children stories at bonfires on their beach and simply spending quality time. He loved driving "his boat" even though he could not swim. He loved the water. Many family friends regularly joined them throughout the summer and were always welcomed with open arms. He was truly a gift to everyone he met. His faith guided and defined his journey thru life. Bruce will always be remembered for his exceptional kindness, inner strength, generous spirit, wit, and integrity. His

family meant everything to him.

Bruce was a loving grandfather and found immense joy in being an active grandparent to his 14 grandchildren: Paul (Kylie), Christopher, Matthew (Maura), Elizabeth, Andrea, Katie, Emily, Nicholas, Allison (Anthony Chappta), Spencer, Bailey, Rigby, Oliver, Addison, and a newly born (August 13th) great-grandson, Luke. He is also survived by his sisters; Marianne Lemon, of Napoleon, Luann (Michael Worchuk of Waterville, nieces and nephews including Tony & Teresa Williams and Madison & Riley Sonnenberg. He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Allison Lemon Crawford, and brother Barry (Linda) of Napoleon.

Friends may celebrate Bruce's life from 2-8pm on Sunday at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., Toledo, Ohio, where a rosary will be said at 7pm. Additional visitation will be at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 5856 Heatherdowns Blvd., in South Toledo on Monday from 9:30-10:00 am. A mass of resurrection will be celebrated at 10am at St. Joan of Arc. Interment will take place at St. Augustine Cemetery in Napoleon, Ohio. Please view and sign the on-line guest registry at [CoyleFuneralHome.com](http://CoyleFuneralHome.com)

The family extends gratitude and special thanks to Dr. Elizabeth Fowler, Dr. Jonathan Ross, Dr. Robert Navarre, Dr. Lawrence Elmer, Dr. Krishe Menezes, Dr. Gretchen Tietjen and to the Home Care Staff of Hospice of Northwest Ohio for their loving, compassionate, and expertise care. Tributes in Bruce's memory may be made to Hospice of Northwest Ohio or Notre Dame Academy.

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Betty,  
I want to send my deepest sympathy on the passing of your husband. I can remember working with you, and later being one of your students . You often spoke about your wonderful husband and family. Please know you are in my prayers. Take heart in knowing that Bruce is in the hands of a loving and merciful Lord.##imported-begin##Marcia Brown Castro MarcyC48@bex.net##imported-end##

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August 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Betty and family, I was so saddened to read of the death of your beloved husband and father. I wish you all peace. Betty, I miss seeing you around St. V;s and UT!##imported-begin##Anne Kwiatkowski##imported-end##

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August 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Bruce was my boss at Ohio Citizens many years ago but I remember him fondly. He had such a great disposition and wonderful smile. He was so proud of his family. How nice it was to be able to spend time at your home on Lake Columbia. I remember it like it was yesterday. I would like to send my sincere and deepest sympathy to his wife and their family. God Bless you all and may his soul rest in peace.##imported-begin##Linda Weaks McMahon lmcmahon@bex.net##imported-end##

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August 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Betty and family, so sorry to hear of Bruce's passing. I guess the class of 1955 is getting smaller. You and your family will certainly miss Bruce. He was a genuine nice guy. I wish you all the best. Barbara###imported-begin##Barbara Scheele Colyer##imported-end##

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August 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Bruce passing. I have great memories or what a kind loving person he was. MY thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. I know he will be greeted by my father in heaven. They are once again neighbors. God Bless###imported-begin##Sandi Gasser Zwyer##imported-end##

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August 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Bruce was a great guy who I had great admiration for. He no longer will suffer and is at peace. He will be sadly missed. Betty and family, you are in my prayers.###imported-begin##Sandy Garcia##imported-end##

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August 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dave,  
Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to you and your family.###imported-begin##Al & Gloria Chapman##imported-end##

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“ *Bruce will always be remembered as One of the Good People. We will miss him.##imported-begin##Larry Fruth##imported-end##*

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“ *Dear Betty, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your husband. My mom is Judy (Wallace) Gladieux and she didn't know that I know you from the ethics committee. She told me that the four of you used to go out together - there is always an interesting story about getting around the dating restrictions at the school of nursing back then. I am happy you had 54 years together and that you have such a great family to lean on now.##imported-begin##Julie Stausmire Julie\_Stausmire@mhsnr.org##imported-end##*

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“ *Betty, we were so sorry to hear about Bruce's death. I told my daughter you were married one week before us and we were able to go to your wedding, but you were still on your honeymoon for ours, so you just had your 54th anniversary. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Judy (Wallace) and Dick Gladieux jscns@buckeye-express.com##imported-end##*

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“ To: Mike and Barb:

*Our condolences go out to you and your family on your loss. I know how you feel having lost my Dad(Harry Kleman) less than a year ago. Mom's out of the country for the week (Canada).*

*Take care,*

*Janet Veith##imported-begin##Janet Veith  
jlveith@honey.toast.net##imported-end##*

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“ Betty and all the family:

*We share in your sorrow and please be assured of our prayers for all of you. Our Napoleon memories reach back a long way and certainly were enhanced by Bruce many times.*

*Bob & Nick Yeager  
Clear Lake, Indiana##imported-begin##Bob and Nick Yeager rjy38b  
@cs.com##imported-end##*

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August 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Tom and family I am sorry to hear of your loss. I know you were close to your Dad. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Judy Rable##imported-end##

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August 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mike and Barb, and Paul, Chris, Matt, and Elizabeth:

*I am saddened to learn of your father and grandfather's passing. I know he was a wonderful man and you were blessed having him as a big part of your lives.##imported-begin##Joseph Deaton##imported-end##*

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“ Tom sorry to hear of your loss. our prayers are with you and your family##imported-begin##Joanne and Mark Shiple##imported-end##

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