



Bruce Michael Claveau

September 9, 1948 - January 24, 2025

Bruce Michael Claveau age 76 of Ludington lost his brave battle to cancer on Friday, January 24, 2025. Bruce was born on September 9, 1948 in Ludington, the son of Butch and Ellie (Buckingham) Claveau, grew up in Scottville and graduated from Mason County Central High School with the class of 1966. Following his graduation he enlisted with the United States Navy during the Vietnam Conflict, serving until May of 1970. After a one year enlistment with the US Navy Reserves, Bruce joined the United States Coast Guard where he spent the next 23 years serving his country and achieving the rank of Senior Chief Boatswains Mate. Bruce retired from the Coast Guard in 1996 and moved to Florida to be near his son Bruce and his family. Bruce later returned to Mason County and his hometown of Scottville to help care for his parents.

Bruce loved spending time with his family and friends. Many countless hours were spent working on cars, rebuilding motors and restoring the bodies to their glory. This was a passion he shared with his son.

Bruce was preceded in death by his parents Butch and Ellie; his infant son Jason; his paternal grandparents Frank and Alta Claveau, maternal grandparents Lloyd and Alma Buckingham, and many special aunts and uncles.

Bruce will be greatly missed by his son Bruce Claveau; his grandson Ethan; his sister Rise' (Larry) McIntosh; his nephews Jordan (Samantha) McIntosh and Landon (Jessica) McIntosh; his six great nieces Aryannna, Braylin, Zamorah, Ellie, Maci, and Quinn McIntosh.

Bruce was a kind and caring person that will be greatly missed by his family and many friends made over a lifetime of service.

A Celebration of Bruce's life will be held later this spring.

Cemetery Details

Brookside Cemetery

950 W. State Street
Scottville, MI 49454

Tribute Wall

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“ I was Bruce’s baby sitter and lived up the street, Rosanna Gall. I was blessed by his obituary and all the things he did. His parents were instrumental in my growing up years. Reese, I remember you, too. My condolences to you.

rosanna miller - January 31, 2025 at 11:41 AM

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“ I got to know Bruce when he worked at Jimmy’s Standard gas station. He was one of Dad’s “boys”.

Sandi White - January 28, 2025 at 09:17 PM

RA

“ I met Bruce back in 2016 while working at a coffee shop. Once I started to know him and the kind of man he was we became fast friends. One year all of us employees pitched in a gift card for him. That man's face lit up that christmas. He became family to all of us. Years later still keeping in touch. Bruce and my little sister became fast friends she looked up to him and considered him like a grandfather. Going to miss you my dearest friend and our movie dates. Fly high my sweet friend. With love always. Rachael

Rach - January 27, 2025 at 11:11 PM

SO

“ Always was a wonderful helping to my daughter in past years. May Bruce rest in easy . Prayers to his sister and family.

sonja - January 27, 2025 at 11:32 AM