



Bruce N.G.P. Marks

November 20, 1958 - September 7, 2025

Bruce N.G.P. Marks, AKA to his family as BooBoo

Here is what we would like you to know about Bruce.

In this life, Bruce had five great loves:

- 1) His true love was his wife, Kimberly. Once, while traveling in SE Asia, a man had a motorcycle accident and his motorcycle landed on Kim. Bruce turned into a literal Superman and tossed both the man and the motorcycle off Kim. However, he was perhaps most heroic in his daily acts, noticing and taking care of the little things in life. This is the kind of love Bruce role modeled for many.
- 2) His dogs. While everyone always thought it was his wife who was animal crazed, it was Bruce who spent his life accumulating dogs and always had one sitting in his lap or zipped into his jacket.
- 3) His Ducks. Bruce loved nothing more than a blow out Duck game, where the Ducks completely crushed the other team.
- 4) Golfing, especially if there was a bet involved.
- 5) Whiskey and wine.

In his life, Bruce was most proud of his children, who were also some of his best friends, including his son-in-law.

Of all his numerous professional accomplishments, he found his most fulfilling job was being “The Manny” to his grandchildren. He believed his grandchildren were the best at any and everything, despite any contradicting evidence.

Bruce was the most competitive person you ever met, not even giving an inch in a card game to his own mother when she was in her 80s.

He had the most fun when he was travelling or camping, or driving down a back road, although it always took prodding to get him to take those gravel roads.

Bruce never missed an opportunity to treat everyone to ice cream.

Bruce loved babies, who would immediately calm and fall asleep on his steady, strong chest.

Bruce was the rock to many in his life. He was a masterful communicator. He had this gift for choosing the right words at the right time—whether it was a story, a lesson, or a joke, he knew how to connect with people. He didn’t just speak, he made you feel heard and understood.

Bruce valued honesty and authenticity. He accepted people for who they were. He believed in doing the right thing, even when it was the more difficult path.

If you can learn something from him, it is to love all the parts of yourself, even the parts you are afraid no one will love.

He would wish for those that cared about him that you:

Show up for people when they are having a hard time;
Support people's dreams;
Take the risks that scare you; and
Spend more time doing hedonistic, fun things.

A celebration of Bruce's life will be held on Saturday, November 29, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. at Ace's Bar at Chinook Winds, 3245 NE 50th Street in Lincoln City, OR 97367. Guests are encouraged to wear their Duck gear (of favorite team gear). Guests are invited to share and listen to stories about Bruce, have a drink and cheer in his honor. Ace's will be sure to have the Duck's game on.

In Memory

Bruce loved sitting on his porch, having a drink, and watching whales. For those who would like to make a gift in Bruce's honor, please consider a donation to Ekalaa Alliance or the Oregon Shores Alliance to support ocean wildlife conservation.

Elakha Alliance

<https://www.elakhaalliance.org/donate/>

Oregon Shores Alliance

<https://oregonshores.org/donate/>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **29**. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Ace's Bar at Chinook Winds
3245 NE 50th Street
Lincoln City, OR 97367

Tribute Wall

KR

“ *On behalf of the Elakha Alliance, we want to offer condolences to Bruce's family. We are touched that you have chosen to honor his legacy by supporting our mission.*

*Wishing you all the best,
The Elakha Alliance Staff and Board*

Katie Russell - November 10, 2025 at 12:28 PM

MI

“ Hello Kim,

We were deeply shocked to read the news of your dear husband's death. It has made us very, very sad. But we want to thank you for letting us know. Now we just hope that Bruce wasn't ill and didn't suffer for a long time. He never mentioned any illness. Everything in the obituary is true; that's how I experienced Bruce 45 years ago in Mannheim, where we shared an apartment in a student residence. My visit to the USA in the early 1980s will also always remain in my memory; Bruce had organized a real itinerary for me between Oregon and California. Together with his parents, you, and your parents, we had so much fun; that will never be forgotten and is deeply etched in my heart. Yes, traveling was a great passion of Bruce's, and we were so looking forward to seeing you in 2020 when you had planned a trip to Europe and Bruce told me you were coming. Unfortunately, the pandemic ruined everything, and the plans couldn't be realized. We would have loved to meet you and show you a bit of southern Germany. Bruce would have celebrated his birthday in November and turned 67. An age at which one can still do so much these days. I think it's wonderful that you're organizing a memorial service for Bruce, one that everyone who knew and loved him can attend. Yes, the pain for you and your family is profound, as Bruce was a central figure in your entire family. We grieve with you and still can't believe it. If you ever have the time and inclination, perhaps you could write me a few lines about why and under what circumstances Bruce passed away. Right now, we're sending you all our deepest condolences, wishing you strength and fortitude during this time of mourning, and sending our silent greetings across to America.

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Michael - October 31, 2025 at 03:52 AM

MR

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Michael Rahnefeld - October 31, 2025 at 03:42 AM

CL

“ 4 files added to the album Oregon Metro



Carolyn Loucks - September 24, 2025 at 01:50 PM

HJ

“ I smiled when I read on his family's tribute page that Bruce loved dogs...as one of my first memories of him was in 4th or 5th grade. We were all sitting quietly in class, either being read to or taking a test, when all of a sudden, out of nowhere, Bruce frantically jumps up out of his desk yelling "BRUTUS!!!!" The teacher "forcefully" told him to please sit down and not interrupt class like that, but Bruce was trying desperately to explain that he happened to glance out the window just then and saw his German Shepherd running across the play ground and needed to go catch him...as Uplands Grade School was a good mile or two from the Marks's house - and on the other side of the very busy Country Club Rd.! I don't remember what happened after that, but I do remember the look on Bruce's face and understanding just how much he loved that dog... Rest in peace, Bruce.

Heidi Jones - September 20, 2025 at 01:58 PM

DW

“ Bruce was the nicest guy to all of the “girls” If he was passing thru the clubhouse after golf and we were playing Mahjong, he would secretly pick up our bar-tab...He always had a joke, a smile and a compliment for everyone. I admired Bruce for his relationship with his father in law which was deep and loving. It takes a special person to develop and maintain a special bond like that. Bruce, we will miss your smile ☐

DOREEN WAKEFIELD - September 18, 2025 at 08:20 PM

JM

“ We first met Bruce on a visit to Oregon 7 years ago. He was very kind and greeted my husband and me with the warmest smile. We have always heard all the good things he did for the whole family. His sister-in-laws, brother-in-laws, mother-in-law, and father-in-law all spoke very highly of his dedication, and hard work in taking care of important matters. He is greatly loved, and will be dearly missed by so many lives he touched. We pray for God’s peace to touch the hearts of Kim, Jessica, and Nicholas as they grieve the loss of their loved one.

Jack and Leisa Myles

Jack and Leisa Myles - September 18, 2025 at 11:39 AM

DB

I met Kim around 1987 when we both enlisted in the Oregon Army National Guard and we were assigned to the same unit in Portland. We carpoled from Eugene to Portland one weekend a month. Nick and Jessica were both very young at the time. Bruce supported Kim's decision to serve in the military and took the added responsibilities of caring for Nick and Jessica.

It has always been apparent that Bruce loved Kim and was always ready and willing to provide whatever support Kim needed in achieving her various endeavors throughout the years. It was also evident that Bruce loved Nick and Jessica very much.

Kim's friendship came at a critical time when I was still recovering from a low time in my life and really just needed to enjoy life. It was easy to forget about any worries when visiting. In gaining a friend in Kim, Bruce became a friend as well. Bruce would often have something to contribute to our conversations, and besides it was interesting to have a man's opinion interjected from time to time. Kim was there for me when I married Steve, the love of my life. It was a family affair. Kim brought over a beautiful wedding cake with the help of Bruce and the kids.

Kim and Bruce were a team in organizing gatherings for family and friends. Bruce provided the support while Kim provided wonderful baked goods and hors d'oeuvres, sometimes with a little music and dancing.

Steve and I have had fun and memorable times with Kim and Bruce. By far, the most fun was on the Memorial Day raft trips floating down the John Day River. It was a logistical nightmare, but Bruce led the way and showed Steve the tricks for packing everything we needed for a three-day trip down the river. We could always count on Bruce's knowledge of the river and awareness of the conditions, and he made ideal choices on where to stop for lunch and camping.

The trip included extended family and friends to include everyone's dogs. It was a circus at times. The women cooked over the camp fire, while enjoying conversation and nature, while then men loaded the rafts each morning and unloaded the rafts each evening and set up camp, chopped the wood and built the fire and all other primitive labor-intensive tasks. It was obvious that Bruce really loved these times on the river.

At times, while Bruce appeared to be peacefully floating down the river, he was actually positioning his raft for a tactical maneuver. As rafts drifted apart and then back together again on smooth-flowing sections of the river, without warning he would initiate a water balloon, water

cannon, and paddle-splash attack. Bruce always seemed to feign innocence, but his competitive nature and quest for fun came out during the battle.

Bruce liked to be out in the open air with nature, floating in between the canyons howling with the dogs. Bruce also enjoyed sitting around the campfire at night telling stories and looking at the stars. Steve usually kept the fire stoked, which Bruce found as a source of humor. He also enjoyed the occasional near disasters with flying sparks, and one time even a flying flaming marshmallow. Bruce never let Diane live that one down!

We played golf a time or two with Kim, Bruce and other friends at Eagle Crest golf course years ago. Bruce was definitely comfortable with his golf swing and kept his dry humor to a minimum about our golf skills.

May Bruce rest in peace. Bruce's spirit will live on in our hearts.

Diane and Steve Beach

Diane Beach - September 18, 2025 at 09:14 PM

LW

I met Kim, to work on a project on SW Coast, Bruce was still working out of state at a bank.

Kim was a pleasure to work with and when I got to meet Bruce it was the icing on the cake.

These two were such a complement to each other, the positive playful supportive nature was a joy to to be around.

Bruce came to help me work on a number of projects at a few different job sites.

It was always a great experience to work together, his attitude and uplifting nature made every day a great day.

He decided to retire from the physical labor aspect and then he was always ready and able to be a driver when I need one. He made trips into Northern Washington to pick up a horse trailer and another one for a Jon boat for me.

Camping on the project site at their property on the lake in Florence was a good and satisfying experience.

If I had to choose ten people to move onto a deserted Island, Bruce would be one at the top of my list.

Bruce will always live on in the time that we shared and his positive influence .

Love you like my Brother, Loren Wand

Loren Wand - September 22, 2025 at 12:36 AM