



Bruce E. Heal

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Bruce E. Heal, age 64, of Lewes, DE, passed away suddenly on Thursday, September 19, 2013, at Kent General Hospital, Dover, DE. He was born on September 29, 1948, in Lewes, DE, son of late Harry Francis Heal Jr. and Eleanor Helen (Hocker) Joseph.

Mr. Heal was a Lewes native, born and raised on Lewes Beach. He was a 1967 graduate of Lewes High School and went on to become a Master Plumber/Pipe Fitter. He worked several years for The Pipefitters and Plumbers Local 782 in Delaware City, DE, before going on to open and operate his own business called B & M Partnership and more recently, Bruce Heal Plumbing for many years. Mr. Heal was a member of the Jefferson Masonic Lodge No. 15 and the NRA. He was one of the original founders of Pumpkin Chunkin and helped build numerous champion machines. In his free time, Mr. Heal enjoyed everything from Nascar, sailing, boating, fishing, to working in his hobby shop building many cars, planes and ships and collecting trains. He also enjoyed spending his winters in Grassy Key Florida, MM59. Most of all, Mr. Heal enjoyed the love and memories shared with his family and friends. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and dear friend who will be missed by all who knew him.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Heal was preceded in death by his infant daughter, Karen Lee Heal. He is survived by his loving wife of eighteen and half years, Patricia A. Heal; his son, William Wiedmann of Milton, DE; his three daughters, Kim Smith and her husband Will of Arlington, VA, Kate Trench and her husband Jeff of Milton, DE, and Stephanie Wiedmann of Milton, DE; two sisters, Bundy Simms and her husband Roland of Georgetown, DE and Gretchen Heal and her husband Dale Link of Suffolk, VA; four grandchildren, Matthew, Morgan, Mason, and Coral; and three cats, Bailey, Baboo, and Stash.

A public Viewing will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2013 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958, where Masonic Services will be conducted at 6:00PM. Interment will be private.



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The family would like to extend a special thank you to all the first responders, paramedics, nurses, and doctors that cared for Mr. Heal.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Mr. Heal's name may be made to Milton Fire Department, 116 Front Street, Milton, DE 19968.

Please sign Mr. Heal's online guestbook on this page.

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Tribute Wall

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CB

Christine Boll posted:

John and I were both shocked and sad, by the news of Bruce passing. He was great guy! And we're all better people, for having known him.

October 22 at 8:00 PM

PG

Paul And Shirley Gochis posted:

Trish, so sorry to read about Bruce, we always enjoyed you guys as our neighbors. God be with you. I know he will be missed.

October 18 at 8:00 PM

BS

Bob Spoerke posted:

My sympathy. One of the guy's from Wisconsin staying with Sig.

September 27 at 8:00 PM

KC

Kathi Clagett posted:

To Kim and Gretchen - We have only met once but wanted you to know that you are in my thoughts. I am sorry for not getting the chance to know Bruce but it sounds like he was a very dear man. You both are in my prayers. Love, Kathi

September 27 at 8:00 PM

MG

Maureen & Louis Gunther posted:

We will miss seeing Bruce coming to the Keys

September 26 at 8:00 PM

MO

Moose posted:

bruce you were a really good friend and a great partner, i will miss you

September 25 at 8:00 PM



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DM

Dave Mullins posted:

sorry to here of Bruce passing. was a good friend many years

September 25 at 8:00 PM

JG

Jeanie Greenhaugh posted:

A Parable of Immortality
I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength, and I stand and watch until at last she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come down to mingle with each other. Then someone at my side says, "There she goes!" "Gone where? Gone from my sight . . . that is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side and just as able to bear her load of living freight to the place of destination. Her diminished size is in me, not in her. And just at the moment when someone at my side says, "There she goes!" "there are other eyes watching her coming . . . and other voices ready to take up the glad shout . ." Here she comes! "~Henry Van Dyke
Bye, bye old friend, you were loved... Jeanie

September 25 at 8:00 PM

MH

Mike O'hara posted:

Trish and family sorry to hear of your loss

September 24 at 8:00 PM

LJ

Lynn & Winnie Jefferson posted:

Trish, such shocking news, although I'm back in England I would often think of you both and loved the phone calls and cards and emails we shared. Bruce is someone who will always be in my memories and I kind of looked to as a father figure even though I worked for him and he was my boss. He was such a caring thoughtful person who had a heart of gold, our thoughts are with you Trish and his family at this very sad time, love always and I will ring you soon. XXX

September 23 at 8:00 PM

PM

Patti And Marc posted:

Bruce You are our best friend. Marc will surely miss you and your modeling talks! Trish and family, we are so sorry.

September 23 at 8:00 PM



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KC

Kathy Cook posted:

so sorry to all for our terrible loss of such a great friend + the kindest person i've had the pleasure of knowing for 23 yrs.love + miss you Bruce ... PEACE

September 23 at 8:00 PM

MR

Marie Reed posted:

We are so sorry to hear about Bruce.Reedy and I send our prayers to all the family.

September 22 at 8:00 PM

DS

Dave & Dee Shannon posted:

We will hold onto the many great memories of Bruce. You are in our prayers Dave & Dee

September 22 at 8:00 PM

LH

Lou & Holly posted:

Wow. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Trish!

September 22 at 8:00 PM

CR

Christopher Roberts posted:

Trish, sorry to hear the news. Thoughts are with you, Chris

September 22 at 8:00 PM

HK

Howard Kasow posted:

Dear Trish,I just arrived home. Mickey advised me of Bruce's sudden and unexpected passing. Please accept my condolences as I enjoyed my time with you and Bruce. I shall inform my lady Debbie as to Bruce's passing. They shared enjoyable memories of Lewis, DE.

September 22 at 8:00 PM



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JS

Jim Schreppler posted:

Bruce has been a dear friend for a long time, and I am shocked and saddened by his passing. My thoughts and sympathies are for his family at this time. He will be missed by many.

September 22 at 8:00 PM

JD

Jane Dowdell posted:

My condolences. Bruce will be missed. You and Bruce are in my prayers. May God bless you Trish

September 22 at 8:00 PM

JA

Jason posted:

I am sorry to hear about the passing of Bruce. Hopefully your fond memories of him along with the support of loved ones can provide a small dose of comfort. May God help you to deal with this troubling times until the time when we won't have to worry about losing our loved ones to death (Psalm 55:22; Revelation 21:4).

September 22 at 8:00 PM

BG

Bob Giles posted:

I was so glad to have known bruce for the short time I did. please accept my condolence for your loss. He always had a smile and a happy hello. With tons of love from Joni and I. He will be missed in the park. Bob and Joni Giles

September 22 at 8:00 PM

SA

Sandra posted:

Trish, Our Love and Prayers are with you and your family. Bruce was a kind, thoughtful and loving friend to all that knew him. We will certainly miss our neighbor at Lion's Lair. We feel Blessed to have known such a great guy. Peace and Love John and Sandy

September 21 at 8:00 PM



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GW

Guy&Lee Wilkins posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.. Bruce was a great person and a real plus to the residents of Lions Lair.

September 21 at 8:00 PM

JB

John Boswell posted:

Trish: You have Jack's and our deepest sympathy at this time. Our prayers go out to you and Bruce's family. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him, May this memorial be a tribute to him.Love, Judy and Jack

September 21 at 8:00 PM

MK

Martha C Hernandez/ Grassy Key #39 posted:

Our prayers are with you.

September 21 at 8:00 PM

TM

Tom Marshall posted:

My favorite cousin who was more like a brother to me.We certainly shared some great times together , which I'll surely miss.I'll cherish those memories forever.Wishing you smooth sailing Cuz`.

September 21 at 8:00 PM

CK

Chazz & Kim Kerr posted:

Dear Trish and Family,We send our sincerest heartfelt sympathies to you at this very sad time. We are surely going to miss Bruce. The world has lost one true gentle man. Your Friends, Chazz and Kim Kerr- Lions Lair

September 21 at 8:00 PM

JD

John Dunn posted:

Trish and Family.We all will miss Bruce.One of the funniest nice guys lever met.All our Love John and Ruthann

September 21 at 8:00 PM



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DP

Doc \$ Paula Pepper posted:

So sorry for your loss! Bruce was a great guy! Praying for all of you!

September 21 at 8:00 PM

EF

Eric Fairbee posted:

Bruce you were one of my longest and truest friends ever. I have nothing but love and great respect for you. You will be greatly missed by all of us who had the pleasure of knowing you and being a part of your life. Thanks for all the great memories. I love you man!! Rest In Peace Bruce Heal.

September 21 at 8:00 PM

CB

Carol Cunningham Brown posted:

So sad to learn of Bruce's passing. My deepest sympathies to the family.

September 20 at 8:00 PM

MD

Midge Dinatale posted:

Bruce was such a nice guy. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

September 20 at 8:00 PM

KW

Kevin Wright posted:

Bruce, you will be a true friend forever. You are one of the good ones for sure. I have nothing but love and respect for you. See you later.

September 20 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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