



# Bruce J. Miles

NOV 6, 1956 - JAN 17, 2019



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## **Bruce J. Miles**

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**B**ruce J. Miles, age 62, of Rehoboth Beach, DE passed away in his sleep on Thursday, January 17, 2019, at Beebe Healthcare, in Lewes, DE. He was born on November 6, 1956 in Plainfield, NJ, son of the late Bruce and Patricia Miles.

Mr. Miles' worked as a server at Mr. Henry's restaurant for 8 years. In his spare time, he enjoyed taking his beloved Gizmo for walks on the beach. Mr. Mile's had a true passion for Broadway and loved going to see shows and musicals.

Mr. Miles is survived by his partner, Ed Marcey; his sister, Dianne Schmitz; his brother, Joseph Miles; one nephew, Joseph Leyman; two nieces, Kimberly and Nicole Schmitz; one great niece, Alexandra Otero; and one great nephew, Alexander Ayende.

A Celebration of Mr. Miles' Life will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the clubhouse located at The Grande at Canal Pointe, 20010 Newry, Drive, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971.


In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Mr. Mile's name to the Make a Wish America, Gift Processing, 1702 East Highland Ave., Suite 400, Phoenix, AZ 85016 or to Rehoboth Beach Animal Hospital 20259 Coastal Highway, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971.

Please sign Mr. Miles' online guest book located on this site.


FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS DELIVERED TO THE CLUBHOUSE AT THE GRANDE AT CANAL POINTE BY 11 AM ON SATURDAY MAY 4, 2019.

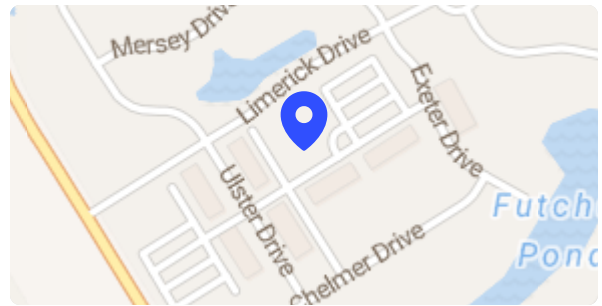


## Celebration of life

 **Saturday**, May 4, 2019

 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM ET

 **The Clubhouse at The Grande at Canal Pointe**  
20010 Newry Drive, Rehoboth Beach DE 19971





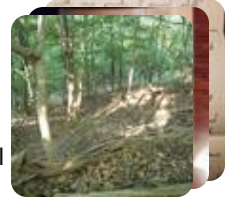
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**Michael Rebaczonok-Padulo** shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Having reached retirement not long ago here in Singapore where I live, I have been going through decades' worth of files and correspondence, among which I found a few letters from Bruce from long ago. I had befriended him back in 1980-82, when I was last in the USA, and we corresponded for awhile subsequently but later lost touch. I felt an overwhelming desire to re-connect with him so did a search, but was deeply saddened to learn that he had passed two and one-half years ago. I still can't come to terms with this. I very much enjoyed Bruce's company, and on a more frequent basis when I last visited the US in the summer of 1982 and was living in New Jersey. I'm almost sure I met you briefly at that time, Dianne, and can't begin to tell you how sorry I am, because I did know that you and Bruce enjoyed a close relationship, as he did with many of his family members. By way of a tribute to him, I'd like to offer this photographic tribute, which consists of an extract from the last letter I received from him way back in January 1985, at which time he wrote me about an exquisite dinner party he had held at his new place in Elizabeth, New Jersey, and about his new dog who, I take it, swiftly became a close, faithful companion. I'm sure Bruce wouldn't mind me sharing this extract, along with the photo he sent me. I'd also like to include a photo of the South Mountain nature park where we liked to take walks together. Dianne, I hope you see this post and even though it is public, I'm including my e-mail address here as I would so like to hear from you after all these many, many years. Once again, my deepest condolences, albeit belatedly, to you and all who knew and loved Bruce for the vivacious person he was.  
michael.rebaczonokpadulo@gmail.com

July 27 at 2:44 AM



**Dianne Miles** November 5 at 9:55 AM

Thank you Michael so much for your kind words. I will reach out to you at the email you provided.



# Tribute Wall

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**Jeffrey Marshall** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Bruce was an excellent baker as well as an excellent cook. He loved baking cakes and especially loved to bake cookies for every holiday. Yesterday was Fat Tuesday, the kickoff of Mardi Gras. This delicious looking King Cake reminded me of all of the delicious cookies and cakes that Bruce used to bake. Oh, and his chocolate mousse was to die for. He'd whip it up in no time. I believe that he made it at least once a week 😊 But let me tell y'all about his cooking. If you never experienced Bruce's cooking then you truly missed out on an over the top meal. In my opinion, Bruce's crab cakes were The Best that I have ever eaten in my life. They were better than any restaurant. - What's ironic is that Bruce did not eat them. He would not eat seafood. Seafood breathes and "shits" in the same environment that it lives in...water...so Bruce would not eat seafood 😊 Bruce was a perfectionist when it came to cooking. If it didn't turn out perfect, just the way that he wanted it to, then Bruce would get quite upset and let out a whole string of very colorful and entertaining expletives and sayings. I think that I loved it when things "didn't turn out." It was very entertaining to watch Bruce go off 😊😊😊 However, Bruce's worst cooking was always very delicious 😊 And Bruce's table scapes for a delicious meal that he cooked were always beautiful. He'd always pull out his fine china and fine silverware for a delicious home cooked meal. - Wayne often took credit for everything on Facebook; however, it was Bruce who created everything 😊

January 21 at 6:30 PM



**Dianne Miles** March 24 at 9:58 AM

Bruce was a perfeccionaste in just about everything he did. Decorating, baking, cooking he truly enjoyed doing all thes things. I am so happy that things still remind you of him. He is truly missed & loved by so many. Thank you Jeffrey for sharing your thoughts.



**Mary Gropp** March 23 at 4:30 PM

Having seen numerous table scapes for several holidays, I can only imagine the China, etc. he has to work with now. Being a cookie monster myself, his cookies made my mouth water through the screen! That, and I used to marvel at the quantity of cookies he would "whip up." In for a penny, in for a pound I guess, LOL.



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DI

**Diana** posted:

Bruce was our waiter/friend at Mr Henry's for some years. He was such an enjoyable character who really loved to take care of us. I think he was an air steward at some point in time so taking care of people seemed to be a part of him. He and Eddie came over for dinner on my patio at one point, such lovely people. Eddie, sorry for your loss. Wishing friends like Bruce and family the best during this time of grieving. We kept us with Bruce through his friends here in DC; we will miss him.

February 5 at 5:43 AM



**Dianne Miles** March 24 at 9:59 AM

Thank you Diana



**Diana** February 5 at 5:44 AM

correction: Wishing friends like Wayne and family

KH

**Kent And Tammy Hepler** posted:

We always enjoyed Bruce's stories. Also, he was always up to go out for a good meal!

January 27 at 3:22 PM

KH

**Kent And Tammy Hepler** posted:

We bought our property I Rehoboth at the same time as Bruce and Eddie bought theirs. Over the past 6 years they had become our Rehoboth family, along with Wayne and Jeffrey. Bruce will be sorely missed! God bless and keep him for us until , someday, we can all be together again.

January 27 at 3:18 PM

SC

**Sandy Cobb** posted:

We will truly miss seeing you with Gizmo on your daily walks in the neighborhood. You were a great neighbor and friend.

January 23 at 3:29 AM



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KS

**Kimberly Schmitz** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

You will always be remembered with a smile in your face, and will be missed

January 22 at 4:32 PM



KS

**Kimberly Schmitz** lit a candle in honor of Bruce J..

In memory our our beloved uncle

January 22 at 4:23 PM



DS

**Dianne Schmitz** sent a virtual gift in honor of Bruce J..

January 22 at 11:04 AM



DS

**Dianne Schmitz** lit a candle in honor of Bruce J..

January 22 at 11:02 AM



DS

**Dianne Schmitz** posted:

Bruce was such a great brother & Uncle. His nephew & nieces will miss him dearly. He has left a great void in my life. So at peace with knowing he had so many people in his life that truly loved & appreciated him.

January 22 at 8:58 AM



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JM

**Jeffrey Marshall** posted:

This one is for you Johanna, Dianne, Eddie and Wayne...With Wayne finding out a few months ago that he is highly lactose intolerant, he found a butter substitute in a jar and we brought it with us to Bruce and Eddie's. When Bruce read the jar and saw that it was Ghee, he laughed his ass off because come to find out his grandmother used to call the runs a Ghee Plaster. When I looked up the definition of Ghee, I found out that one of the definitions of Ghee is indeed the runs. What a laugh we had over that one and we have continued to have many laughs about Ghee plasters 😂 Between Bruce and Wayne's stories of Ghee plasters, I was always kept laughing. Needless to say, Wayne will not eat Ghee 😊

January 21 at 7:09 PM

DS

**Dianne Schmitz** January 22 at 8:47 AM

I can remember him saying that so often. That went way back to when we were children.

JM

**Jeffrey Marshall** posted:

Well, I wasn't too sure how I was going to do this since I have so many great memories of Bruce that keep flooding my mind and sometimes overwhelming me. But I've decided that maybe the best way to post is to post 1 or 2 things for now and then keep posting more things to share in smaller increments at a time. So here it goes...One of the most fond things I remember about Bruce is the amount of ditty's that he knew and would sing. He made me laugh out loud every time that he would sing one. And every time that he sang one, it would be a song that I'd never heard him sing before. I used to marvel at the number of songs that he knew and would sing. I'd ask him where he learned this song or that song and he always said that he learned them from his grandmother. Most of these little ditty's as I call them were all quite colorful 😊 Dianne, I'm not sure, but I think that Bruce told me that you passed some of these on to your children. I hope so! I wish that I would have recorded Bruce singing his songs or at least written some of them down. Right now I cannot remember a single one of them. However, I can picture Bruce singing them with a big smile on his face 😊

January 21 at 6:30 PM

DS

**Dianne Schmitz** January 22 at 8:46 AM

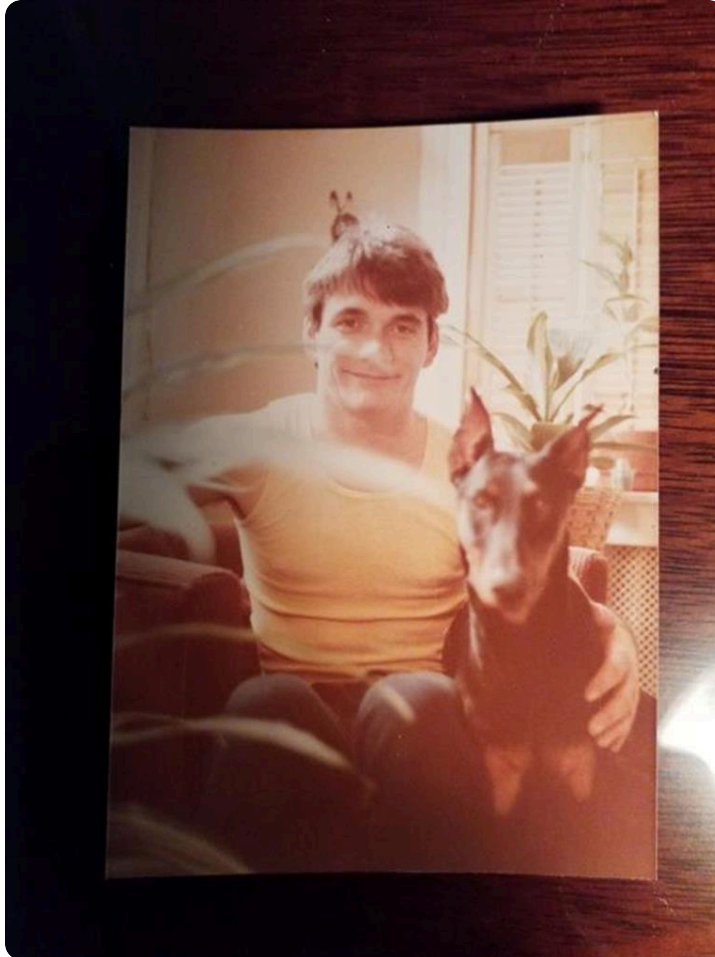
Jeffrey you are so right, Bruce was one of a kind & We used to laugh all the time. We had so many things we would laugh & joke about. He was so much like his Father.... a one of a kind





**Michael Rebaczonok-Padulo** shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

July 27 at 2:44 AM



**Bruce and his new dog Sohne, taken in January 1985**



**Michael Rebaczonok-Padulo** January 17 at 11:57 PM

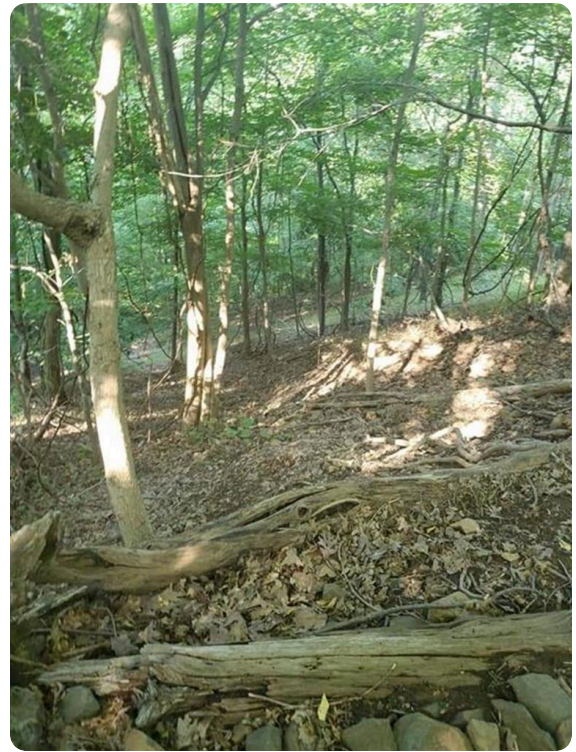
Bruce was a delightful friend to me during the short time i knew him back in the early '80s when I was in the USA. I'm so sorry he's gone. I miss and remember him fondly to this day.



Otherwise things with me are about the same since I last wrote. I had a dinner party the other night, with six guests. I served shell steaks, asparagus with hollandaise, baked potato with sour cream & chives, and baked Alaska for desert. It went very well. It was the first formal dinner I served since I moved in. I hired a woman to serve and clean up, and make cocktails after dinner. It was very nice, and everyone had a good time.

Enclosed is a photo of Lohne and I taken last week. Lohne is such a good companion for me. She sleeps in bed with me and follows me around where ever I go. She doesn't like anyone touching me at all!

Extract from Bruce's last letter to me, dated 21 January 1985



South Mountain park in New Jersey



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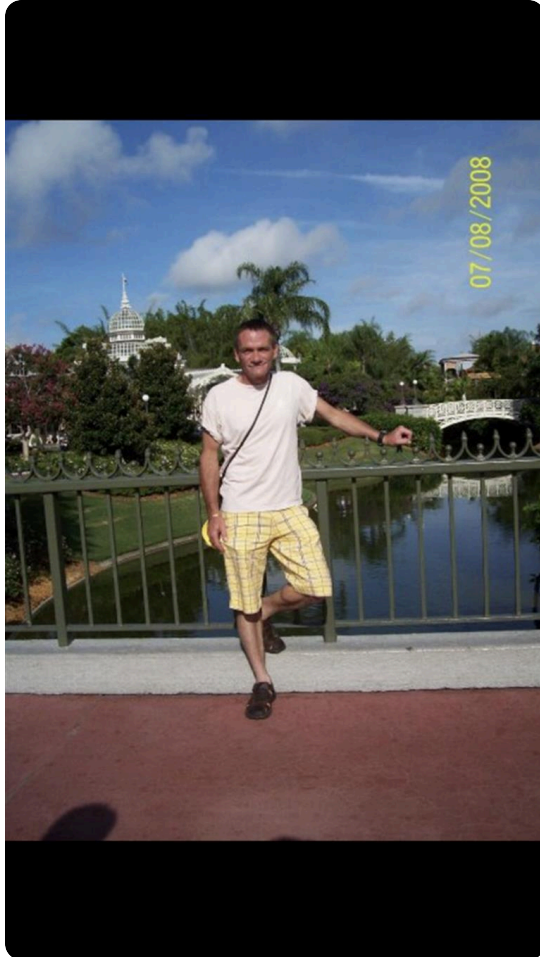
March 6 at 3:56 AM





**Kimberly Schmitz** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

January 22 at 4:32 PM





# Memories only last if you share them

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



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