



Bruce Allen Savage

July 7, 1950 - January 9, 2021

Bruce Allen Savage, age 70 of Rehoboth Beach, DE, passed away on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at Beebe Healthcare, in Lewes, DE, due to complications from COVID-19. He was born on July 7, 1950 in Rocky Mount, NC, son of the late William and Pauline Savage.

Bruce grew up in Tarboro, NC. Upon graduating from East Carolina University, he moved to the Washington, DC area where he worked as a communications specialist. He developed corporate communication strategies for several companies and organizations, including Riggs Bank, American Gas Association, and Manufactured Housing Association. In 2015 Bruce married Irving "Sonny" Stedman, Jr., his partner of more than 30 years. They lived in Vienna, Va and built a second home in Lewes, DE. It was to this secluded spot overlooking the Rehoboth Bay that they retired.

In addition to his parents, Bruce was preceded in death by his beloved husband and partner, Irving "Sonny" Stedman, Jr. in 2018. He is survived by a loving family of friends.

Services will be private.

Tribute Wall

KH

“ Bruce was an amazing friend. I first got to know him in a professional setting, but he quickly became a dear friend. "Cat Tails," the beautiful home on Rehoboth Bay that he and Irv built was always a welcome respite for me, my kids, and even our pets (especially our pets!). Together they adopted numerous cats over the years, and those were lucky kitties, indeed!

He was such a calm, peaceful soul. We could talk about anything or sit in companionate quiet. His interests were varied and fascinating; he introduced my children to British TV comedies and The Who. In the last decade of their lives, he and Irv took several spectacular vacations, including a Mediterranean cruise on the QE2 and a trip to England where they tracked down the Savage family manor house. One of my happiest memories is when he and Irv visited us in New York City and we went to see Bette Midler in "Hello Dolly."

Bruce was kind, generous, fun, and a true gentleman. I will miss him tremendously.

Katherine Hutt - January 12, 2021 at 09:45 PM

CA

“ Every moment spent with Bruce was a learning opportunity. Bruce was a great advocate for the manufactured housing industry and a good friend. I have missed him.

Constance Altschwager - January 12, 2021 at 07:44 PM



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Rick Rand - January 12, 2021 at 02:26 PM

KF

“ Bruce was a former colleague who became a very close friend. He is known as “Uncle Bruce” to my family. My last visit with him was in Rehoboth in late September. As always, the visit was filled with laughter. He was the consummate gentleman and always had such wonderful stories of his travels with Irv and their dear friends, Elaine and Mother Hogarth. I will miss him and his infectious laugh immensely. I know Irv was waiting for him with open arms in Heaven.

Karin Soyster Fitzgerald - January 12, 2021 at 01:59 PM

CB

“ I had the privilege of working for Bruce for several years. He was such an amazing mentor to me. He was a kind person with an amazing personality. I know how much he looked forward to retirement at the beach. He will be sorely missed.

Cheryl Berard - January 12, 2021 at 12:50 PM

GA

“ Had privilege of co-authoring *The First 20 Years* book/history of MHI's National Communities Council ('NCC'). Gentle person well remembered!

george allen - January 12, 2021 at 09:59 AM



Just got the news. Bruce Savage was my first boss, friend and amazing human. He was such a bright life in my life and will be missed but never forgotten.

Kami Huyse - January 12, 2021 at 12:21 PM



As a member of a national trade organization I worked with Bruce on many projects. He was a pleasure to work with and a true gentleman. I just picked up his book last week to look up a bit of history. May he rest in eternal peace.
Rick Rand

Rick Rand - January 12, 2021 at 02:17 PM

SD

I had the opportunity to interact with Bruce Savage when he worked for MHI, a national trade association. He was a true professional, dedicated to his craft and a very hard worker. I enjoyed his humor and his views on life. Rest in Peace Bruce. Sheila Dey

Sheila Dey - January 12, 2021 at 03:29 PM

MG

I had the privilege of working with Bruce when he was with MHI. He was a true professional. Rest well my friend, you will be missed!

Mary Gaiski - January 12, 2021 at 04:26 PM

KL

Bruce and I collaborated on many creative communications projects over the past 40 years. He was one of the brightest and truly open-minded people I have ever known. The beach house that Bruce and Irv designed and built in Lewes was magnificent. He suffered a bad fall there about six months ago and was recovering in a rehab facility. Bruce always had a wry, funny comment about everything. When he was having difficulty texting me recently, I asked if he'd had a stroke. He replied, "No. I just saw a Trump commercial." And during our last phone call in late October, he was "planning a jail break" from the long-term care facility. He was a brilliant communicator and a truly gentle soul. I was privileged to have known him well, and will miss him dearly.

Kelley Lott - January 13, 2021 at 06:23 PM

KR

Bruce will be a loss to the manufactured housing industry. Our sympathies to his loved ones.

Ken & Donna Rishel - January 14, 2021 at 06:56 PM

TM

Bruce was a long-time friend with whom we had recently re-connected by phone. He was a faithful and attentive friend: warm, funny, caring and engaging, with a great big heart. We will never forget him.

Tim McLean - January 29, 2021 at 02:53 PM

LI

It is so wonderful to read everyone's memories of Bruce. He was my very hip uncle and I find comfort in reading your posts about his infectious laugh, love of the beach and leadership and connections with you in the many facets of your lives. -Lisa

Lisa - March 29, 2021 at 01:45 PM