



Bruce Giles

September 17, 1952 - November 28, 2018

After a short illness, Bruce Giles, age 66, died peacefully Wednesday, November 28, 2018. He was surrounded by his wife, Vicky, and three daughters, Tori, Lorien and Chelsy. It's hard to capture Bruce's spirit in words, as he meant so much to so many. His infectious smile and love of life touched all who knew him, and he will not ever be forgotten.

He was a loving husband to his wife of 39 years, a wonderful father to his three daughters, a talented singer/songwriter and wallpaper hanger, and a dear friend to so many. His intellect, wit, and sense of humor combined with his love of life and amazing voice made friendship with him so easy.

Bruce was born in Atlanta, Georgia, to Claude and Mary Giles. He graduated from Avondale High School in 1970 and from the University of Georgia in 1975 with a degree in Sociology. His first job after college was with the DeKalb County Family and Children Services, where he worked as a food stamp caseworker. It was there that he met his wife, Vicky.

Bruce was a talented singer/songwriter, playing in several duos, and later becoming the lead singer in his bands, 'Old Number 7' and 'Get Out of Town,' where he had quite a following. During these years, the group performed gigs not only in the metro Atlanta area but also in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

He owned his own wallcovering installation company where, for over 35 years, he transformed homes with his unique perfection.

He loved the Braves, the Falcons, the Dawgs and his garden, growing crops of vegetables every year that he shared with whomever needed or wanted them.

One of his proudest accomplishments is the Fiddlers, which he began as an Easter celebration of camping, friendship and music. This annual outdoor gathering and musical event spans generations and has touched hundreds, and it will celebrate its 40th year this spring.

Bruce - also known as Daddy, Grand Dude, Mayor, and King of the Weasels - formed many lifelong friendships throughout all of these years and will be sorely missed by many. He loved life, his family, his music and his friends. And they loved him.

Will the Circle Be Unbroken.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Vicky Giles, daughters and son-in-law, Tori Lee, Lorien and

Steven Moran, Chelsy Giles; grandsons, Mason and Jace Moran; brothers, Jim Giles, Bob Giles; sisters-in-law, mother-in law, nieces, nephews, aunts, cousins and many, many friends whose life he touched.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at Scot Ward's Green Meadow Chapel with Michael Thorpe, Magistrate and Presbyterian Elder officiating. Family will receive friends Friday, December 7, 2018 from 4 until 6 p.m. at the funeral home. For those desiring, may make donations In Memory of Bruce Giles to <https://www.cosmicawareness.com/bruce>. Condolences may be submitted on-line at www.scotward.com. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Rd., Conyers, GA, 770-483-7216.

Events

DEC **Visitation** 04:00PM - 06:00PM

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Scot Ward Funeral Services at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens
699 American Legion Road, Conyers, GA, US, 30012

DEC **Service** 01:00PM

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Scot Ward's Green Meadow Chapel
699 American Legion Road, Conyers, GA, US, 30012

Comments



“ Dear Vicky,
I was so saddened to hear of Bruce's passing. He was an unique and talented man who I had the privilege of knowing during DFCS days. I give you my sincere condolences upon your loss.
Paul Nolan

PAUL NOLAN - December 11, 2018 at 11:37 AM



“ Vicky and Tori, peace be to Bruce and also to you. May your memories of the your good times with Bruce remain vivid and comfort you. I remember your talking about Bruce at work - good man. Your friend from APB, John Harrison

John Harrison - December 11, 2018 at 10:09 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce Giles.



December 07, 2018 at 10:17 AM



“ 57 files added to the album LifeTributes



Scot Ward Funeral Services - December 05, 2018 at 03:28 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Bruce Giles.



December 05, 2018 at 10:49 AM



“ Hi Vicky

It's Ted

A few thoughts for you and yours.

Always grateful to have been included among Bruce's many friends. While not shy about ribbing me with handles like 'Yankee' and 'city slicker', there has always been a warmth and ease to Bruce that made me feel welcome, a feeling with which all who knew him, I'm sure, are well familiar. (I can tell you right now I'm not feeling this past tense, and I believe Bruce would tell us, were we able to listen, it's not, strictly, accurate.)

Because beneath that easy going down home demeanor lurked a very active and inquisitive mind that enjoyed questioning the nature of All Things as they really are, and as they might someday be. To that end, we shared countless conversations, many of them long into the night. If the phone rang after midnight, it was no mystery to me who was on the other end. (Just don't call him before noon.)

In more recent days, however, with his health declining, breath too short to even converse comfortably, much less pursue the activities in life he most favored, our words were fewer, mostly addressing his concerns for his family.

While Bruce's clear sense of frustration, powerlessness, and of feeling trapped by immediate circumstances were painfully evident of late, he also spent a life-time piecing together the bigger picture to who we all really are, and to where he believed we must ultimately return.

Bruce has always been a tribal leader, of a sort, so while his absence now can't help but leave a terrible hole in the lives of his much beloved family and friends, I suspect he's simply moved on to collect those who've strayed out ahead of him, and to scout out the way for the rest of us to eventually follow.

Later, dude.

ted westfall - December 04, 2018 at 06:38 PM



“ Kerry, Barbara, Roy and Amelia Davidson purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Bruce Giles.



Kerry, Barbara, Roy and Amelia Davidson - December 04, 2018 at 06:31 PM



“ Vicky,

I am so sorry to hear about this. Sending you peace.....

Deb Basnight

Deborah Basnight - December 04, 2018 at 01:35 PM



“ The Rohrback family -Pau & Debi purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Bruce Giles.



The Rohrback family -Pau & Debi - December 04, 2018 at 12:41 PM



“ You will be missed my friend...

Sue Pursell - December 04, 2018 at 10:55 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Bruce Giles.



December 03, 2018 at 07:15 PM