



## Bruce G. Vanek

June 7, 1955 - July 7, 2022

Bruce G. Vanek, age 67, of Richmond Heights, passed away suddenly but peacefully at his home on July 7th, 2022. He was born in Cleveland on June 7th, 1955, to the late Mickey and Dorothy Vanek (nee Mallinak).

He was a proud and loving husband, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend who will be greatly missed by many. Founding partner in a successful business Tetrad Electronics Inc. he retired at the age of 58. Bruce was an experienced traveler who loved taking cruises, enjoyed gambling, and attending concerts around the country involving his family and friends. When COVID stunted his traveling, he took to building model ships and he completed three which he named COVID 1-3. Bruce was an avid sports fan. He was a man of love who enriched the lives of those who knew him. Bruce will be fondly remembered for his generosity, kindness, and sense of humor.

Bruce is survived by his siblings Doreen (Craig) Kalicki, Denise (Charles) Strasshofer, Renee (J.J.) Stefan, sister-in-law Nancy (Chris) Brenner. Bruce also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and cherished friends. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 27 years Dana Marie Vanek (nee Hatchett) whom he married on August 31, 1986. He is also preceded in death by his parents and brothers Mickey Vanek and Ken Vanek.

A Celebration of Life will be held in the near future to honor his life. Donations can be made in his name to the Alzheimer's Association.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Monreal Srnick Funeral Home.



# Tribute Wall

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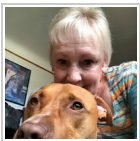
NPH - July 27, 2022 at 01:08 PM

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“ Bruce was a huge presence in our lives, with his kindness, playfulness, humor and love of living. We were fortunate to travel with him, have him visit us in Texas and NM and we will always treasure those times with him. What a unique and great person he was and will be sorely missed. Hope he is having more adventures on the other side! Love you, Bruce! Chris and Nancy



NPH - July 27, 2022 at 01:04 PM



“ I've known Bruce since the late 70s. He was a great guy, generous and always upbeat. He loved rock and roll and jazz and we shared the same love of music. We lost a great friend.

Barb Forestall - July 22, 2022 at 01:44 PM

TJ

“ My Sweet Bruce, it’s difficult for me to realize your gone. Next weekend you and Barb were coming to visit me in my new home in Tullahoma Tennessee. I already checked out the casinos and the only two bars in town lol. Everyone else has said it perfectly; kind hearted, generous, and beautiful soul but no one mentioned how shy he was and how he turn bright red if you teased him. My husband called him “Einstein” for obvious reasons. I’ve known Bruce for many years through Barb and Tina. I went to several concerts with Bruce in style in a limo he provided. I also went on a few cruise’s with him, Barb, Tina, and Natalie. He upgraded us to the top deck on our European Cruise and we were treated like royalty! If you went anywhere with him it was the best of everything. We called ourselves “Bruce’s Harem” and he laughed at that. I remember he gave Tina the sweetest gift for her birthday. A hand selected CD of music he made that he knew she’d like from the many years they’ve known each other. It was so sweet and special. He also knew how to travel with a bunch of women. He’d say “I’ll meet you Ladies in the casino or bar”. He was so accommodating and easy going. I’m going to miss you my friend. My heart aches for his Renee, Denise, Barb, and Tina who are devastated by the lose of you. RIP and Gods Speed my friend. Love, Terry Jacobs



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Terry Ann Jacobs - July 19, 2022 at 05:43 PM

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Barb - July 18, 2022 at 10:54 PM

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Barb - July 18, 2022 at 10:53 PM



“ Bruce is the kindest person I have ever known and realize how lucky I am to have been able to have him as a dear friend. He loved travel, concerts, fine dining and gambling and we were able to fit all 4 into most of our adventures and everyone was “the best ever”. When at a casino he made it his mission to find me a winning machine, he was not very successful but on our last trip I was very lucky for him when he had me play his favorite multiple hand poker machine. He was so happy when he returned to find I made him \$ instead of losing it at a rapid rate. I will miss making fun of the Browns and having him in my football pool and laughing at my silly trash talk every week. The last concert we attended was the Eagles and last night I saw an Eagles tribute band and the ended the show with Amazing Grace and I thought of my friend Bruce. He will always be in my heart and I miss him very much. Tina Tarvin



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Tina Tarvin - July 17, 2022 at 10:11 PM

KW

“ Bruce was my favorite person! I have never met anyone quite like him and I’m pretty sure, I never will again. He had the biggest heart and the sweetest soul. He gave life 100% and knew how to get the most out of it. And he gave the people he cared about 100% of who he was along the way. I used to call him “Bruce Almighty” because that’s who he was to me. So he used to sign cards “BA”

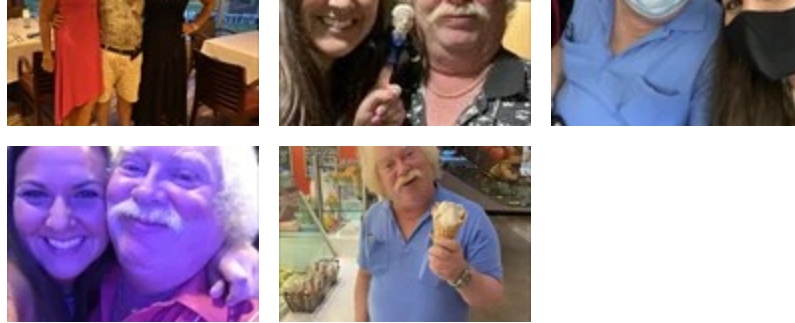
*I feel so lucky to have known him. Anyone who even met him was lucky. But to actually KNOW him and be loved by him was where the people in his life really hit the jackpot! He made EVERYONE feel important. We talked nearly every day and spent a lot of our time playing at casinos together and eating good food. I loved going to concerts with him and eating delicious food and listening to him educate me about something I didn’t know, since he knew everything. Lol. I was lucky enough to spend Bruce’s last birthday with him at the Meadows casino.*

*Yesterday, we were supposed to go to his FIRST Jimmy Buffett concert. Seeing as Bruce has been to more concerts than anyone I’ve known, I wanted to take him to his first Jimmy Buffett. Before Bruce passed, he ordered parrot shaped cookies for our event. Renee and Denise made sure I received these before the concert. Bruce and I also discussed his attire for the day. He sent me a picture of the shirt he was going to wear and I asked Renee and Denise if they minded if I had it. Apparently, they found it already packed in his suitcase, just waiting to be worn for Jimmy Buffett. And it did get worn! 😊*

*Bruce lived an amazing life and changed the lives of so many people in his 67 years. Mine included. I am a better person because of him and my heart is happier because I was friends with the most amazing person. I will always miss Bruce but I’ll always be thankful that I had him in my life.*

*I love you.*





Karen Wagner - July 17, 2022 at 08:12 PM

CP

“ *The first time I met Bruce was at a barbecue at Barb’s. We got to talking and within 5 minutes I felt that we had known each other for years and were the best of friends. That was the kind of guy he was, accessible, a good listener, interested in what you had to say. I always looked forward to seeing him when Barb said Bruce will be in town. Needless to say I miss him and his bright smile and the good wine we shared. Clive*



Clive Powell - July 17, 2022 at 07:51 PM

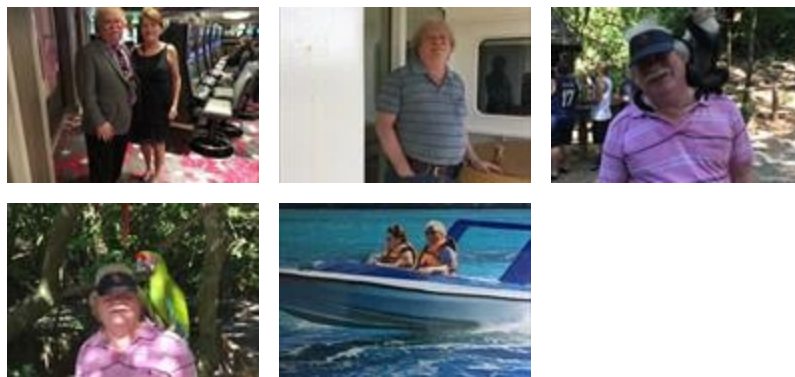
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*I didn't know him personally but I work with his sister Denise and she's one of the kindest and gentle person I ever met...and she talks about all of siblings all of the time about the trips and fun filled excursions, so just from our conversations I knew he was a special person and cool guy...hang in there Denise, love you're co-worker Esterine*

Estrinew@yahoo.com - July 18, 2022 at 10:55 AM

DS

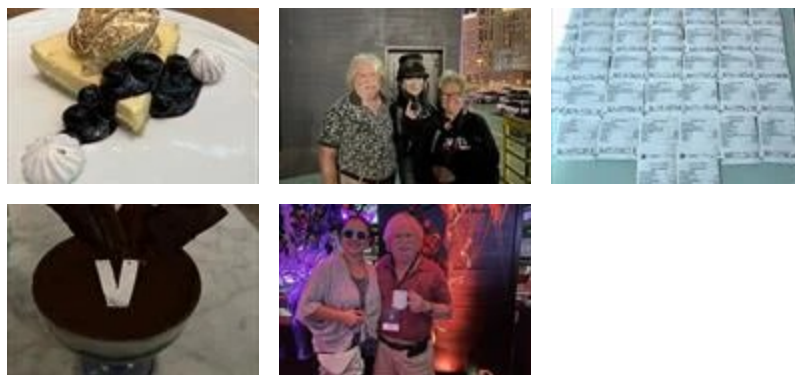
“ As everyone knows, Bruce loved to go on cruises and I had the opportunity to join him on 4 of them. The pictures you may see are all from those experiences. Bruce was adventurous most of the time but I was unable to convince him to do zip-lining. We all know how much he loved gambling so the SoCal folks were able to take Bruce to Los Alamitos Race Track to bet on the ponies. He loved strategizing how he was going to bet on each race. In addition, a few of us arranged some trips to the local Indian Casinos. Bruce was the most generous and kind man I ever met and I will certainly miss him. Del Stewart



Del Stewart - July 17, 2022 at 07:36 PM

BA

“ Bruce loving life.



Barb - July 16, 2022 at 10:03 AM

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“ At an early age Bruce knew what he wanted!



Renee - July 15, 2022 at 04:28 PM



“ Bruce has been considered to be a family member for decades. He was at birthday party's, clambakes, retirement party's, vacations Halloween party's and when we were younger and more adventurous white water rafting. He will be truly missed. He was kind, generous and caring. Love You Bruce!



Patty Hufgard-Nummi - July 15, 2022 at 04:25 PM

RS

“ Bruce with his sisters Denise and Renee These are just a few pics of our casino selfies that we could not stop laughing to take a “good one” ever. There is the last weekend 3.13.2020 before the COVID shutdown we were at Seneca Allegheny Casino in Salamanca NY. Leaving that Sunday we couldn’t understand why they were shutting half of the slots off! Then, of course leave it to Bruce to find an open Casino as soon as government allowed in West Virginia and away we went with our masks and temperature checks at the entrance and every other slot machine off. Bruce would take us for getaway weekends to Casino and concerts before and after COVID. We laughed, drank and gambled. We were there for his jackpot win 4.17.21 made a blanket out of it! These are just a handful of our selfies and I will treasure every one of our trips forever.  
Renee



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Renee Stefan - July 14, 2022 at 03:12 PM

MH

“ Bruce has always been considered a member of my family and will be missed and I will cherish the fun memories that I have of him. I am thankful for having him in my life.



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**Mary Hoon** - July 14, 2022 at 11:19 AM

LT

“ Remembering visiting Grama & Grampa's house as a kid and watching Bruce, Denise, and Renee all decked out in the coolest 70s attire for a night on the town. I can picture Uncle Bruce in those bell bottoms and a snazzy dress shirt. Lisa

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**Lisa Tschampl** - July 14, 2022 at 11:02 AM