



Bruce D Karazia

May 13, 1949 - October 8, 2017

Bruce D. Karazia, 68, of Kalkaska, passed away on October 8, 2017 at Grand Traverse Pavilions in Traverse City. He was born on May 13, 1949 in Mt. Clemens, the son of the late Joseph and June (Russell) Karazia.

Bruce graduated from Roseville High School in 1967, Western Michigan University in 1971 with a Bachelor's degree in Physical Education and Speech and in 1975 with a Master's degree in Physical Education. Bruce taught in Roseville for a year and then joined the Detroit Police Department from 1973 -1978. In 1978 he was hired by the Michigan State Police and worked until retirement in 2003 in the Fire Arms and Bomb Squad.

Bruce married Luana Strzempka on December 15, 1973 at St. Alphonsus in Dearborn. He lived in Detroit, Livonia and moved to Rapid City in 2014. Bruce was a member of St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church.

Bruce was an avid tennis player, a "great" grandpa who loved to spoil his granddaughters and a wonderful husband.

Survivors include his wife, Luana; his son, Bryan (Sarah) Karazia of Rapid City; granddaughters, Sadie and Adalynn.

Bruce was preceded in death by his brother, Wayne.

Burial will be at Clearwater Twp. Cemetery.

Memorials may be given in Bruce's name to the Kalkaska Animal Control Shelter, 605 N. Birch St., Kalkaska, MI 49646

Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Bruce in the mid-80s when I was a police officer in the 2nd District. Always professional, always there when you needed him and a lot of fun to be around. Greatly missed.

T Reese - April 05 at 01:52 PM



“ Bruce D Karazia

January 30, 2023 at 04:02 AM



“ Bruce D Karazia

January 30, 2023 at 01:03 AM

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“ So sorry to read of your lose. Death is an enemy whenever it strikes. The words at Rev 21:3,4 are a real comfort as it offers a hope for our loved ones we have lost in death. My hope is this is a comfort to to you as well now and in the months ahead. And please except my deep sympathy for your lose.

karen sw - October 16, 2017 at 09:49 AM

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“ I am so sad to hear of my old friends passing. He was a great Partner at the Northville Post. I will forever remember and cherish his support during my rough times.
Mark Warner

Mark Warner - October 11, 2017 at 11:01 AM



“ *Lu and Brian, as you know, Bruce held a very special place in my heart from the first time we met at the Pavilions last year... his will to live and be as independent as he could- what an honor I had to be a part of achieving this! Thank you for allowing me to again be a part of his physical recovery, if even for a short time this past month! You all will forever be in my thoughts... sending much love and peace...Kristin McCormick*

Kristin Bryan McCormick - October 11, 2017 at 09:32 AM