



## H. Bruce Southwell

March 25, 1950 - June 15, 2023

Howard Bruce Southwell, 73, of Mancelona, was called home to his Savior on Thursday, June 15, 2023. Born March 25, 1950, in Traverse City, MI, he was the eldest son of the late Harold Freemont Southwell and Marie (Badgley) Southwell.

Bruce was a 1968 graduate of Mancelona High School, and he attended Spring Arbor College in Spring Arbor, MI.

He was a member of Evergreen Bible Baptist Church in Kalkaska where he served for many years as a Sunday School Teacher, as well as the Song Leader and Choir Director.

Bruce was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time in the woods. He also enjoyed rock hunting with his family in the Upper Peninsula.

Bruce is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Barbara E. (Phelps) Southwell; two children, his daughter, Hilary A. (William E.) Fisher II, and a son, Joshua "Bryce" (Tanya L.) Southwell; two sisters, Sherry Kilbourn and Barb Smith; a twin brother Harold Bryce Southwell; and eight grandchildren, Jensen, Isabella, Annaliese, Jared, Liam, Ella, Chloe, and Arabella.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, June 22, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at Evergreen Bible Baptist Church. Pastor William Kuiper officiating. The family will receive friends at 10:00 a.m. at church, until the time of service. A luncheon will follow in the family center at church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Bruce's name to

Evergreen Bible Baptist Church, 1972 Saunders Rd SE, Kalkaska, MI 49646.  
Arrangements provided by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving  
yours.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Grove Cemetery

Kalkaska, MI 49646

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Evergreen Bible Baptist Church  
1972 Saunders Rd SE  
Kalkaska, MI 49646-9367  
(231) 258-9101

# Tribute Wall

AB

“ I remember riding horses in the trout festival parade with Bruce. Sorry he has passed.

Adrian c Buyze - June 28, 2023 at 11:27 AM

MW

“ Mark W. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of H. Bruce Southwell.



Mark W. - June 21, 2023 at 11:08 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of H. Bruce Southwell.



June 21, 2023 at 09:24 AM

TL

“ Aunt Barb, Hilary, Josh and family. I'm so sorry to hear about Uncle Bruce and equally sorry that I cannot be with you at this time. I'm sending love and prayers. Uncle Bruce has always been one of my heroes. Always with a big smile, loving hug and kiss for me. So glad I got to see you both last September. I love you all. Love Teresa (Florida)



Teresa LaFontaine - June 19, 2023 at 05:42 PM

BS

Bruce was not only a co-worker of mine of almost 8 years, he was so much more than that. He was a friend, a mentor & I truly considered him like a grandfather he was to me. I'm going to miss Bruce's stories & comraderie. My sincerest thoughts & prayers go out to his family & loved ones. Bruce loved to talk about his family & many hobbies. I for one, am truly going to miss hearing those stories. The world lost a great man and he will forever be eternal grateful to him & what I've learned from him. I miss you & I love you Bruce. May you rest in peace with the Lord above.

Love, Bryan Shaw

Bryan Shaw - June 20, 2023 at 05:05 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of H. Bruce Southwell.



June 19, 2023 at 07:22 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Howard "Bruce" Southwell.

June 19, 2023 at 07:22 AM



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



June 18, 2023 at 11:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Howard "Bruce" Southwell.

June 18, 2023 at 11:05 PM



“ I remember Bruce having a wonderful singing voice and such a kind soul! Prayers to all the Family during this time of loss! Praise God we will all see him again one day soon!  
Love to all !  
Jeanette and the Sullivan Family

Jeanette Sullivan - June 18, 2023 at 10:06 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of H. Bruce Southwell.*



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June 18, 2023 at 09:56 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Howard "Bruce" Southwell.

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June 18, 2023 at 09:56 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of H. Bruce Southwell.*



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June 17, 2023 at 09:00 AM



“ *To aunt Barb and family. My deepest condolences. David "Davey" Southwell - San Antonio, TX*

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**David J. Southwell** - June 16, 2023 at 08:39 PM