



## Bruce Robert Clark

June 16, 1947 - July 5, 2024

Bruce Robert Clark, 77, died Friday, July 5, 2024, at his home in Iron Mountain, MI with his family and loved ones at his side.

Bruce was born June 16, 1947 at the Stambaugh General Hospital in Stambaugh, Michigan. He was the son of the late Earl and Rose (Tersi) Clark of Stambaugh. He was a graduate of Stambaugh High School and went on to Michigan Technology University earning a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering. This is where he met his future wife Elizabeth "Beth" Tonkin. Bruce spent most of his career, 28 years, at Lake Shore Inc. starting as a design engineer and advanced through several management positions with relocations to Boise, ID and Denver, Colorado. Upon returning to Iron Mountain, Michigan, he was promoted to Vice President of the Mining Machinery Group and then, President. He was an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church, loved to play golf, and was caring and loving to all those who knew him. He enjoyed travel, food, and spending time with loved ones. He was a great story-teller and loved to make people laugh. He was so many things to so many people and made sure everyone he knew felt his love. Bruce never met a stranger. With a smile and a few kind words, people instantly bonded with him and became friends. He was a gift to everyone he met.

Bruce is survived by his wife Beth of 54 years; his daughters, Debby (Andy)

Oliver, Sarah Powell (Jason Gendron), Jessy Clark (Travis Garrett), and Jennifer (Kayle) Ahola. He also leaves 6 grandchildren, Alex and Ella Oliver, Luke and Madison Powell, Anneli Ahola, and Gage Gendron. Bruce was the youngest of eight children and is survived by his sisters, Shirley (Bob) Nardi, Rose Marie (Mike) Haag, Dolores (Al) Deatheridge, Judith (Mike) Childs, and Sue (Fred) Winborne.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rose and Earl Clark, his sisters LaVerne (Harold) Allen, infant sister Vivian, Carolyn (Jerry) Reidel, and his in-laws, Robert (Bob) and Eunice Tonkin.

Visitation will be held on August 9, 2024 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Iron Mountain, Michigan, from 9:30 AM until 12:00 PM (noon). A Celebration of Life will be held at 12:00 PM noon at the church. Rev. Crystal Thomas will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, it is respectfully requested that gifts of money shall be given to the Dickinson County Cancer Unit Loan Closet and Trinity United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Bruce Robert Clark online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 9. 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church  
808 Carpenter Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

## Celebration of Life

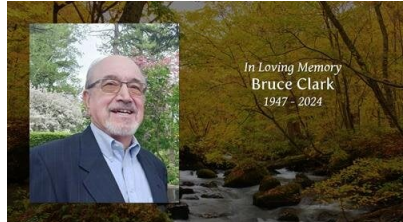
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# Tribute Wall



“ Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bruce Robert Clark



Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home - August 09, 2024 at 10:44 AM

GL

*We just heard about Bruce's passing from a mutual friend, Ned Aldridge. It has been quite a few years since leaving Kingsford but Mary and I still talk about our seven years there and the wonderful people we still think of as friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Beth. Love to all; Mary & Gregg Lambrecht*

Gregg Lambrecht - August 29, 2024 at 06:18 PM

MS

“ M.Todd Stamps purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Bruce Robert Clark.



M.Todd Stamps - August 07, 2024 at 04:37 PM

MS

“ M.Todd Stamps planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce Robert Clark.

M.Todd Stamps - August 07, 2024 at 04:37 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce Robert Clark.*



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August 05, 2024 at 07:35 PM



“ *Love, Chrissy, Reese and Tessa Liazuk planted a <a href="/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518">Memorial Tree</a> in honor of Bruce Robert Clark.*

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**Love, Chrissy, Reese and Tessa Liazuk** - August 05, 2024 at 07:35 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of Bruce's passing. I remember our college days: living in the same residence hall (Wadsworth Hall), studying together and Bruce always made room for me to catch a ride home if he was heading to Iron River on the weekend. I enjoyed his friendship and appreciated his kindness.*  
*Conrad Fredlund*

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**Conrad Fredlund** - August 02, 2024 at 11:25 AM



“ *I have many memories of Bruce at Tech and the KD house. We kept in touch all these years and will truly miss him. My condolences to his family.*

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**Dick Sieradzki** - July 16, 2024 at 01:51 PM

MA

“ Dearly remembered by Terzi Family in Italy (Bruce's Mother origin). We met him and Beth and his own sisters in 2018 during his trip to our town Cavriago. He was a good heart and audacious person who taught us about his family past and shared his tradition with us. We keep a wonderful memory of his visit.

Mauro - July 12, 2024 at 08:39 AM

LT

“ We're so sorry to hear about Bruce's passing. Our prayers and sympathy are with you all during your time of loss and sorrow.

Larry and Carol Trevillian - July 11, 2024 at 06:16 PM

AN

“ Always loved a visit from Dad's Uncle Butch and the family. My dad, his sister Shirley's step-son, adored all of you so very much as did the rest of us Nardis. Wishing you all love.

Anthony Nardi - July 10, 2024 at 08:57 AM

LJ

“ Lou Leg, Jin Juhn purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bruce Robert Clark.



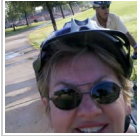
Lou Leg, Jin Juhn - July 09, 2024 at 03:16 PM

JJ

“ Bruce was a great and very intelligent guy. I remember when he made that kicking machine for Tom Worley at one of the annual Christmas parties at the KD house. We're all going to miss him a lot.  
Jin Juhn

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**Jin Juhn** - July 09, 2024 at 02:54 PM



“ Bruce was always making us laugh, enjoying the day. He and Beth came to our Theta Chi reunion Sept 2023 in Excelsior, MN bringing a LOT of Alaska salmon. Along with some other husbands, they had salads and grilled salmon and steak for 25 people. Wonderful times and great memories.



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**Ruth McLeod** - July 09, 2024 at 01:08 PM

DB

“ What a sad day for all of us  
Prayers and love being sent to Beth and the family  
Dave and Judy Buszka

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**Dave and Judy Buszka** - July 09, 2024 at 09:40 AM

RS

“ I had the pleasure of working with Bruce for many years. I also played golf with him many times over the years. Bruce was a true friend to me and everyone he was around.

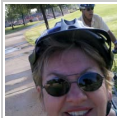
I still tell the story where Bruce hit the worst hook on the 9th hole at Pine Grove. The ball found it's way through the trees and rolled through the parking lot and went in the open back door of the old clubhouse ending up in the kitchen. A young lady picked up the ball inside by the freezer and came to the back door. Bruce's humor compelled him to say to her that he was supposed to play it from the freezer area. She said she was sorry for picking it up and then Bruce told her he was joking with her. We all laughed so hard that morning. I still laugh to this day.

I will always be thankful I had the opportunity to know Bruce.

Ron Sendzik

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Ron Sendzik - July 08, 2024 at 09:48 PM



Great story! Typical Bruce . . . always smiling and making the most of a moment.

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Ruth McLeod - July 09, 2024 at 01:00 PM

AR

Beth and family,

We send prayers and sympathy. Bruce was loved by everyone. He worked at Habitat with Gordy just before his diagnosis and was highly respected and liked by the work crew. His strength during his illness was incredible and his love of life and others was an inspiration.

Alice and Gordy Reed

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Alice Reed - July 13, 2024 at 01:33 AM

PN

*Beth and family,*

*Sending prayers and our deepest sympathy. Bruce was a great friend, fraternity brother and roommate.*

*Paul and Debra Niesen*

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**Paul Niesen** - July 15, 2024 at 05:36 PM

BD

*My deepest sympathies to Bruce's family. He was a great guy who I enjoyed talking with whenever we had a KD reunion. May he rest in peace.*

*Bill Deephouse*

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**Bill Deephouse** - July 16, 2024 at 12:30 PM

WC

*Dear Beth*

*We were so sorry to hear of Bruce's passing and the loss of another great KD. We will cherish the memories of all the good times we shared at Tech and beyond.*

*Kathy and Bill Coon*

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**William Coon** - July 17, 2024 at 03:24 PM

AM

*I just loved Clem's laugh that he was so generous with. I am so glad that we reconnected the last few years. Ruth & I will miss him greatly.*

*Al & Ruth McLeod*

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**Al McLeod** - July 23, 2024 at 09:52 AM