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Big Rapids - Bruce William Jacobs, 77, of Big Rapids, passed away Thursday, September 2, 2021, at Newaygo County Compassion Home in Fremont. He was born June 7, 1944, in Holland, the son of William and Beatrice (Kooyers) Jacobs. Bruce graduated from Holland High School in 1962, attended Ferris State College and received his Master's Degree from Michigan State University. For 31 years, Bruce worked at Ferris State University, teaching Heavy Equipment Technology. Bruce was a member of the Big Rapids Aerie Eagles #2535, and the BPO Elks # 974. He enjoyed the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing, and had many memories of Norway Lake Bear Camp. Bruce loved to feed large crowds, helping with the Elks fish fries and the turkey feeds at Ferris.

In 1964, Bruce married Phyllis R. Caauwe, who survives. Also surviving are their children, Tim (Jen) of Buffalo Grove, IL and Katie Maxon of Iron Mountain; five grandchildren Benjamin, Heloise, and Cam Jacobs, Jacob and Lucas Maxon; his brother Bill (Nancy) Jacobs of Hamilton; his sister Barb (Mike) Bettiga of Denton, TX; and several nieces and nephews

Bruce's family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the staff at Altercare, Elara Caring Hospice, Newaygo County Compassion Home, Spectrum Home Health Care, nurse Jodi, Dr. Rachel Williams, and Spectrum Advanced Heart Failure Clinic for their kindness and excellent care.

Memorial services will be at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, September 19, 2021, at Mohnke Funeral Home in Big Rapids with Pastor Jeremy Wicks officiating. Bruce's family will greet friends at the funeral home beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. The Celebration of his life will continue with a luncheon from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. on Sunday at the Mecosta Township Hall. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his name may be made to Newaygo County Compassion Home, or a charity of your



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choice. Care and arrangements are entrusted to the Mohnke Funeral Home in Big Rapids. Share a memory or express condolences at www.mohnkefuneralhome.com.



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CB

Chuck & Rachel Bonning posted:

Phyllis, so sorry to hear the news about Bruce. I was assigned to Heavy Equipment for a couple of semesters when they were short on instructors. When I was told I really was upset because I really didn't feel that I was very knowledgeable in that area. My

September 19 at 8:00 PM

RC

Rhonda And Dan Carey posted:

We are deeply saddened and would like to express our condolences. We will miss your visits up to the U.P. It was always full of laughs.

September 12 at 8:00 PM

AW

Austin Williams posted:

Sorry to hear of Bruce's passing. He was a great guy and Professor. Thoughts and prayers are with you.

September 8 at 8:00 PM

BH

Bill Hillary posted:

We are so sorry to learn of Bruce's passing. We returned last night from up north and just learned the sad news. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

September 7 at 8:00 PM

JB

Jean Bennett posted:

Sorry to hear about Bruce's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

September 7 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bruce by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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