



Bruce C. Cuppan

June 3, 1941 - December 21, 2024

Bruce C. Cuppan, went to his heavenly home on December 21, 2024, at the age of 83 years 6 months and 18 days. His Savior Jesus' arms were waiting to welcome him home. He was born on June 3, 1941, in Milwaukee, WI, the son of Charles and Ruth (Noennig) Cuppan. He graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran High School in Milwaukee, and from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where he received his Mechanical Engineering degrees.

On June 20, 1965, Bruce married Else Flegel at Trinity Lutheran Church in Waukesha, WI. In 1967 he joined the Giddings & Lewis Machine Tool Co. and retired from there in June 1999. Bruce was a faithful member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Fond du Lac since 1967. Throughout the years he served on both the school board and church council, as well as treasurer of the congregation for many years. After his son David was born with Down Syndrome in 1970, he became a member of the Arc where he served in many capacities. He was president of the Board of Directors when the Arc purchased its first group home and built its second one. He served on the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod (WELS) Commission on Special Ministries for twenty years, and chaired the Special Education Services Committee which promoted and initiated the religious training of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and supported the publishing of religious educational materials.

In his leisure time Bruce enjoyed fishing, hunting, golfing, bowling, and playing cribbage with family and friends. He took his family on many trips throughout

the United States, and later he and Else visited other places in Europe where she had lived prior to immigrating to the United States. Bruce's family is especially grateful to his special friends, Steve Klabunde, for his countless visits to Bruce since last March, and to Jerry Fricken, for his calls since he was hospitalized. Special thanks also to Hospice Home of Hope for their kind, gentle care.

Bruce is survived by his loving wife Else; sons Steve of Markesan, David of Fond du Lac, and daughter Sarah Paasch of North Fond du Lac; grandchildren Zach Jerdee (Halley Rymer), Danae Jerdee (Berto Camberos), Breanna Jerdee, MaKenna Jerdee, and Dillon (Madison) Jerdee; and his great-grandchildren Mazziana, Malahni, Melly, Amaya, Stella, and Willow. He is also survived by his sister's daughter Ellen (Joel) Suckow and their family; brothers and sisters in-law Helmut and Annie Flegel, Erna Seifert, Vic Flegel, and Don and Wally Kissinger and their families; and other special relatives and friends.

Bruce is preceded in death by his parents; his sister Kathleen, her husband Paul Eickmann, and their children Betsy and Daniel; parents in-law Nathanael and Emilie Flegel; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Lilli and Frank Hradelowitz and their son Gerald; son-in-law Timothy Jerdee and other relatives and friends.

A Christian funeral service will be held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 1600 South Main Street, Fond du Lac, WI, on Monday, December 30, 2024, at 11:00 AM, with Rev. Peter Lindemann and Rev. Luke Boehringer officiating. Visitation will be from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. The body has been cremated and will be interred at Ledgeview Memorial Park.

Memorials may be directed to St. Peters Lutheran Church, Winnebago Lutheran Academy, or the Arc of Fond du Lac.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 30. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church
1600 S. Main Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54937

Service

DEC 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Sincere sympathy to Else and all of Bruce's family. I learned just yesterday that Bruce had died. I worked with him for many years at Giddings & Lewis. The way he cheerfully approached his tasks, plus the fact he was always a perfect gentleman, was admirable. May he Rest In Peace.

Don Cayen - February 04, 2025 at 06:48 AM

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“ I enjoyed bowling with Bruce on Wednesday nights. He was always friendly and was fun to chat with. Rest in Peace. Tom Deitte

Tom G Deitte - December 26, 2024 at 06:16 PM

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“ I worked with Bruce many years ago when I was a clerk typist in Engineering at G&L. I remember how he was always walking and how fast he could!! Rest in peace. Patty (Ingram) Minter

Patty Minter - December 26, 2024 at 04:51 PM

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“ To Else, David, Steve, and Sarah: Please accept our sincere condolences on Bruce's passing. I enjoyed the opportunity of knowing and working with your family over many years to promote and support all members of the community! Jim and Nancy Gryzwa

Jim Gryzwa - December 24, 2024 at 10:21 AM