



Bruce William Dudley

September 3, 1951 - June 3, 2026

Bruce William Dudley, 74, of Wacousta, a man whose curiosity and love of learning shaped every aspect of his life, died on June 3, 2026. Bruce was born on September 3, 1951, the son of Raymond and Beulah (Fluegel) Dudley.

Bruce graduated from Walled Lake High School before earning a degree in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering from Michigan State University. He spent 38 years working at the Lansing Board of Water and Light, retiring in 2014 as a Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Programmer. On July 31, 1998, he married Laurie Briggs and together they shared 27 years of love raising their son, Noah.

Bruce's greatest joy was his family. A devoted husband and father, he loved his wife and son deeply and supported them in every way possible. Bruce proudly attended Noah's scouting and band activities, celebrating Noah's accomplishments every step of the way. His unwavering devotion was evident in his constant presence, encouragement, and willingness to help whenever needed. He took great pride in his family and treasured every opportunity to share in their lives and accomplishments.

During his early years, Bruce lived and worked on the family farm with his siblings and cousins, learning the value of hard work and the importance of

family. Helping cultivate vegetables sparked a lifelong passion for gardening, especially the growing and care of flowers. Throughout his life, he found great joy in tending his gardens and sharing their beauty with others.

Bruce possessed a remarkable intellect, a natural curiosity, and a generous spirit. A lifelong learner, he was often reading, researching, and expanding his knowledge on a wide variety of subjects. Mechanically gifted, he enjoyed taking things apart to understand how they worked and, more often than not, putting them back together again. Whether discussing history, technology, current events, or everyday topics, Bruce could usually provide thoughtful insights, interesting facts, or helpful background information.

Bruce was always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need. He had a natural talent for solving problems and genuinely enjoyed the challenge of finding practical solutions. Whether tackling a complex project, repairing something that was broken, or helping a friend work through a difficult situation, Bruce approached every problem with patience, determination, and thoughtful planning.

A meticulous record keeper, Bruce filled notebooks with observations, information, and details that reflected both his curiosity and appreciation for everyday life. He was also a devoted admirer of automobiles and military aviation, finding endless fascination in their design, performance, and history. Known for seeing value where others might not, Bruce rarely discarded anything he thought could be useful someday. He firmly believed that every item deserved a second chance, a third chance, and often a permanent place in the garage—a trait that brought both amusement and affection to those who knew him best.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Laurie; son Noah (Katie); siblings Sandra (Paul) Progar, Roger (Pam Watson) Dudley, Ralph (Tammy) Dudley, Larry (Gloria)

Dudley. He was predeceased by his parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Bruce's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Service arrangements will be posted once finalized. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society at donate.cancer.org. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.