



Bruce Wendell Masters

September 3, 1942 - April 18, 2026

Bruce Wendell Masters, a quietly perceptive man with a dry sense of humor, died on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at the age of 83. Bruce was born on September 3, 1942, to Lysle and Zella (Kelly) Masters, in Charlotte, and grew up on Pearl Street. Bruce graduated from Charlotte High School in 1960. He was a hard worker, a virtue he instilled in his sons. He worked 23 years at Aluminum Extrusions, in Charlotte, and thereafter as a foreman and later plant manager at Keiper Recaro (later Atwood Automotive), in Battle Creek, and at Paradigm Products, also in Battle Creek. Bruce enjoyed fishing (including on fly-in trips to Canada over the years with his brother, friends and son), traveling, birdwatching, reading, tending to his immaculate lawn, looking after his grandchildren and generally spending time with his family and his dog, Teddy. He was very proud of his family, including his sons, grandchildren and great grandchildren. They will remember his wit, his attendance (often coaching, always cheering) at all their games, the hours he spent tutoring them on their times tables and geometry homework and on how to build a deck, fix a car and clean a fish. He was impressively, unshowily competent at many things (including anything mechanical), but, most memorably, at being a dad.

Bruce is survived by his wife of 57 years, Diane; sons, Bruce (Amanda) Masters, Chris (Candace) Masters and Brett (John White) Masters; grandchildren, Ali (Henrique) Siqueira, Coleton Masters, Caleb Masters,

Jacob Masters, Darton (Chelsea) Jones and Shay (Casey) Beck; great grandchildren, Sam Beck and Ridge Beck; and brothers, Philip (Marilyn) Masters, Gordon (Ronn Blodgett) Masters and Rick Masters.

A memorial lunch and celebration of Bruce's life will be held at First Lutheran Church, in Charlotte, on Saturday, June 27, 2026 from 1:00pm. All friends and acquaintances are encouraged to attend the event and to share any memories on Bruce's tribute page at www.prayfuneral.com <<http://www.prayfuneral.com>>. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Upcoming Events

Memorial

JUN 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Lutheran Church
550 E. Shepherd St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



“ *A great role model.*

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“ *I worked with Bruce many years at Keiper-Recaro Atwood Automotive almost 20 years for me. I recall Bruce would like to think things through before taking action out on anything he did. I always told him we were related because we shared the same Uncle Jim Gjukis! May he rest in peace and the family be proud of a good life lived.*

Brad Simmons - April 26 at 02:38 PM



“ *My cherished memories of my brother Bruce are immense. As the youngest of four my brothers were and are my role models and inspiration. When I was having difficulty in learning to ride a bicycle Bruce adjusted my seat and handlebars. I then was successful in riding my bike. Bruce took me pheasant hunting, the one time I hunted, and he taught me how to shoot - safely. He took me fishing. I will never forget how happy he always seemed to be to talk to me even when we hadn't been in contact for months. I will never forget my brother and all he meant to me. Love you Bruce!*

Rick Masters - April 24 at 08:25 AM



“ *Sending my condolences to the Masters' family, especially Diane and Shay. Bruce was such a generous man and always had a kind, witty word when we would meet. I pray that your hearts may be comforted at this sad time.*

Brynda Filkins - April 23 at 09:10 AM

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“ So sad to hear of the passing of Mr. Masters. He was a kind and humble soul who loved his family with abundance. Sending love and prayers to Mrs. Masters, Bruce, Chris, Brett and families.

Monique Colizzi - April 22 at 07:52 PM

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“ I remember years ago, Diane, her sister and I went Xmas shopping. There were these mens sweaters on sale. So we each bought our husbands one, exactly alike. Then we decided to all go out to dinner and have our husbands wear their sweaters. We couldn't wait for the to take off theirs jackets. Oh did we laugh!

Karen Smith - April 22 at 01:23 PM

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“ Sending our condolences from the staff at ECHRS

ECHRS - April 22 at 10:04 AM