



Bruce Ewald Milke

October 3, 1941 - December 13, 2025

Bruce Ewald Milke, a man who would do anything for anyone, died unexpectedly on Saturday, December 13, 2025. Bruce, 84, of Charlotte, was born on October 3, 1941, in Lansing, the son of Ewald Milke and Marjory Milke-Scholl. Shortly after graduating from high school Bruce enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where he proudly served for 2 years during the Cuban Missile Crisis. From an early age Bruce began working with his father as a brick mason, a career that he loved and proudly worked on several jobs around Charlotte, MSU, and several other locations. He loved traveling around and showing his work to his children and family. Bruce was a proud member of the Charlotte Cruisers and enjoyed showing off his collection of Fords. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion, VFW, and Moose lodge, where he enjoyed shooting pool and playing euchre. Bruce enjoyed watching sports and never missed a Michigan State game. Above all his proudest accomplishment in life was his family and the work ethic he instilled in them.

Bruce is survived by his sons, Bruce (Michelle) Milke II and Brian (Camille) Milke; step-daughter, Shannon (James) Washington; grandchildren, Bruce (Kaitlin) Milke III, Paige (Ryan) Mattox, Taylor (Aryn Melton-Coats) Milke, Mark (Cathy) Swebe, Kristen (James) Dorris, Garrett (Jasmyne Tran) Milke, and Brian Milke II; great-grandchildren, Cameron, Carter, Leo, Louie, Eli, Leona, Seamus, Haven, and London; special friend, Bill Hoople, who helped Bruce in

so many ways; and many extended family members and friends. He was predeceased by his brothers, Andrew and Edmund "Butch" Milke, life companion, Darlene Finnie; father, Ewald Milke; and mother, Marjory (Paul) Scholl.

Friends are encouraged to support Bruce's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Visitation is Thursday, December 18, 2025, from 4-8:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home. Funeral services are Friday, December 19, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the Peace Lutheran Church in Charlotte, with Pastor Dave Augenstein officiating. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Danny's Boys and Shirley's Girls INC. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral

DEC 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Peace Lutheran Church
830 North Cochran Avenue
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Bruce Ewald Milke



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 17, 2025 at 08:49 PM

SM

I am so very sorry to hear of Bruce Srs' passing. He was a very kind man. Prayers for family and friends and all loved ones of Bruce. May God have mercy on him and comfort those who loved him.

Sue Martin - December 18, 2025 at 02:53 AM

KA

“ Kellie, Brija, Kayla, & Alayna planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce Ewald Milke.

Kellie, Brija, Kayla, & Alayna - December 18, 2025 at 08:55 AM

KA

“ Kellie, Brija, Kayla, & Alayna purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bruce Ewald Milke.



Kellie, Brija, Kayla, & Alayna - December 18, 2025 at 08:55 AM

FF

“ From your friends at FedEx planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce Ewald Milke.

From your friends at FedEx - December 18, 2025 at 05:48 AM



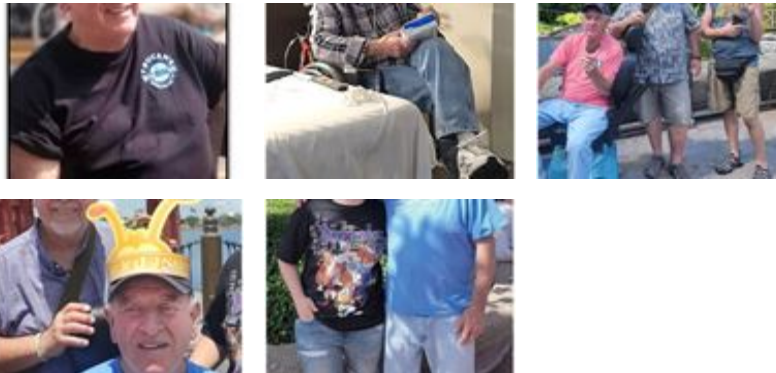
“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bruce Ewald Milke.



December 18, 2025 at 05:48 AM



“ 53 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 17, 2025 at 08:42 PM

CW

“ Chad & Carol Walker lit a candle in memory of Bruce Ewald Milke



Chad & Carol Walker - December 16, 2025 at 10:57 AM

PL

“ My name is Paulette. I am his neighbor Colleen Cashman’s sister-in-love. When I was helping, Colleen mow her lawn with her push lawnmower,
Bruce came over on his riding lawnmower and showed me how to do it! He then showed me how to operate the riding lawnmower because he knew I was too stubborn to accept his help!
I made a point to visit him every year when I came to visit Colleen. The last time he showed me how to cut the grass on the riding lawnmower with the oxygen tank... you never know you may need this thing (pointing to the Oxygen) one day when you’re mowing her lawn!
...Great Guy, & he loved my cooking !
Rest in peace, dear one! 🙏

Paulette Lewis - December 15, 2025 at 10:49 PM

BS

I got to know Bruce through cars. He had some real classics. I was fortunate to have known him and the guys that he hung around with. He was a good friend and one to always help. I was fortunate to be included in his circle of friends and he had many. Semper Fi, friend.
BWSimpson

Bill Simpson - December 17, 2025 at 12:00 PM

BI

Paulette, thanks for sharing! He mentioned your food often. In the best of ways! Lol! Thank you.

Bruce Milke II - December 17, 2025 at 01:59 PM

RT

“ Ryan & Audrey Taylor purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Bruce Ewald Milke.



Ryan & Audrey Taylor - December 15, 2025 at 07:23 PM