



Thomas Edward Bruch

October 13, 1945 - September 12, 2010

Thomas E. Bruch, 64, of Charlotte, MI died Sunday, September 12, 2010 in Loveland Colorado from heart complications while traveling to one of his favorite destinations. Mr. Bruch was born October 13, 1945 in Chicago, IL the son of Matthew and Eleanor (Piekarz) Bruch. Tom served in the United States Marine Corp. Mr. Bruch was a retired furniture manufacturers representative and served on the Michigan 1st Region draft board for the Selective Services. He was a man of strong Catholic faith a devoted family man and a loyal friend. Mr. Bruch loved traveling around and visiting his friends, he had traveled to all 50 states and four continents. He loved long walks, taking his grandkids to the park and gatherings with his family. He is survived by his daughter, Susan Bruch of Atlanta, GA; 2 sons, Matt (Celena) Bruch of Charlotte; Steve (Brandi) Bruch of Grand Rapids; 2 grandchildren, Gage and Aubrey Bruch and sister, MaryAnn (Jerry) Shrader of Roseville, ILL. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 18, 2010 at St. Marys Catholic Church, Charlotte, MI with Father Frances Mossholder officiating. Interment will be in Maple Hill Cemetery, Charlotte, MI. Visitation will be Friday, September 17, 2010 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home with A Rosary Service at 7:00 p.m. with Monsignor Steven Raica officiating. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Catholic School or the John Ritter Foundation.

Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Edward Bruch



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - September 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Dear Bruch Family, I apologise to contact you in this way. My name is Krzysztof Bruch, I live in Poland. In my spare time I like to gather information about our family. I've set up a family tree at myheritage.pl. Few days ago I found out that you are my cousins- we have common ancestors: Piotr and Jozefa Bruch were parents of my great grandfather Maciej (Mathias) and your great granfather Mikolaj (Nikolai). If anyone of your family is interested in exchanging information about our family history , please don't hesitate to contact me. Best regards, Krzysztof Bruch bruch@t.pl Ul. Sienkiewicza 16 72-600 Swinoujscie Polska “ Poland

Krzysztof Bruch - June 01, 2013 at 02:44 AM

KB

“ My name is Krzysztof Bruch, I am 62 years old and live in Poland. In my spare time I look for and gather information about our family. I have set up my family tree on MyHeritage.pl. Recently, I found information that you are my cousins. We have common ancestors: Piotr and Jozefa Bruch who were parents of my great-grandfather Maciej and your great-grandfather Mikolaj. If anyone in your family has similar interests to mine (or questions), please do contact me to exchange information. Best wishes, Krzysztof (ul. Sienkiewicza 16, 72-600 Swinoujscie, Polska-Poland, Bruch@t.pl) Please excuse me for contacting you this way but I thought it was the easiest option.

Krzysztof Bruch - May 28, 2013 at 12:52 PM

DA

“ Steve and Brandi, so sorry for your loss. Be strong and if you need anything make sure to call. Sorry again and God be with you.

Darron - September 20, 2010 at 01:01 AM

HH

“ Dear Bruch Kids, We were very sad to hear of your Dad's passing. His daily walks to the end of the pavement and back were always a mainstay and we'll miss waving to him on his way. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you as you go through this difficult time.

Heidi Hansen - September 17, 2010 at 06:36 PM

PM

“ Dear Susie, Matt & Steve, - We, like everyone, were shocked and saddened to hear of your Dad's passing. We had run into him at church just a short time ago and he and Pat had made tentative plans to get together. It seemed to be the custom for your Dad and Pat to share as many jokes (mostly corny) as they could think of. We've known your family for so many years as all of the kids progressed through St. Mary School. One especially fun memory for me is the time your Mom had a surprise birthday party for your Dad and asked me to make the cake - actually 2 cakes. He tried to be so polite as he struggled to cut the first one, not knowing that it was made out of sponges. What a laugh, one of many. Whenever we met, I would ask how you guys were all doing and he always responded with such pride, and rightfully so. We will miss him.

Pat & Virginia Mooney - September 17, 2010 at 10:50 AM

DC

“ Simply ... a best friend.... he is loved and will be missed...

David Cochrane - September 16, 2010 at 08:42 PM

CC

“ Dear Susan, We are so very sorry for your loss. I know your Dad was a special man because he raised a daughter who is one of a kind. We'll continue to keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Courtney, Christian, Christian Jr., and Campbell

Courtney and Christian Corrigan - September 16, 2010 at 11:36 AM

CF

“ Dear Susan, We were shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden loss of your dad. We know how close the two of you were and can't imagine how you must feel at this time. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God grant you the peace that only He can provide during such a difficult time and may the memories you have of your dad bring you great comfort.

Colleen and Eric Fleetham and Family - September 16, 2010 at 11:02 AM

SS

“ Dear Susan, I am so sorry for the loss of your father. Please know that many people are thinking of you at this time and keeping you and your family in their prayers. Please take good care of yourself. We miss you at the adoptions. Sincerely, Susan Slawter

Susan Slawter - September 16, 2010 at 08:32 AM

JW

“ Tom was a very good man. As a new sales representative with Hooker Furniture Company in 1985, Tom went out of his way to extend his helping hand to me as I started my career. He didn't know me, he just knew I could use the help. I'll never forget his generous act of kindness, It was most appreciated. Tom always had a great smile on his face. God bless him and his family.

Jack Walsh - September 15, 2010 at 07:42 PM

RB

“ Tom and I met when I interviewed him for a sales job with my company. He was going through a rough period in his life and we just seemed to "hit it off", talking on the phone about both business and personal stuff and visiting during markets about family, kids, etc. He was always a professional, always caring and always there with a kind word and understanding nature....what a great guy! he will be missed!

Richard Byrne - September 15, 2010 at 06:22 PM

PT

“ To the Family of Tom Bruch I was shocked to read your fathers Obituary in the paper this morning. He stopped by the office just before his trip out west to tell me he was leaving and didn't know when he would return. I became very good friends with your father over the last several years and will miss him very much. He was a good man and loved his family.

Paul Tomasek - September 15, 2010 at 10:11 AM

LS

“ Dear Susan, We are so sad about your dad's passing. Over the many years of High Point markets, we became good friends and appreciated dad's good heartedness, his sense of humor, his wonderful smile and great laugh. He made us so happy just to be in his company. We had so much fun together, it didn't seem like we were working. We loved the markets when you came to work with him and we got to know and love you too. You have our sincere sympathy and love. You know you can count on us in the future for continued friendship and love. Debbie and Leonard

Leonard and Deborah Shapiro - September 15, 2010 at 03:56 AM

KF

“ Just heartbroken to learn of your loss. May God grant you peace and serenity in knowing that this is but a short parting of paths, and that our loved ones never, never truly leave us.

Keith Forrester - September 14, 2010 at 09:20 PM

JP

“ Dear family, How you are such a part of us. Our long friendship that turned into familyness. Our last time with Tom was here in Versailles about two weeks ago. We treasure these memories. Tom spent the weekend with us. It was always good to spend time with our dear friend. How we will miss you. Our love , prayers and support always to all of you. Jerry & Rose Mary

Jerry & Rose Mary Paulus - September 14, 2010 at 01:52 PM

KB

“ Matt, Celena and family: I am so saddened by your loss. I know that words won't take the pain away (but I wish it could), you are all in my thoughts and prayers. I hope that you find strength in your family and friends. I hope that the memories that you have of Tom will put a smile on your face during this very difficult time. I pray that you find peace in those memories that you have. I am thinking of you often during this very difficult time. Hugs to all of you.

Kathy Bissett - September 14, 2010 at 01:38 PM

BM

“ There was never a time, it seems, that Tom and his family were not a part of ours. Many years ago when my dad owned a furniture store in Versailles, Ohio, a salesman named Tom Bruch happened through and the rest became history! Although Tom and his family were no blood relation, they became every bit as beloved as any relatives could ever be. If and when we ever travelled through Charlotte, Michigan, that house on Broadway was the place to stop where Tom's friendly welcome awaited and a similar welcome awaited him at my parents' home any time he was in the area. The last time I saw Tom was just about two weeks ago at my parents' home. I experienced that wide smile and heartfelt hug and if I had had any idea it was the last time, I would have hung on a little bit longer. Godspeed, Tom...may you always know how greatly you were loved by so many!

Brenda Paulus McCoy - September 14, 2010 at 12:33 PM

CP

“ My love and prayers go to the family. I know how much Susan loved her Dad. She talked about him frequently any time the two of us got to talk or see each other. Peace and love to the family.

Cathy Persons - September 14, 2010 at 11:34 AM

LI

“ I never had the pleasure of meeting Tom, but I do have the pleasure of knowing his daughter Susan. And every parent hopes that their children learn the lessons of their youth and turn out to be fine citizens of the world. Susan is just that so I know how much that had to mean to him and how proud he was of you and hope that those good memories of youth and young adulthood spent with your father ease the pain you are feeling now and get you through the days to come.

Lisa - September 14, 2010 at 11:23 AM

MS

“ Matt, Celena and the rest of the family- I am SOOOO sorry for your loss. There are no words that can take the pain that you are feeling away but please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Love you all and I am here if you need me (or my shoulder)! Mary Shaw

Mary Shaw - September 14, 2010 at 11:06 AM

NS

“ Matt, Celena and Family - We are so saddened to hear of the loss of Tom. I know how much he meant to you and your family and how much you will miss him. Matt I have to say he was the BEST 3rd grade T ball coach ever even though I think we only won maybe 1 or 2 games. :) We will be keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers. Hugs to you all! Nicole and Kevin Spica

Nicole and Kevin Spica - September 14, 2010 at 08:40 AM

BT

“ *The last time I saw Tom, was at Adoration at St. Mary's last Friday. He had incredible, humble faith and was a quiet example of how we should all try to walk with God. One of my most treasured memories of Tom was shortly after Steve and I moved back to Michigan. It was Christmas time and despite having family in the area, everyone was going somewhere else for the holidays. Tom invited Steve and I to join his family. I was floored by the invitation. This is a family that my husband was very close to growing up and I was beginning to understand why. I felt so welcomed and accepted immediately as a long-time friend. We had a wonderful time and I heard many stories of the mischief that my husband and Steve Bruch got into! :) Susan made her famous twice baked-potatoes and I gained a whole family of friends that evening. Ever since that day, I have always been greeted by Tom with a warm hug, smile and usually a joke. :) Tom was always an incredible example to me of Christ's love--he always took the time to talk and made whomever he was talking to seem like the most important person in the world. He was never in a hurry. He treated us like every moment was precious. I thank God that I have had the opportunity to know Tom and his family. I feel like my life has been blessed because of it.*

Bridget Tennes - September 14, 2010 at 01:13 AM

CI

“ *Dear Susie, Matt & Steve, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. Our sincere sympathy on the loss of your dad. Tom was always friendly to us when we saw him in church. So sorry this had to be so quick and unexpected! Ray & Carol Idalski*

Carol Idalski - September 13, 2010 at 05:07 PM

JV

“ Matt, Steve & Susie - So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Any time I saw him he always had a friendly word and a big smile. Best wishes to you in this trying time.

Jo Vanderstelt - September 13, 2010 at 04:15 PM

DB

“ Children of Tom Bruch - we were just shocked to hear about Tom's untimely death. I know that there aren't words that can ever help you through this time. May you know that God is there and will guide you and help you heal a little each day. Tom has come to daily mass often lately and I know he is with God today. Blessings, Daryl & Mary Jean Baker

Daryl & Mary Jean Baker - September 13, 2010 at 02:40 PM