



## Bruce Alan Burgett

September 13, 1948 - January 6, 2024

Bruce Alan Burgett, 75, of Carrollton, Ohio, and Wilmington, North Carolina, died Saturday, January 6, 2024, in Canton, Ohio, after a brief illness.

Bruce was born to Kenneth and Martha Burgett, of Hammondsville, Ohio, and grew up on the family dairy farm in Jefferson County, Ohio, with his three brothers, Gary, Keith, and Wesley. Keith and Wes survive.

He graduated from Stanton Local High School in 1966, where he played football and basketball, played in the concert band, and was editor of the Stanton Local High School yearbook. He then joined his brothers at Ohio State University, where he majored in Business Marketing. There he met and courted Crystal Lee, of Zanesville, Ohio. They married on December 20, 1969.

Bruce graduated from OSU in 1970 and was welcomed into the United States Army that summer. He did his basic training in Fort Knox, Kentucky, and continued his service at Fort Riley and Fort Sam Houston. In their Army years, they became lifelong best friends with Vince and Sharon Raymond. In early 1972, they joined them in Augsburg, West Germany at Flak Kaserne. Crystal was able to join him there.

Professionally, Bruce was a General Manager in the Landmark and Countrymark Cooperative system from 1973 to 1998. He managed branches

in Cadiz, Carrollton, and New Philadelphia until he retired from the company. In 2000, he returned to Carrollton to manage Carrollton Farmers Exchange until his retirement in 2015.

He and Crystal lived their last years together on their farm outside of Carrollton, where they raised cattle, worked on their home and farmyard, spent countless hours with their grandchildren and extended family. Their golden years were interrupted with Crystal's serious illness and death in 2019.

Bruce found love again with Patti Olejniczak, and they were married on January 15, 2022. They spent two years traveling and enjoying grandchildren and playing pickleball whenever and wherever they could.

Bruce is survived by his brothers, Wesley Burgett (Mary) of Hammondsville, Ohio, and Keith Burgett (Judith) of Carrollton, Ohio, his son, Jason Burgett (Melissa), of Wooster, Ohio, his daughter, Allison Burgett, of Dublin, Ohio, his grandchildren, Eleanor and Ethan Kristoff, and Joel, Benjamin, and Thomas Burgett. He is also survived by his wife, Patti Burgett, of North Carolina, Jill (Daniel) Scullion, Angie (Mike) Stephens, and Tracy (Nathan) Hudson, and his step-grandchildren, Kairo, Cape and Callie, Vera and Petra. He loved being Papa to all of them. He deeply loved Crystal's brother, Don Lee (Mary), his nieces and nephews Terri, Beth, Marti, Phillip, Bryan, Marci, Tonya, Mindi, Brian, Andy, David, Toby and all of their children and families.

At the request of the family, a private graveside service was held at Zanesville Memorial Cemetery. A celebration of Bruce's life is planned for Spring 2024 in Carrollton, Ohio.

# Cemetery Details

## Zanesville Memorial Park

1475 Military Road  
Zanesville, OH

# Tribute Wall



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,  
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,  
  
May your memories of Bruce Alan Burgett, give you peace, comfort and strength...  
  
Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.  
My thoughts  
and prayers to the family of ....  
  
US Army Veteran, Bruce Alan Burgett, is “A True American Hero”  
God Bless†  
  
† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

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**Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum** - January 12, 2024 at 06:12 AM



“ *Jason, Allison and families, we are so deeply sorry to hear of your father's passing. We have many great memories with both your father and mother. Bruce will be greatly missed. Keeping your families in our prayers 🙏  
David and Carol Meiser*

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**Carol Meiser** - January 11, 2024 at 09:55 AM

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“ Sending my heartfelt sympathy to Jason, Allison and family. I will always remember Bruce’s smile and sense of humor. May God wrap his loving arms around you and comfort you during this difficult time.

*Karen Stull Nelms*

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**Karen Stull Nelms** - January 10, 2024 at 09:37 PM

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“ Such good memories and lots of good laughs shared with Bruce. He led our Sunday School class along with Crys for several years and was quite the entertainment sometimes. He had a great sense of humor and always a welcoming smile. He will be missed.

*Our prayers for comfort and peace for his children, grandchildren and for his wife, Patty. So sorry for your loss 🙏🙏🙏*

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**Gene and Barb Roudebush** - January 10, 2024 at 08:24 PM