



Bruce McClaren

February 5, 1951 - May 26, 2022

Bruce McClaren, 71, of Easton, IL passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, IL.

Bruce was born on February 5, 1951 in Bloomington, IL. He graduated from Pana Sr. High School in 1969 and Illinois Wesleyan University in 1973.

After working in the banking industry as a State Bank Examiner and later as Vice President at the Bank of Franklin Grove, IL, Bruce fulfilled a lifelong dream by becoming President and owner of the Community Bank of Easton, IL for the past 33 years. As a testament to his banking knowledge and expertise, the Community Bank of Easton was consistently rated the number one Community Bank in the State of Illinois.

Bruce was known as a trusted confidant to many and always lived his personal and business life with the highest level of integrity. He was also known for his quick wit and sense of humor, reminding us to not take life too seriously.

Besides the bank and the people he served, Bruce's passions included a collection of pyro-technics that he especially enjoyed sharing with friends, and he never missed listening to the Colorado Rockies Baseball games.

Bruce is survived by his sister, Sue Ann McClaren (Bill Ellingson) Denver, Colorado and Maria Opela, Green Valley, AZ. He was preceded in death by his parents Gordon and Chadyne (Gilmore) McClaren.

Bruce's greatest joy in life was doing for others. He is loved and will be greatly missed until we meet again.

A visitation will be held for Bruce on Sunday, June 5, 2022 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Funeral services will begin at 2:45 p.m. with Brian Shawgo and Steve Bagby officiating. A private burial will follow at East Lawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Bloomington, IL.

Memorial donations may be made to the Easton, IL Fire Department % of Community Bank of Easton, P.O. Box 200, Easton, IL 62633, or the Simmons Cancer Institute, Attn. Aziz Kahn, 315 W. Carpenter St., Springfield, IL, 62702.

Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City, IL is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Cemetery Details

East Lawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery

1002 Airport Rd
Bloomington, IL 61704

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 5. 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM (cst)

Hurley Funeral Home - Mason City
603 East Chestnut
Mason City, IL 62664
(217) 482-5959
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Funeral

JUN 5. 2:45 PM (CT)

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603 East Chestnut
Mason City, IL 62664
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Tribute Wall



“ *Bruce McClaren*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *I am so sad that I am just seeing this wish we were able to come and pay our respects. He was such and kind and gentleman and we will all miss the treats he would bring us all the time. RIP candy man. Your Lab friends*

Trish - June 30, 2022 at 01:37 PM



“ *Bruce was such an amazing man. He always brightened my day. He would bring us chocolates and treats and say he removed all the calories for us.*

shelby s - June 23, 2022 at 10:24 AM



“ *Today we will say our final goodbye to our boss, and friend. I am so proud to have worked with him at CBE. He had a solution for any problem and the best advice for any situation. Thank you Bruce for always watching out for our family. You will be forever missed.*

Linda Wagner - June 05, 2022 at 08:15 AM

TF

“ Tracy family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Bruce McClaren.



Tracy family - June 04, 2022 at 08:23 AM

GE

“ Greg,Jackie,Emily,& Brinna Ebken purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Bruce McClaren.



Greg,Jackie,Emily,& Brinna Ebken - June 03, 2022 at 03:16 PM

CK

“ Charlotte Kelly lit a candle in memory of Bruce McClaren



Charlotte Kelly - June 03, 2022 at 12:51 PM

CK

“ Bruce was a very nice, kind, and caring banker/friend. After, going to the bank for printouts, he would jokingly call me printout, he had a wonderful sense of humor. Bruce will be sadly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Charlotte Kelly

Charlotte Kelly - June 03, 2022 at 12:49 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Bruce McClaren.



June 03, 2022 at 12:15 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray* was purchased for the family of Bruce McClaren.



June 03, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Bruce McClaren.



June 03, 2022 at 11:21 AM

CS

“ Sue Ann and Family

After, receiving the heart-breaking news from the girls at the bank, I came home that evening. When I drove by the bank there wasn't any lights on, and I knew then there would no longer be any late-night meetings. Bruce always offered very good advice, he judged people on their own merits, and he always made the Holidays brighter for others. I will surely miss my best friend.

Captain Kenneth R Stiltz

Captain Kenneth R Stiltz - June 02, 2022 at 03:42 PM

CS

“ Captain Kenneth R Stiltz lit a candle in memory of Bruce McClaren



Captain Kenneth R Stiltz - June 02, 2022 at 02:53 PM

CC

“ Captain Kenneth R Stiltz & Charlotte purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Bruce McClaren.



Captain Kenneth R Stiltz & Charlotte - June 02, 2022 at 02:47 PM

1C

“ *1st State Bank Of Mason City lit a candle in memory of Bruce McClaren*



1st State Bank of Mason City - June 02, 2022 at 02:38 PM

JE

“ *Jeff Elam lit a candle in memory of Bruce McClaren*



Jeff Elam - June 01, 2022 at 07:20 PM

JK

“ *Bruce was one of the good ones. Myself along with my mom and brother will miss him greatly. I always enjoyed our talks over the years.*

Janelle Kirby - June 01, 2022 at 07:06 PM

KP

“ *Bruce was my first banker. I opened my first savings account as a teenager at Easton Community Bank. My parents and he knew each other well. My condolences to the family and friends of Bruce.*

Kristy Pedigo - June 01, 2022 at 12:13 AM

BL

My heart is sad

Beverly Lynn - June 02, 2022 at 12:28 PM

RS

“ Sure Ann, I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of your brother Bruce. I think Bruce was in college when we were in high school. I Remember a trip to the Sullivan theater with your Mom and Dad. You are in my heart at this sad time. Miss you my friend. 🤍🙏



Rhonda Wafford Siefert - May 31, 2022 at 10:42 PM

MC

“ Melinda Combs lit a candle in memory of Bruce McClaren



Melinda Combs - May 31, 2022 at 06:31 PM

LW

“ Always had great conversations and wonderful memories of Bruce. He made my day when they came into the post office from the bank! He will surely be missed by many! Prayers and condolences for family and friends. God Bless,
Leah Williams

leah williams - May 31, 2022 at 05:56 PM

VB

“ Vickie Bagby lit a candle in memory of Bruce McClaren



Vickie Bagby - May 31, 2022 at 04:33 PM