



Bruce Frederick May

July 28, 1948 - November 3, 2023

“Oh Lord of hosts, Blessed is the man who trusts in You!”

Psalm 84:12

A Life of Faith

Bruce was the second of four children born to George Walter May and Virginia Wernlund May. The family lived in Duanesburg, NY then made the transition to Plainville, Connecticut when Bruce was in middle school. Bruce grew up in a close-knit family consisting of his older brother Duncan, Ralph, who was younger, and his baby sister, Pamela.

He graduated from Central Connecticut College in 1970 with a major in Industrial Arts & Graphic Arts, then went on to Rochester Institute of Technology, where he received his Masters degree in Graphic Arts in 1974. While there, he learned many of the skills he later used while managing the ministry's print shops in Lenox, MA and then Baltimore, MD.

When Greater Grace moved to Baltimore, Bruce and his wife Sue helped set

up a new print shop, literally from the ground up. His pride and joy was the Heidelberg press that was shipped in on a “lorry”. That was later followed by another Heidelberg, and thousands of booklets and Gospel tracts started rolling off the presses!

Bruce graduated from Maryland Bible College & Seminary, and was ordained as a GGWO Pastor in 2012, in the same ceremony as his son Matt, who also served in the Print Shop with his parents.

Always aware of the lost, Bruce served in many areas of the city, leading Bible Clubs and evangelizing every Saturday. He was always game for anything that would reach the children, including funny costumes, sports, and “pie-in-the-face” Saturdays. The children loved him and would come running every Saturday when they spotted him.

Bruce loved the Lord with all of his heart and lived a life of faith. He took many steps of faith that some may have considered foolish, but he was truly a wise and godly man! His gentle spirit ministered to so many, and he always had a word in season.

He also dearly loved his wife Sue, affectionately known as Susie, his children, Heather Lynn Matthews, Gregory May and his wife Sharon, Heather Anne Elmer and her husband Tom, and Matthew May, his youngest. Bruce adored his 10 grandchildren: Hillary, Katie, Logan (who died in infancy), Luke, Sophie, Grace, Zachary, Tanner, Natalie and Henry. Bruce also treasured his brothers Duncan and his wife Marilyn, Ralph and his wife Lola, and his sister Pam and her fiancé, Dan Foreman.

Now his faith has turned to sight, and Bruce is face-to-face with Jesus!

Tribute Wall

HE

“ *i'll always miss u hunky. u've been a great friend. u also makes laugh & always understands my righteousness of things. thx 4 eveything hunky.*

henry - June 04, 2024 at 11:05 PM

AN

“ *Thinking of you all You do amazing things for everyone you know. Take care of yourself too during this time. Reach out if we can help. All our love.*

Anonymous - December 07, 2023 at 10:55 AM

JT

“ *We will always remember this kind man for his contagious ,beautiful smile and his deep love for his Lord . We met this gentle man as he and his wife Sue took their daily walks down our street in the neighborhood ! What a gift it became for us to get to know him and call him our friend. He is now face to face with his Lord that he spoke of so often, with so much love and enthusiasm ! We know that he is in his glory to finally meet and be in the Lords presence . Rest in peace dear Bruce! You will be missed.*

Joe and Sally Truszkowski - November 16, 2023 at 06:30 PM

GU

“ *I worked in the print shop with Bruce and Sue for several years. Bruce taught me to work with each area with so much patience and excitment. He was the Print Shop. I will always cherish every moment. He will be so missed.*

Gunn - November 14, 2023 at 09:41 PM

PC

“ Bruce, Sue and I attended the same church in Baltimore. Bruce has always been so kind, gracious and friendly. I can never remember one negative word proceeding out of his mouth. It was an honor and a pleasure to have known him and I know now he is in a better place. No more pain or suffering. Lord, take good care of my dear friend Bruce until we meet again in heaven.\nThank you Jesus for taking him into your everlasting arms!

Pat Calise - November 14, 2023 at 06:43 PM

HA

“ Bruce always blessed me with his soft spoken kindness and sweet smile. Our printshop was the printshop because of Pastor Bruce and Sue.. I'm thanking God I got a chance to know him.

Heidi Anderson - November 14, 2023 at 12:34 PM

CY

“ Meet Bruce an sue many year's ago on noas akr bus ministry Lenox mass. Leading many to Christ having a blessed time with the LORD miss you Bruce see you there

Chuck yanosky - November 14, 2023 at 11:47 AM

TG

“ We met Bruce & Sue before we moved to Baltimore. After moving here, we had dinners together, game nights, hiking Bible Club & have many precious memorable times. Bruce loved talking about Scriptures & how they were relevant in his life. Now he is talking with His Savior. We love you Bruce.

Tootie George - November 14, 2023 at 09:39 AM

TH

“ Thanks to Sue’s trust in me I was able to become Bruce’s caregiver ,friend and buddy. . We spent lots of time together going on our adventures as Bruce called them. We loved running errands, ,watching a movie, feeding the birds, going to the parks and the farm, walking the dogs or just riding around to see the train tracks or the wood piles. During this time we shared many stories, spoke of GOD, prayed, had lots of laughs and just had fun. Bruce stole some of my lines which always made me chuckle. . His smile, gentleness, kindness, wisdom, advice and appreciation for life, family, friends and GOD was inspiring. He is never to be forgotten and will live in my heart forever. We will meet again Bruce but until then know I love and miss you. Tina

Tina Herzing - November 14, 2023 at 09:23 AM

MO

“ Bruce Frederick May

Marianne Ostmann - November 13, 2023 at 08:12 PM

DS

“ Bruce was an awesome friend i had. his wife sue is my great friend in the world. I am thankful for his friendship of mine. i had great spending with him and sue to have tea to drink and chatted. He will be always in my heart. I am so glad he is rejoicing with Jesus and in the best place in heaven. I love uou, Bruce.

Denise Szymanski - November 13, 2023 at 08:11 PM

MO

“ I will always fondly remember working under Bruce in the Greater Grace print shop. He was one of the kindest most patient and loving people I have ever known. I will always have these memories to look to, and can't thank the Mays enough for their love and generosity. Bruce was a treasure on this earth, but I am so glad he is with our Lord and Savior. Until we meet again! ❤️

Marianne Ostmann - November 13, 2023 at 08:08 PM

MM

“ Bruce was a sweet, gentle man with a wonderful sense of humor. That is how I will remember him. He and Sue were a perfect match for each other, as people of faith and service, and with delightful senses of humor. He is free from the oppression of a failing physical body, and now enjoying the company of his friend, Jesus, during his hikes in paradise. \nLet us pray for Jesus to comfort and support my sister as she begins this new chapter of her life.

Mary Marsh - November 13, 2023 at 06:18 PM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Simplicity Cremation & Funeral Services

A Memorial Tree was planted for Bruce Frederick May - November 06, 2023 at 10:26 AM