



## David Leo Bruce

May 6, 1965 - December 22, 2021

David Leo Bruce, of Rochester, MI, passed away peacefully on December 22, 2021 at the age of 56, surrounded by his family. He is survived by his devoted wife, Dena; his beloved children, Grace, Leo, and James; and his dear siblings, Mary (William) Stoiber, Greg Bruce, Paul (Laura) Bruce, Doug (Dana) Bruce, and Stuart Bruce. He is preceded in death by his mother, Barbara Bruce; his father, Leo Wallace “Wally” Bruce; his brothers-in-law, Anthony and Joseph Ciolino; and his in-laws, Grace and Anthony Ciolino. David is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and godchildren.

Born in Marquette, MI in 1965, David was a Yooper at heart. He spent his childhood causing trouble with friends Marc Grove, Charlie Kronschabel, Phil Ollila, Mike Parejko, Tom Skoog, Joel Klahn, Brian DeBroux, David Bartlett, Steve Horwood, Rick Bissonnette, and Jeff Surrell. David graduated from Northern Michigan University in 1988 with a degree in Business, and went on to earn his masters degree in Industrial Relations from Wayne State University in 1992. He enjoyed a long and prosperous career with Volkswagen Group of America, where he was beloved by many coworkers and friends. David valued service to others, and dedicated countless hours to serving Action Against Hunger, the Loudoun Literacy Council, and ProLiteracy Worldwide. Even throughout his twelve year battle with cancer, David worked tirelessly to support his family, his company, and his community.

Dave will be remembered as a wonderful husband, father, uncle, and friend. We will never forget his affinity for online Scrabble, his sweet tooth, and his love for our dog Hazel. Dave certainly left this world a better place than he found it, and his children hope to carry on his legacy of courage, selflessness, and love.

Visitation will be held on January 4th from 3:00 - 9:00 PM at Wujek Calcaterra, followed by a funeral mass at St. Andrew Catholic Church on January 5th at 11:00 AM. There will be a Live Stream of the Mass at 11:00am, please join by going to the following link: <https://youtu.be/frQyIGKpNCY> For the health and safety of David's family, we kindly request that only those vaccinated against COVID-19 attend. All guests must wear masks throughout the wake and service. In lieu of flowers, please donate in Dave's memory to Action Against Hunger, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, or the Breast Cancer Research Program at the Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center.

We will also be hosting a luncheon following Dave's funeral mass at the Royal Park Hotel. If you plan on attending lunch, please RSVP using the following link: <https://bit.ly/3muCk7Q>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 4. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons - Shelby Township  
54880 VanDyke Ave  
Shelby Township, MI 48316

## Instate / Funeral Mass

JAN 5. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Andrew Catholic Church  
1400 Inglewood  
Rochester, MI 48307-1518

# Tribute Wall

TB

“ Tisha B. purchased a sympathy card for the family of David Leo Bruce.



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Tisha B. - January 05, 2022 at 11:14 AM

VN

“ Vijay N. purchased a sympathy card for the family of David Leo Bruce.



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Vijay N. - January 04, 2022 at 12:13 PM

CW

“ So sorry to hear of Dave's passing. Although I hadn't seen Dave in many years I remember him as a genuinely kind person. During our time together at Marquette Senior High I could always count on Dave to make me laugh and brighten my day. When Dave was around life just seemed to be better.

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Chris Willour - January 04, 2022 at 07:15 AM

BD

“*Dave and I practically grew up together. We played in a band all through middle and high school. He was a rock-solid drummer and he was funny as hell. Many hours spent making a lot of noise in Dave's basement and eating pizza rolls. We didn't have many gigs-- we played for each other because it was fun. I loved him.*

*Brian DeBroux*



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**Brian DeBroux** - January 01, 2022 at 03:27 PM

RV

“*I had the honor and privilege to work with and report to Dave during my final six years with VW before retiring. He earned respect not by his position rank but by his goodness, gentleness, and friendship. He wore his knowledge and skills, which were significant, in a humble yet effective way. I loved his smile, his laughter, and his ability to make you feel that you were talking with a friend and not a boss. Dave made us better people just by being Dave. I extend my deepest sympathies to the entire family.*

*Randy Viola*

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**Randy Viola** - December 29, 2021 at 02:34 PM

JZ

“ Hello Bruce Family, I'm sorry to have hear this, so many memories in our families, good and bad, the best part of it all is that we find comfort in each other, I wish I could hug all of you right now..... 🥺❤️

Jeff Zerilli - December 29, 2021 at 07:37 AM

BC

“ On behalf of the Capuchin brothers I offer my deepest sympathies on the passing of David. It is truly humbling to receive memorial donations in honor of his life. Please be assured of the brother's prayers for the entire Bruce family during this great time of grief. May perpetual light shine upon David.

Br Nick Blattner Ofm Capuchin - December 28, 2021 at 08:13 PM

SJ

“ Please know his classmates from Marquette remember him fondly and David's family is in all of our thoughts.

stuart jones - December 24, 2021 at 11:01 PM

ND

“ On behalf of the entire team at Loudoun Literacy Council I want to share our deepest condolences with the Bruce family. We will always remember Dave as a wonderful leader, generous soul, and compassionate champion for those in need. I remember him fondly for his gentle personality and big smile. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. We have lost a huge champion for literacy and he will be missed. - Nikki Daruwala and the Loudoun Literacy Council team.

Nikki Daruwala - December 24, 2021 at 04:01 PM

PK

*Amen. So sorry to lose Dave. May he rest in peace and his memory be a blessing.*

**Parvez Khan** - December 24, 2021 at 11:24 PM

SK

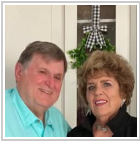
*Such a great guy. Such a loss for us all. ❤️ My prayers are for the Bruce family... 🙏💙*

**Scott Kirtley** - December 27, 2021 at 11:27 AM

KK

*“ Dave made such a difference in his few years at Campbell & Co. He became a trusted colleague and friend and was beloved by all. All the wonderful things people have said about him in the past few days are true. Will remember him at Christmas Eve Mass tonight.*

**Kevin Kennedy** - December 24, 2021 at 01:57 PM



*“ We have never met this giant of a man but feel like we have. The Mentzer family has told many stories of his beautifully, well lived life. Our prayers are with the Blessed family he left behind and know there are great memories with this great man to share over the years to come. . God Bless, The Ron Grabetz family.*

**Monica Grabetz** - December 24, 2021 at 11:54 AM