



## Edward Bruce Hancasky

June 4, 1940 - March 8, 2014

Age 73, of Custer Park, IL passed away Saturday, March 08, 2014 at the Joliet Area Community Hospice Home in Joliet, IL.

Born June 4, 1940 in Joliet to the late Edward Francis and Marjorie (nee Allison) Hancasky. Veteran of the United States Navy, serving with the VP-21 Squadron stationed in Brunswick, ME. Mr. Hancasky retired from the IL Department of Transportation in New Lenox, IL. He had also worked for General Foods Corp in Kankakee, IL.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia (nee Magruder) Hancasky of Custer Park, whom he married June 22, 1963 in Kankakee; his daughters, Mary (Leonard) Krull of Wilmington and Carrie Hancasky of Custer Park; one grand-daughter, Sophia E. Krull of Wilmington; one brother-in-law, Norman (Lovie) Magruder of Las Vegas, NV; three sisters-in-law, Betty Krueger and Carolyn (Steven) Benoit of Kankakee, and Geraldine Fulton of Sun City, CA; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents; sister, Joyce Hancasky Hanton; and in-laws, Herman and Annie Magruder.

A celebration of Bruce's life will be at R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. & Crematory, Monday, March 10, 2014 from 5-7 p.m. Interment will be private in

Blooms Grove Cemetery, Manteno, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his name to the Joliet Area Community Hospice Home in Joliet would be appreciated.

# Cemetery Details

## Bloom Cemetery - Manteno

Manteno, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home  
401 East Main St.  
Braidwood, IL 60408  
(815) 458-2336  
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<https://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com>

# Tribute Wall

RC

“ *My sympathy on the passing of your father Mary. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Roberta Cadorette** - March 19, 2014 at 07:58 PM

LI

“ *Pat, our deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family on the passing of Bruce. We are praying for you and your family at such a difficult time.*

*Bob and Pat Nelson*

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**lindsay** - March 17, 2014 at 09:26 PM

MT

“ *Very sorry to hear of Bruce's passing . I had a lot of respect for Bruce because I saw him mentor one of my friends . At the time it seemed like the whole town and highschool turned Thier back on my buddy but Bruce did not ! My buddy is one of the best dam guys I know and it's because of people like Bruce that saw something others did not ! Again sorry pat, Mary Carrie and all of your family for your loss*

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**michael tupper** - March 16, 2014 at 08:25 AM

SB

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy in the loss of your beloved one. We are fortunate of having the pleasure of meeting him for such a short time but we have heard only the highest praise of his fine character. There is not doubt that his passing will be a great loss to all who knew him. Sincerely,  
John and Sue Brower



Sue and John Brower - March 12, 2014 at 05:13 PM

JP

“ Pat my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Some people cross our paths and after a while you forget them That is not the case with you and Bruce. I will always remember you. It was so good to see you and I hope to see you more often. Bruce and I have the same birthday. You are wonderful people and I am blessed to have crossed paths with you.

Judy Poppleton - March 12, 2014 at 09:58 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Edward Bruce Hancasky Video Tribute



Sara Foote - March 11, 2014 at 02:20 PM



May he rest in peace, this is beautiful..

Diana Bradford - March 13, 2014 at 07:03 PM

CB

“ Our memory of Bruce is from the very first time we visited America - it was September 2001. We sat on the decking at the house and saw humming birds in real life for the very first time. Bruce called these birds "little biddy birds" which made us laugh as we had not heard that expression before. We bought a plant pot decorated with a humming bird from a local shop and it always reminds us of that sunny afternoon in September 2001 and of Bruce.



We are thinking of you Patsy and all your family at such a sad time and are so sorry for the loss of such a lovely man as Bruce.

Catherine and Michael Buckley, Manchester, England

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Catherine Buckley - March 11, 2014 at 08:55 AM

CB

“ A message on behalf of Betty Waugh,  
Manchester, England



" I will aiways remember Bruce for the kindness and generosity he showed to Tom and myself on our visits to America. I am thinking of you Patsy at this very sad time. Betty

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Catherine Buckley - March 11, 2014 at 08:39 AM

JV

“ When it comes to uncles, I was truly blessed. Bruce was more like a father to me than an uncle though. When I was a little boy staying with him and my aunt Patsy in the little cottage on the Kankakee river, I thought that Bruce was Superman. Fifty years later, I feel the same way. What an incredibly talented, loving and caring person. A great husband, father of two fantastic daughters, and the greatest uncle on earth. Thanks for all the wonderful memories Big Ed, you will live in my heart for the rest of my life. Rest in peace Superman.  
Hand Salute  
Jeff Vaillancourt

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**Jeff Vaillancourt** - March 10, 2014 at 01:37 PM

RS

“ I worked with Bruce for many years at the I.D.O.T. yard in New Lenox. He was a really nice guy and enjoyed working with him.  
Sympathy to all of his family.  
Rich & Susan Semrov

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**Rich & Susan Semrov** - March 10, 2014 at 01:14 PM

NM

“ Bruce was my brother-in-law and best friend for over fifty years. I treasure the days of swimming, fishing and hiking along the Kankakee River.  
Bruce had an incredible knowledge of aviation and military history. He worked hard everyday but still had time for so many hobbies and recreational activities. He loved building model airplanes, fishing, boating, woodworking, watching birds, and hockey. It seemed as though he could build or repair anything. With all of numerous talents and activities his top priority was always caring for his wife and daughters.  
Thanks for the memories and always being there for me.

*Norman Magruder*

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**norman magruder** - March 09, 2014 at 04:59 PM

JH

“ Pat and Family,  
So sorry to hear of your lose. Bruce was a great guy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your Family.

*Jack and Deborah Hibner*

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**Jack Hibner** - March 09, 2014 at 03:37 PM

LB

“ Dear Pat and family,  
It is with great sadness that I received the news of Bruce. He forever has a special spot in my heart along with many good memories of he and Bob during our youth. Time moves on but fond memories always remain. May you and your girls treasure the many you have of Bruce and that they help you through this difficult time. Yes, he was handsome in his uniform and I remember him doing a "navy check" of how I was cleaning house for my Dad and myself!  
Love, Lorna Berard

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**Lorna Berard** - March 09, 2014 at 01:23 PM

RF

“ Rich, Barb, Audra, Taylor, Courtney Ethan, Natasha & family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Edward Bruce Hancasky.



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**Rich, Barb, Audra, Taylor, Courtney Ethan, Natasha & family**  
- March 09, 2014 at 12:23 PM

JU

“ Judy lit a candle in memory of Edward Bruce Hancasky



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**Judy** - March 08, 2014 at 08:39 PM

BP

“ Pat & Family seems like just a few years ago we were participating in our wedding & birth of our children celebrations. Life/death/eternal life celebrations all a part of our transition here on earth. We've enjoyed some fun times together. We will miss Bruce but we are confident that he is beginning his new existence in heaven. Be cautious he is forever watching over you & his spirit is with you always. He's not gone just away from his human existence we are confident of this. Our heartfelt prayers are with you & your family at this time. Our love & caring thoughts. Love, Carol  
Bruce will forever be my friend. I will miss him & the times we shared. If the girl's ever want any stories I've got plenty of them. I remember the time Bruce met you Pat & how excited he was and how much he loved you. Not to forget being a proud father & grandfather. Love, Bob

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**Bob & Carol Patrick** - March 08, 2014 at 07:34 PM

KJ

Pat, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. We know you and your wonderful family shared caring times together during Bruce's illness and you gave him your best. My impression of your love can be described as Godly interaction. You were a great couple together. My goodness he was handsome in that naval outfit, wasn't he? Our friendship will carry on and all of us want you to be able to join us whenever you can. Bring a friend and come to lunch with us. We won't be back home until mid-April so we can't be there now but we will be thinking of you during this time. Hugs, Kay and Jerry

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**Kay and Jerry Jarvis** - March 09, 2014 at 07:16 AM

RH

To the Hancasky family my deepest sympathy on the passing of Bruce. I'm sure he is finally with his father.

Richard Hancasky

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**Richard Hancasky** - March 10, 2014 at 12:32 PM