



Bruce W. Miller

December 26, 1950 - November 17, 2025

Bruce was the son of Walter and Mildred Miller. He was born on an American Army Base in Nuremberg, Germany. He spent part of his childhood in Germany as well as many different parts of the Northeast United States including Rochester, New York and Buffalo, New York as his father, Walter, was in the military. Walter and Mildred preceded Bruce in death.

Bruce attended Sweet Home Middle and High School, Niagara University, and Buffalo State College. He taught United States and World History, Geography, and Political Science at P. L. Dunbar Middle School which is part of the Lee County Public School System in Fort Myers, Florida for 35+ years. He retired from teaching in 2014.

Bruce is survived by his loving life partner Susan as well as paternal cousins Virginia and Bob Welcher, Susan and Mike Navarro, Dianne and John Fazzolari, David and Belinda Welcher, Stephen Welcher and Seidy Diaz, Sophia Navarro, Dominick, Nicholas, Kendra and Shawn Fazzolari, Jonathan Gilbert, Stacy Welcher, and Juan Ovando. Surviving maternal cousins include Kathleen (Katie), Todd, and Brinkley Schmeer, David (Dave) Rynders, Nicholas Rynders, Mitchell and Amanda Rynders, Christopher (Chris) Rynders, Collin and Taylor Rynders, Cameron Rynders, and Carter Rynders. Bruce also had many wonderful friends and teaching colleagues in Florida. Bruce loved to travel to various parts of the country and world. He liked to jog, walk, and lift weights. He enjoyed reading, watching television, and cheering for the Buffalo Bills. Bruce loved domestic and wild animals. He was a kind

and good man. He will be missed immensely.

Bruce was a devout Catholic. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Rochester, New York. Entombment will follow at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery. Memorial contribution's in memory of Bruce may be made to the following in his memory.

Donation Information:

- Hunter's Hope Foundation

Orchard Park, New York

Link:

<https://www.classy.org/give/114114/#!/donation/checkout>

Check the box that says "Dedicate my donation in honor/memory of someone."

or

- Joanne's Hospice House, 27200 Imperial Parkway Bonita Springs, Florida 34135

A celebration of Bruce's life will be held in San Carlos Park on Saturday, January 17, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 25. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
2400 W. Ridge Rd.
Rochester, NY 14626

Committal Service

NOV 25 (ET)

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery
2461 Lake Avenue
Rochester, NY

Celebration of Life

JAN 17. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

Private Residence

Tribute Wall

LT

“ I will always remember when meeting Bruce on his walks and we started to chat on world issues. It was always a pleasant and enjoyable exchange of ideas.

Louis Tancredi

Louis Tancredi - January 16 at 07:43 PM

ML

“ Michele L. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce W. Miller.

Michele L. - November 25, 2025 at 04:00 PM

CK

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Bruce. He had a heart of gold. One evening my husband and I were joining Susan and Bruce for dinner. My youngest Amy, who was 4 at the time, was sad because she could not go with us. So before our dinner experience, Bruce and Susan took her to McDonald's, and Bruce slid down the slide with Amy. This was quite a feat, since Bruce was a big man. But all that he could think about was making Amy happy. This is the kind of person that Bruce was. I am honored to have known him.

Carole Kerns

Carole Kerns - November 23, 2025 at 09:29 PM

BF

“ *Bill and Linda Vollmer St. James City FL purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bruce W. Miller.*



Bill and Linda Vollmer St. James City FL - November 20, 2025
at 06:15 PM

BF

“ *Bill and Linda Vollmer St. James City FL planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce W. Miller.*

Bill and Linda Vollmer St. James City FL - November 20, 2025 at 06:15 PM

IL

“ *I'll always cherish his wave during his morning walks.*

ilsa - November 20, 2025 at 03:31 PM

HA

“ *Hiram A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce W. Miller.*

Hiram A. - November 20, 2025 at 03:20 PM