



Mr. William Bruce Looney

August 10, 1951 - October 12, 2023

In Loving Memory Of

William Bruce Looney was born on August 10, 1951 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Earl and Rose Looney.

Bruce accepted Christ at an early age.

William or Bruce as he preferred to be called was educated in the Detroit Public Schools system. He attended Pingree Elementary, Barbour Jr. Middle School, and Cass Technical High School (1968). After high school, Bruce attended the University of Michigan studying Architecture. He graduated in 1974 from UofM in the College of Architecture & Urban Planning with a B.A. of Architecture. He later earned a M.A. in Architecture from UofM.

Bruce was employed at Gensler Architects; Chaffers Architects; Giffels Associates and as an Adjunct Instructor of Architecture at the University of Michigan, and then with Mark English & Associates until his retirement. Never one to sit still, Bruce consulted on architectural projects, and worked part-time at Kohl's Department Store.

He was joined in holy matrimony with Wanda Beavers-Looney for 30 years. In this union they were blessed with one son.

Bruce was an avid bicycle rider and participated in numerous bike tours all over Michigan. He also enjoyed watching and discussing sports with his son and friends. Most of all he relished spending time with his family.

Bruce departed this life October 12, 2023. He was preceded in death by: his father, Earl Looney; and his mother, Rose Looney.

He leaves to cherish his memories: wife, Wanda Beavers-Looney; son, Derek R. Dalton; half-brothers, Joseph and James Earl Looney; cousin, Raoul Cunningham (Louisville, Kentucky); godchildren, Kimberly Bell-Bryant, Jelani Wilson (Marci), Aliya McCullough (David); a beloved cockatiel, Cassius; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park Cemetery

35667 W. 8 Mile Road
Livonia, MI 48152

Previous Events

Visitation

Friday, Oct. **27**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Family Hour

Saturday, Oct. **28**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

Saturday, Oct. **28**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I was in the same architecture class as Bruce at UM, 1970 to 1974. It was good to be his colleague, then. He impressed me as an intelligent and reliable individual. I’m saddened by his early departure from a good life. Rest in peace, Bruce.
MSC, Philadelphia

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“ Love Andrew Jackson and family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. William Bruce Looney.

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“ Love Andrew Jackson and family. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. William Bruce Looney.



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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. William Bruce Looney.



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