



Bruce J. Lavalley

August 1, 1948 - August 7, 2022

Bruce J. Lavalley, 74, of Athens, NY passed away Sunday, August 7, 2022 at home.

Born in Webster, MA, he was the son of the late Joseph and Rose Lavalley. He grew up on the family farm with his sisters, Shirley and Marlene. He was a graduate of Cole Trade High School for metal fabrication in Southbridge, MA. He met Mike Gaulin there and they became good friends. They went on some great adventures camping, fishing, and hunting trips.

Bruce served in The United States Army during the Vietnam Era.

On July 31, 1971 he married his wife, Cheryl, in Putnam, CT. Her family became his family. Bruce and Cheryl had many wonderful years together before she passed in 2014. Together they raised their three sons, Dennis, Scott and Ahren in Athens.

He was a member of W.C. Brady Hook & Ladder Co.. No. 1, Inc., the American Welding Society, the Knight's of Columbus and was an EMT.

Bruce was employed for 15 years with CONRAIL followed by 30 years with NYS

Department of Corrections in Coxsackie as a welding instructor.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy, two sons, Scott (Sarah) and Ahren (Jessica), four grandsons, Stanley, Caleb, Nathan and William, three granddaughters, Jadzia, Ezri, and Samantha (Mike), his sisters, Shirley and Marlene, his Aunt Henriette, five sisters-in-law, Laurie (Al), Sue (Russ), Karen (Bob), Janine (Tom) and Pam (Gary), a brother-in-law, David, several cousins, nieces and nephews, and many friends, including Mike and Liz Gaulin and Gerrienne and Don Winegard.

He was predeceased by his wife, Cheryl, and his son, Dennis.

A celebration of his life will take place on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 from 5:00 P.M.- 7:00 P.M.

at the Richards Funeral Home of the Mid-Hudson Valley, Inc., 26 North Vernon Street, Athens, New York, 12015. Services in Bruce's memory will be held at 6:15 P.M. the same day at the funeral home.

Donations to a charity of choice in Bruce's name would be welcome.

Condolences may be made at www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Richards Funeral Home - Athens
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Service

AUG 16. 6:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LN

“ *My most sincere condolences for your loss. I also worked at Coxsackie and I remember Mr. Lavallee. He was very well liked and respected. I was happy to know him and he will be missed by many.*

Linda Nickels - August 23, 2022 at 12:59 PM



“ *My heartfelt sympathies goes out to his family and friends. Bruce was an amazing man. I have known him for years. My father worked with him at the prison and Cheryl worked with my children at Athens elementary, I also babysat Dennis's boys Stanley and Caleb. We have shared many talks ,many memories and tons of laughs. Lol a few cocktails too. I will miss you Brucie. Give momma Cheryl a hug from me! I will forever remember your wisdom and advice. Rest easy my friend!❤️*

Missy Fitzpatrick - August 18, 2022 at 08:11 AM

DH

“ *My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Bruce's family and friends. It's been years since I've seen my cousin Bruce but he kept in touch with my mom (Harriet) and she would keep me updated. I remember Bruce as being a kind and sweet man who gave the best hugs. You will be greatly missed....see you on the other side. Debby*

Debra Huber - August 14, 2022 at 06:46 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce J. Lavallee.*



August 13, 2022 at 07:21 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Bruce J. Lavallee.*



August 11, 2022 at 10:28 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Bruce J. Lavallee.*



August 11, 2022 at 08:08 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Bruce J. Lavallee.*



August 10, 2022 at 08:42 PM

DF

“ My deepest condolences to cousin Bruce’s family. I hadn’t seen my cousin for many years up until about 2016-2017 when I saw him again , we got caught up on family and I met Nancy , it was a pleasure. When I was a young girl Bruce was always at our house , (I am his Aunt Janet’s daughter .) Always telling jokes and going on adventures with my brothers and playing jokes on us . I can still hear his infectious laughter. He was larger than life. Rest In Peace .
Donna

Donna Fafard - August 10, 2022 at 05:31 PM

HS

“ Henriette (Harriet) Smith purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Bruce J. Lavallee.



Henriette (Harriet) Smith - August 10, 2022 at 03:09 PM

KC

“ As I think of my brother in Law Bruce I think of the kindest man who always had a joke or two that he would share. I remember him coming up the house in Putnam when I came home for a visit and bringing Dennis as a little baby. He was so happy showing off the first grandchild. He was always so much fun to be around! I’m so thankful for having such a wonderful brother in law. I will truly miss seeing him at family gatherings. I know he’s home in heaven with all those that loved him. I know our mom was probably the first to greet him! So long Bruce not goodbye love you! Bob and Karen! ❤️❤️

karen charbonneau - August 10, 2022 at 02:39 PM

DR

“ Bruce will be deeply missed, his caring heart was always there. I'm fortunate to have called him my brother in law and friend.

David Rainey - August 10, 2022 at 11:50 AM

PJ

“ Paul R. Seney, Jr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Bruce J. Lavallee



Paul R. Seney, Jr. - August 10, 2022 at 09:55 AM

PJ

The Entire Staff of Richards Funeral Home of the Mid-Hudson Valley, Inc. sends its deep condolences to The Family of Bruce J. Lavallee at this most difficult time.

Paul R. Seney, Jr. - August 10, 2022 at 09:58 AM



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Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc. - August 10, 2022 at 09:54 AM

SR

Bruce was a great man. Always smiling I'm sure his family will surely miss him

Sandra Rainey - August 10, 2022 at 12:08 PM

RJ

Bruce was a kind and gracious man who loved to have fun and share a laugh. I always thought of him as a 'gentle giant' when he would visit our family (Aunt Yvette) or during get-togethers where he would not hesitate to bring a smile to faces of others. Our condolences to the family, as you truly have another angel in heaven.

Robert & Marie Jeanne Therrien

Robert & Marie Jeanne - August 15, 2022 at 10:53 AM