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Bruce was recently asked how he wished to be remembered. He quickly replied, "That I loved the Lord, I loved life and I loved people!" As those who knew Bruce may attest, he also loved to talk!

From his earliest memories, Bruce always wanted to be a farmer. He assumed management of the family farm in 1951. In the same year he was delighted to find a lovely wife in Jane McClure, of Troy. Their four children were blessed with the opportunity to grow up on a dairy farm and learn from their parents the virtue of work. A singing farmer, Bruce's rich baritone voice could often be heard in the barn or while out on the tractor. He made sure the kids learned to play the piano before they learned to milk a cow! Bruce readily adopted many farm modernizations, and the land prospered under his care.

He exhibited a zest for life, easily conversing with people no matter what their background.

Possessing a keen sense of a good story line, he would return home from church, Farm Bureau and Rotary meetings bursting with interesting news and

anecdotes.

An optimist by nature Bruce was by choice a generous person, full of gratitude. Bruce took every day in stride, buoyed by his faith in the Lord. His love for the Lord influenced those who knew him, and even in his last months of life he prayed with his caregivers, thanking the Lord for their care of him.

He was preceded in death by parents Ruth and Chester, brothers Kenneth and Clyde, a sister, Gladys, and wife, Jane McClure Bresee. He is survived by a sister, Jeannette Post (Kenneth), children Jeanne Douglas (Alan) of Ulster, PA, Leslie Bresee (Ruth) of Ulster, PA, Hope Post (Stuart) of Binghamton, NY, Carolyn Jones (Jeffery) of Pierrepont Manor, NY, eleven grandchildren, ten great grandchildren, and many friends.

A memorial service honoring the life of William Bruce Bresee will be held Saturday, April 15, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at the North Rome Wesleyan Church with Rev. Edward Torres, pastor, and Rev. Philip Wanck, long-time family friend, officiating. The family will receive friends prior to the service on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be given to Grace Connection (P.O. Box 122 Towanda, PA 18848) in Bruce's memory.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Hornbrook Cemetery

Towanda, PA 18848

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ *William Bruce Bresee*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *William Bruce Bresee*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *William Bruce Bresee*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *William Bruce Bresee*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *William Bruce Bresee*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Bruce and Jane rented my cottage on the farm in Aberdeenshire, Scotland several decades ago three years running. A very very special couple. Phoned Bruce about two years ago and early on asked what he thought of Trump - 'That Buffoon' was his reply. Magic. Can only repeat how special both Bruce and Jane were to me. May his family enjoy their memory for ever. With love. Elrick Mackie. Nairn, Highlands, Scotland.*

Elrick Mackie - January 26, 2023 at 12:54 PM

RM

“ So many memories of Bruce. His zest for life and his sense of humour. A true gentleman and a cherished friend. His letters and phonecalls were always full of news about the family and the farm and they will be greatly missed.
With heartfelt sympathy to all the family from the Irvine family in the Shetland Islands.

Rosemary Macklin - January 18, 2023 at 05:27 PM

LI

“ Lachie and Etta Maclean from Scotland send their deepest sympathy and love to all of the family.
We have very fond memories of them when they stayed Bed and Breakfast with us
He would phone us on New Year's Day after we'd come in from church and we would have a good blether.
Remembering you all with Christian love
Xxx

Lachie and Etta Maclean Inverinate - January 11, 2023 at 05:09 PM

EC

“ He was always such a joy to talk with when we rented at the Lake.
Sympathies to the family.

Eulie Allen Costello - January 05, 2023 at 08:15 AM

SC

“ Sympathies and Condolences extended to the Bresee family ... from hunting on the Bresee farm as a youth to our annual rental of the Lake W cottage as kids I have many memories from my youth

Scott Campbell - January 04, 2023 at 10:00 AM

KG

“ It was a privilege to meet and spend time talking to Mr. Bresee. We met him, and Jane, at church. Our prayers are with his family.

Kimarie Gorsline - January 03, 2023 at 02:41 PM

CL

“ RIP Bruce,
My deepest condolences to all of the family
"Jeanne, Leslie, Hope and Carolyn", and their
family members.

I will always remember driving by on the back
roads and Bruce would be in the yard or near the barn, Jane too
and would always wave. A sweet man.

I am so sorry for your loss.

I am sure when I drive by the farm again, he will still be waving.



Claire K Lizon - January 03, 2023 at 09:28 AM

DM

“ My husband and I met Bruce and Jane through Pa. Farmers
Organization. They were both the kind of people we respected and
enjoyed. They left a wonderful family who they loved greatly. He did
what he enjoyed. Many people are better people from having known
him. Who could ask more from life?

Dora McCarty - January 03, 2023 at 07:29 AM