



Bruce Green

August 6, 2017

Bruce Green, Retired 2nd Lieutenant of the Chicago Heights Fire Department, passed away suddenly.

He spent most of his life in Chicago Heights until he retired in 2000 when he married the love of his life, Sheila Coghlan. He spent the last 17 years in Orland Park with his wife and children Colleen Coghlan, M.D. (26) and Ryan Coghlan (22) who he lovingly adopted as his own children shortly after their marriage. Bruce is survived by his daughter, Robin Toland and his grandchildren Alyssa and Frank Toland, his brothers Charlie and Robert Green, many loving sister and brother in-laws, nieces, nephews, and countless life-long friends who were his family. He was preceded by his parents Charles and Helene Green and his brother Roy Green.

Bruce touched the lives of numerous boys and girls through his many years with the Chicago Heights Park District where he coordinated the sports programs and was on the board of the Small Fry Basketball Association. He was known as a sports legend and amazing athlete in “the Heights,” as a star football, baseball, and basketball player at Bloom High School. His proudest accomplishment was being drafted by the Chicago Bears in 1967. He went on to play with the San Diego Chargers, the Hamilton Tiger-Cats of the Canadian Football League, and the Joliet Chargers (semi-pro). He was actually drafted by the Detroit Tigers for baseball out of high school however he elected to go

on to college at Midland University where he attended on a football scholarship and received All-American honors. He also played minor league baseball with the Lansing Old Timers during his time at Midland. He would eventually return to Bloom to teach physical education and become the Security Counselor as well as being an active member of the school board.

Visitation Thursday, August 10th from 3 p.m. until time of service at 8 p.m. at Heartland Memorial Center, 7151 183rd Street, Tinley Park.

For info or to sign the guestbook (708) 444-2266 or heartlandmemorial.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **10**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Heartland Memorial Center (183rd just off Harlem Ave)
7151 183rd St
Tinley Park, IL 60477
(708) 444-2266

Service

AUG **10**. 8:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Proctor Anderson, MD, John Hefferon , MD and Roni Pressler purchased the Mrs. Fields Nibblers® Sympathy Basket for the family of Bruce Green.



Proctor Anderson, MD, John Hefferon , MD and Roni Pressler - August 11, 2017 at 12:17 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bruce Green.



August 10, 2017 at 12:41 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Bruce Green.



August 09, 2017 at 04:25 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Bruce Green.



August 09, 2017 at 04:20 PM

IB

“ *There are no words to ease your grief, but please know that we are sending thoughts and prayers of peace and healing to you and your family.*



In Sympathy, IL Central School Bus Corporate Office

IL Central School Bus - August 09, 2017 at 03:28 PM

AG

“ *Alma Green lit a candle in memory of Bruce Green*



Alma Green - August 09, 2017 at 02:54 PM

MB

“ *Mike Bradley purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bruce Green.*



Mike Bradley - August 09, 2017 at 02:31 PM

JG

“ *Jim Greene purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Bruce Green.*



Jim Greene - August 09, 2017 at 01:27 PM

YU

“ *Your friends in Underwriting purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Bruce Green.*



Your friends in Underwriting - August 09, 2017 at 12:10 PM

AH

“ *To the family of Bruce Green:*

I was sorry to read about the sudden death of Bruce Green. My condolences, please, to his family.

Bruce and I are cousins. Our mothers, Elsie and Helen Hofschneider, were sisters growing up on the South Side of Chicago many years ago. They were the oldest and the youngest, with three brothers in between, and the only ones who had any children. So as cousins Bruce and I were about eight years apart, which would make him about 75 or so.

Unfortunately we have not remained in touch over these past 40 years. Our son, who is 47, is about a year younger than Robin.

I was pleased to read that Bruce has contributed so much to his community and maintained a keen interest in athletics.

Our mothers had a falling out years ago over a piece of jewelry (of all things!), but I always enjoyed times with my Aunt Helen (I think she added the "e" as an adult). She could be so funny at times!

Thanks for letting me reminisce.

Annette Thiel Hillman

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Annette Hillman - August 09, 2017 at 11:29 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Bruce Green.



August 08, 2017 at 11:02 PM