



H. Bruce Dudley

September 1, 1930 - December 22, 2012

****Note: The Funeral for Bruce has been changed to 1:00 p.m. Thursday, December 27, 2012 at Sproles Family Funeral Home. There will be calling from 10:00 a.m. Thursday until time of service.

The visitation today for Bruce will be held at the time scheduled from 4 - 7 p.m. The family understands if you cannot make it today in the inclement weather. ****

H. Bruce Dudley, 82, of New Castle, died unexpectedly Saturday, December 22, 2012 in Indianapolis at The Heart Center of Indiana.

He was born September 1, 1930 in New Castle, a son of the late Harrison Cook Lewis Dudley and Nancy Louisa (Campbell) Dudley.

A long-time area businessman, in business since 1954, Bruce owned and operated Dudley's Service Station and Hardware, N&S Golf Land, S&N Dairy Twist, Bill's Diner, B&B Car Wash and Bette's U-Store-It.

He served in the U.S. Army, Company "C" 84th Engineer Construction Battalion, during the Korean War. Bruce was a member of the First United Methodist Church, New Castle Lions Club, The Knights of Pythias and the American Legion. He enjoyed fishing, traveling and especially spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Bette (Scott) Dudley; two daughters, Nancy Boylan of Ft. Wayne and Susan (husband: Mark) McMorrine of Gilbert, AZ; three grandchildren, Ryan Boylan, Megan McMorrine and Abigail Boylan; a sister, Virginia Sue Bell of New Castle; two brothers-in-law, Gilbert Scott of

Berkeley, WV and Harold (wife: Marsha) Scott of New Castle; several nieces and nephews, and many friends and valued employees.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Dudley and a sister, Donna Mastin.

Funeral Services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, December 27, 2012 at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Pastor Tom McGilliard officiating. Burial will follow in South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition. Military Honors will be conducted by a contingent from the U.S. Army, the VFW Post 1282 and the American Legion, Post 137.

Friends may call from 4 – 7 p.m. Wednesday and from 10:00 a.m. Thursday until the time of the service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army with envelopes available at the funeral home. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

Sproles Family Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Bruce Dudley.

Tribute Wall

DB

“ I worked at Bill's Diner and really like Bruce he was one of the kindest men i know , He will be missed R.I.P. my dear friend.

Della Brown - January 02, 2013 at 08:17 PM

DW

“ It was such a nice funeral and I hope that the presence of so many was a comfort to you all. I heard so many stories from various people of how Bruce helped them, so it was wonderful that it was the focus of the funeral too. Will continue to keep you all in my prayers....

Diane Wendell - December 28, 2012 at 12:49 PM

RS

“ Were so sorry for the loss of Bruce our Prayers be with you.

Ron Supinger - December 27, 2012 at 05:30 PM

CW

“ Mr. Dudley will be sadly missed by so many. He was my father's (Carl Fraley) great friend for many years. We just loved when he came to town. So nice, always smiling and just a super man. Our whole family will miss you!!!

Carol Williams - December 27, 2012 at 10:07 AM

LF

“ Dear Nancy, We are so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, your sister, and your mom.
I remember you telling me about all the things your dad did in his life, all of his endeavors - no doubt he was most proud of you and your sister.
xoxo Leslie

Leslie Stahl and Family - December 27, 2012 at 09:56 AM

JS

“ BETTY, NANCY AND SUSAN, I WAS SO SAD TO HEAR OF BRUCE'S PASSING. I HAVE SO MANY GOOD MEMORIES OF COMING TO INDIANA IN THE SUMMERS. BRUCE WAS ALWAYS SO GOOD TO US KIDS. YOU WILL BE IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. I LOVE EACH ONE OF YOU AND THINK OF YOU OFTEN.

JANIE CAMPBELL SEXTON - December 26, 2012 at 08:30 PM

LM

“ I worked at Bill's Diner during high school and so did alot of my siblings "The Davis Gang" as Bruce would say. He always had a big smile and a kind word every time I saw him, and of course I always loved his laugh it was very contagious. I seen him and Betty at Bob Evans around Thanksgiving time and they both looked so good, I don't believe that they ever aged they made such a good looking couple. I know that your hearts are hurting and he can never be replaced, however his legeacy will live on forever here in New Castle in the lives of so many pepole that he touched in many ways. He will be missed but never forgotten. You have alot to be proud of to be able to say Bruce was my husband,my dad,my grandpa and I know he was very proud of all of you. May God bless you and keep you in his tender care. Lisa Davis Miller

Lisa Davis Miller - December 26, 2012 at 07:51 PM

SJ

“ *My prayers and thoughts are with all of you. Bruce will be sadly missed but well remembered as he was a very good person. May God be with all of you through this time in your life.*

Sharon Jessup - December 26, 2012 at 03:38 PM

LP

“ *Bette, Susan and Nancy, You are in my heart and mind at this time.*

Linda (Campbell) Perkins - December 26, 2012 at 03:10 PM

MN

“ *Bette, Nancy, and Susan,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.*
Mark Noll

Mark Noll - December 25, 2012 at 12:14 PM

TG

“ *I am sorry to hear about your loss. Bruce was a great man!*

Todd Garner - December 24, 2012 at 11:15 AM

JA

“ *Condolences to the Bruce Dudley family from the Buss Van Alst boys, we spent many a time at Bruce's station, usually the first place to go to get hardware and automotive. Bruce will be missed.*

James Van Alst - December 23, 2012 at 08:43 PM

TF

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Bruce was such a wonderful man. I have so many fond memories of him throughout my life. So blessed to have known him! May God comfort you all and hope you feel His love during this difficult time. Amy, Larry, Nicholas & Jordan Scubelek

The Scubelek Family - December 23, 2012 at 06:39 PM

SH

“ Bette, so sorry for your loss. Barb and I extend our deepest sympathy. Our thoughts are with you through this most difficult time.

Stephen Hartgrove - December 23, 2012 at 05:16 PM

KM

“ Bruce had such an impact on the citizens of New Castle. Bills Diner became part of our local tradition and he will be missed greatly but everyone who knew him.

Kim McConnell - December 23, 2012 at 01:24 PM

MF

“ Mrs. Dudley, Nancy, Susan and Family:
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. May God provide you comfort in the coming days and weeks ahead as you mourn his passing.
Peace be with you....

Mark & Lindsay Bates and Family - December 22, 2012 at 11:13 PM

LA

“ HE WAS LIKE A FRIEND TO ALL MY FAMILY WE GOT ALL OUR 16OZ POPS THERE BIG HUG TO ALL YOU ARE IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS IF THERE ARE GAS STATIONS IN HEAVEN HE IS RUNNING IT

Lynda Alberson - December 22, 2012 at 11:08 PM

BG

“ *Dear Bette,
I am so sorry to hear of Bruce's passing. Especially hard at this time of year I am sure. Sending prayers for healing to you and your family. He will always be with you in your memories and hearts.
Thinking of You, Brenda*

Brenda Harris Gouckenour - December 22, 2012 at 08:57 PM

JH

“ *Betty, We are extremely sorry for loss and our prayers are with you and your family.
Love, Jack and Linda Henry*

Jack Henry - December 22, 2012 at 05:30 PM

JM

“ *In our thoughts and prayers. May God Comfort and carry you through this time of loss. Our Condolences.....*

Jeff Mendenhall - December 22, 2012 at 04:57 PM