

BRUCE ALLEN JULSETH

March 28, 1936-February 22, 2025



Bruce A. Julseth died peacefully Saturday, February 22, 2025, at the age of 88, surrounded by love and family.

The middle son of Henry Elmer and Isobel Helen (née Bullard) Julseth, Bruce grew up on a tobacco farm in Cooksville, WI, went to a one-room schoolhouse, then attended Evansville High. He served in the U.S. Army for two years of active duty, was stationed in Germany, then

attended Milton College and later the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where he graduated in engineering. Years later, he earned a master's degree in electrical engineering from Syracuse University.

In Wisconsin, he met Shirley Noyce, who would become his wife and lifelong companion. They lived on the family farm, then moved to Wappingers Falls, near Poughkeepsie, NY, and raised two children, Marc and Erica. Bruce worked for IBM, where his group created the first integrated circuit for IBM, among other products.

Bruce's children recall their closeknit neighborhood in Wappingers, where the laughter during monthly poker games could be heard across suburban lots, and neighbors came together to build the family's inground pool. Their dad put up the outbuildings himself, though he'd never constructed anything like that before. He later helped Shirley rebuild a piano for their daughter. Through his adult life, Bruce was active in the Masons (serving in a leadership role for New York State), the Shriners and the American Legion (serving hotdogs at Little League Games).

Bruce was a lifelong learner, an aficionado of history and passionate about genealogy. When he retired from IBM (by then they lived in Cary, NC), he brushed up on his programming skills so he could pursue that for several years. In his last months on this Earth, he was determined to learn Spanish.

Bruce's wanderlust was strong. At the age of 16, he took off from the farm to hitchhike to California. (His parents learned of his whereabouts two months later, when he was compelled to return home.) Fortunately, Shirley also loved to travel, and they did plenty when their family was young in a little camper. The couple then graduated to an RV in retirement. After travels around the country, and to Norway (to visit cousins discovered through Bruce's research), they settled in Woodstock, GA, eventually giving up their dream home there to be close to family in Pittsburgh, PA, and where he could get some help caring for Shirley as her mobility declined.

When asked how he was, he typically said, "Fantastic!"

Bruce was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Julseth; his parents, Henry Elmer and Isobel Helen Julseth; and his brothers, David Julseth and Oliver (and Oliver's wife, Joan) Julseth. He is survived by his son, Marc Allan Julseth; daughter, Erica Lynn Lloyd; grandsons, Simon, Ted, Joseph, Justin and Jonathan; sister-in-law, Carmen; great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces, and great-nephews and nieces, all of whom he was very proud.

He will forever remain in our hearts.

The family will hold services in Wisconsin.

Arrangements entrusted to the **THOMAS L. NIED FUNERAL HOME INC.**, 7441 Washington Street, Swissvale.

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