



Bruce Howard Russell

June 9, 1952 - December 27, 2025

Bruce Howard Russell, 73, of Woodbridge, Virginia, passed peacefully from his home into the Lord's care on December 27, 2025. Born on June 9, 1952, in Colon, Panama, Bruce was the beloved son of Howard and Beryl Russell, and the devoted husband of Kimberly (Didrikson) Russell for over 42 years. Bruce's early years in Colon shaped a life grounded in faith, family, service, and a quiet strength that uplifted everyone around him. He graduated from Paraíso Junior-Senior High School in Paraíso Canal Zone, Panamá in 1971, continued his education at Nichols College (Class of 1976), and later earned his master's degree from Regent University in 2007. At Nichols College, Bruce played varsity soccer, tennis, and served as a writer and photographer for the school newspaper, reflecting his love of teamwork, discipline, and storytelling. Bruce answered the call to serve and spent 26 years in the United States Army, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. His distinguished career took him to several states, abroad to Germany, and included a tour in Saudi Arabia. His service was marked by honorable and faithful dedication, exemplary leadership, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to duty—values that guided him throughout his life. Among his acts of quiet heroism, Bruce was instrumental in transporting and delivering a 9-11 victim to the hospital, contributing to her survival, a testament to his courage and commitment to serving.

Following his military retirement, Bruce transitioned to the private contracting sector for 17 years, where he continued to serve the nation by supporting

many Department of Defense contracts and programs. In this next chapter, he brought the same steady leadership, integrity, and mission focus that defined his Army career.

Bruce had a passion for learning and languages. He was fluent in Spanish and German, and at the very least, learned how to say “Hello” in a dozen other languages as he met and made friends from all walks of life.

A man of faith, Bruce trusted in God’s grace and promises. His faith sustained him through life’s challenges and shaped the way he lived—quiet and confident, humble, and full of compassion for others. He was a longtime member of All Saints’ Church where he served for several years on the vestry, the men’s leadership team, the praise and worship team, countless small groups, bible studies and participated in a variety of domestic and international mission trips. Bruce remained equipped with a big heart, welcoming warm smile and always made time to pray with and for others. When Bruce was not serving or guiding others, he poured himself into the people and pastimes he loved. He cherished quality time with family, traveling, and relished friendly competition—spades, dominoes, ping-pong, and countless games that allowed room for playful banter and trash talking; anything that would keep people together. He enjoyed tennis and bowling—earning the affectionate nickname “the Bone Crusher” on the lanes. His greatest joy was being a grandfather, and spending time with Khaileigh, Isaiah, and Adelaide, who adored him.

Bruce was preceded in death by his father Howard, his mother Beryl, his grandmother Clerissa (Lea), and his grandfather Fitz. He is survived by his wife Kim, his children and their spouses Christina (Charles), Kevin (Angelissa), and Brian; his grandchildren Khaileigh, Isaiah, and Adelaide; his brothers and their spouses Fernando (Daphne), Gary (Sharon), and Jason (Enica); and a large circle of nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends who will miss him immensely.

Service Details

A Wake will be held on Friday, January 16, 2026, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Miller Funeral Home
3200 Golansky Blvd
Woodbridge, VA 22192

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.,
with a Viewing from 12:00–12:45 p.m., at:

All Saints' Church
14851 Gideon Drive
Woodbridge, VA 22192

The family welcomes your prayers. Memorial donations or flowers may be
sent to:

All Saints' Church
14851 Gideon Drive
Woodbridge, VA 22192

Bruce's life was a blessing, his memory a treasure, and his legacy one of faith,
service, and love. Well done, good and faithful servant.

Previous Events

Family Visitation

JAN 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (est)

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.
3200 Golansky Blvd.
Woodbridge, VA 22192
703-878-CARE (2273)
<https://millerfuneralhome.net/>

Celebration of Life

JAN 17. 1:00 PM (est)

All Saints' Church
14851 Gideon Drive
Woodbridge, VA 22192

Tribute Wall

TM

“ My deepest condolences to the family of Bruce. He was one of my first childhood friends because he lived on the next house from mine in Paraiso, Canal Zone, Republic of Panama and I have birthday pictures of when we were 3 or 4 years old. Although we were in the same grade, we never coincided in the same classrooms in elementary school until we passed on to junior and senior high school and graduated in 1971 from Paraiso High School. After graduation, Bruce relocated to the United States and I remained in Panama so we lost contact with each other until the year 2000, when we reconnected and I was fortunate to meet with both Kim and him on their subsequent visits to Panama, to include their last visit in September 2025. I will always cherish our lifelong friendship and close family ties in Panama. Until we meet again!!! Toribio Martin

Toribio Martin - January 18 at 05:50 PM

NF

“ Nicholas Collins and Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Bruce Howard Russell.



Nicholas Collins and Family - January 17 at 03:06 PM

NF

“ Nicholas Collins and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce Howard Russell.

Nicholas Collins and Family - January 17 at 03:06 PM

ER

“ Bruce and I met in first grade, and we went through school all the way through 12th grade together. We ran together, studied together, and had lots of fun together. We lost touch with each other after high school, but we got together in November of 2022, and picked up where we left off. It seemed that we had never been separated. Bruce was a good friend and a fine Christian man. I will miss you, my friend! I'll see you on the other side.

Everton (Tony) Robinson - January 17 at 01:30 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce Howard Russell.



January 16 at 09:07 PM

LF

“ Love, The Ferrara Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce Howard Russell.

Love, The Ferrara Family - January 16 at 09:07 PM

NC

“ My deepest condolences to the entire Russell family. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. Bruce will definitely be missed and forever in our hearts. I'm so very thankful for the numerous family events, bowling or just chit chatting about our Cowboys, memories that I will always cherish. - Nina Crawford



Nina Crawford - January 16 at 05:09 PM

TF

“ The Alicea Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Bruce Howard Russell.



The Alicea Family - January 16 at 11:56 AM

TF

“ The Alicea Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce Howard Russell.

The Alicea Family - January 16 at 11:56 AM

RJ

“ Roland M. Jackson purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Bruce Howard Russell.



Roland M. Jackson - January 16 at 09:38 AM

RJ

“ Roland M. Jackson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce Howard Russell.

Roland M. Jackson - January 16 at 09:38 AM

HG

“ Hercules Bowling Group purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Bruce Howard Russell.



Hercules Bowling Group - January 16 at 04:36 AM



“ Rays of Light Spray was purchased for the family of Bruce Howard Russell.



January 15 at 07:00 PM

TS

“ Tony, Susie & The Rest Of The Savinos purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Bruce Howard Russell.



Tony, Susie & The Rest Of The Savinos - January 15 at 04:33 PM

HG

“ *Hercules Bowling Group planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce Howard Russell.*

Hercules Bowling Group - January 15 at 10:45 AM

LB

“ *Love Aunt T, Tiffany and the boys purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Bruce Howard Russell.*



Love Aunt T, Tiffany and the boys - January 14 at 11:03 PM

P1

“ *Paraiso High School Class of 1971 purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bruce Howard Russell.*



Paraiso High School Class of 1971 - January 13 at 08:21 PM

L.

“ *L. purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Bruce Howard Russell.*



L. - January 12 at 05:59 PM

TF

“ *The Scott Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bruce Howard Russell.*



The Scott Family - January 12 at 08:45 AM

YV

“ *Your NF Team: Claire, Margaret & Vintee purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Bruce Howard Russell.*



Your NF Team: Claire, Margaret & Vintee - January 12 at 01:11 AM

SF

“ *Sumers Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Bruce Howard Russell.*



Sumers Family - January 08 at 06:15 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Bruce Howard Russell.*



January 08 at 02:34 PM

CF

“ Colonel (Ret) TW WILLIAMS and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce Howard Russell.

Colonel (Ret) TW WILLIAMS and Family - January 08 at 02:34 PM

BB

“ Oh no, Linda and I are so heartbroken to learn of Bruce’s passing. Bruce was a such a great teammate and friend for so many years when we served together in the Army, and he was a heck of tennis partner too! Sadly, it had been years since I spoke with Bruce, I really regret that and wish I had done better keeping in touch with him and Kim. God, please bless his soul, and provide his family with strength, endurance, and your powerful healing Grace

Bob Burns - January 07 at 04:47 PM

CB

Bruce always had a warm smile and a quiet strength. I know he will be greatly missed by his family and friends. The testimony of his life will continue to produce good things.
Cheryl Bull

Cheryl Bull - January 16 at 05:31 PM

MP

“ Maya P. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce Howard Russell.

Maya P. - January 07 at 04:43 PM

SF

“ Shirley Freelon and family purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Bruce Howard Russell.



Shirley Freelon and family - January 06 at 08:13 PM

SF

“ Shirley Freelon and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce Howard Russell.

Shirley Freelon and family - January 06 at 08:13 PM

WJ

“ With love and respect, Team JIAMDO purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bruce Howard Russell.



With love and respect, Team JIAMDO - January 05 at 06:55 PM

WJ

“ With love and respect, Team JIAMDO planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce Howard Russell.

With love and respect, Team JIAMDO - January 05 at 06:55 PM

LF

“ Lynne Didrikson and Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Bruce Howard Russell.



Lynne Didrikson and Family - January 05 at 12:15 PM

LF

“ Lynne Didrikson and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce Howard Russell.

Lynne Didrikson and Family - January 05 at 12:15 PM

LN

“ Russell family, please accept my heartfelt condolence. You are in my prayers. I share your sorrow. Bruce was my best buddy in high school. I could always count on him for words of wisdom and support when feeling low or insecure.
Psalm 3:3 - you are a shield around me, O Lord, the Glorious One who lifts up my head.
With love, Leslie (Campbell) Noss
Blythewood, South Carolina

Leslie Noss - January 04 at 08:18 PM

NF

“ Nembhard Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bruce Howard Russell.



Nembhard Family - January 03 at 12:00 PM