



Bruce Edward Hulet

November 18, 1943 - April 4, 2018

Bruce Edward Hulet, 74, of Traverse City, passed suddenly April 4, 2018 at his home. Bruce was born November 18, 1943 in Traverse City, MI to Edward and Ernestine (Acker) Hulet.

Bruce graduated from Traverse City High School and enjoyed the visual arts with a hand for drawing.

Bruce worked within the family business at Shadowland Bar & Grill until it was sold in 1981. He moved on to drive for TCAPS for special needs children until he retired in 2010. During this time, Bruce also trained and excelled in Taxidermy, using his artistic eye and great attention to detail. He has many pieces hung throughout the area, including Brady's Bar.

Bruce loved the out-of-doors sharing this passion with the love his life, Renee. A second passion was riding his Harley, which included motorcycle trips with his wife to the top of Mount Washington, NH, Sturgis, SD, and annual adventures into the Upper Peninsula. They were always in company of numerous biking friends, so much so that when married they took 13 friends with them on their honeymoon to "Paradise," Michigan.

Bruce had an infectious laugh, warm smile, and quick-wit. He had an uncanny sense of humor that was enjoyed by those that knew him. Known as a gentle giant, Bruce was regarded by his friends as a local "Legend."

Bruce is survived by his wife of 39 years, Renee (Garzaniti) Hulet and a son Jason (Nicole) Hulet; two granddaughters, Ashley and Emily; sisters Marilyn, Janet, and Kathleen; also many nieces and nephews including great friends, who he considered family. Lets not forget his claimed "look-a-like" American bulldog "Sarge."

Proceeded in death by his parents Edward Gaylord Hulet and Ernestine Elvina (Acker) Hulet; sister, Linda Louise (Beyne) Hulet.

A "Celebration of Life" date will be announced at a later date this summer.

Please share your thoughts and memories with Bruce's family by way of his online guestbook at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com.

The family is being cared for by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Comments



“ To All the Hulet's
My thoughts and prayers are with you.... Many wonderful memories of Shadowland (The Pit) and of course Bruce made that possible along w/all of you. May our loving God wrap His arms around all of you... Bruce was a great man that will be missed by many. So sorry for your loss.

Darlene Miller



Darlene Miller - April 26, 2018 at 12:54 PM



“ See ya on the other side my friend. I always looked when someone called your name.

Bruce Clark - April 17, 2018 at 10:59 PM



“ Renee, Of course we all knew and loved Bruce. He was a regular customer at my dad's Harley shop back in the day. My mom remembers Bruce being the only rider she ever saw to go around a corner and put his bare foot down on the pavement ! I worked with him at Ice Makers too when I was in high school (and for his sister Janet and her husband Joe Zimmer) and remember some of the best and funniest times with Bruce. I couldn't help but smile and laugh whenever I was around him. He had the best sense of humor and the heartiest laugh.
Our family sends our prayers and condolences to you and your family.
Scott Wikle, Traverse City

Scott Wikle - April 17, 2018 at 07:30 PM



“ Renee,
I am so sorry to hear about Bruce. I am beyond proud to call you both my friends! I always enjoyed when you two would come visit me for a drink and catch up! I love you both! Xoxo
-Kaiti

Kaitlyn Aldridge - April 17, 2018 at 01:45 PM



“ Bruce became our much loved classmate when he entered St. Francis Grade School in 1951. He was the tallest boy in our First Communion group photo! Although he transferred to Central High, we always invited Bruce to our class reunions over the years. And he always came.

The Lord will have to work extra hard to make as beautiful a place for Bruce in heaven as he and Renee enjoyed here on the Boardman River.

Rest in Peace, Bruce.

Elaine Ludka Kozlowski and the 1962 Class of St. Francis High School

Elaine Ludka Kozlowski - April 17, 2018 at 01:23 PM



“ Renee

Our hearts go out to you and your family when we heard about Bruce. He was such a character, definitely a one of a kind. He will be truly missed.

Tink @ Terri Armstrong

Tink - April 15, 2018 at 12:32 PM



“ We are so sorry to learn about you father, Bruce. Please know your are in our thoughts. The tributes we've had the privilege to read so far clearly show that Bruce lived life fully and shared many of his gifts. Kevin and Kelly Dillan

Kelly Dillan - April 15, 2018 at 08:42 AM



“ I have many fond memories of Bruce and Renee. Working for them at Shadowland and hanging out with them at their cabin on the river was always a good time.

Bruce was a great guy and will always be remembered. Our prayers and hearts go out to Renee and their family.

Scott and Janet Ruggles



Scott and Janet Ruggles - April 14, 2018 at 12:14 PM



“ When our family first moved to Traverse City, our mother Pat worked for Bruce at Shadowland. Always a kind and gracious man and friend. I am so sorry Renee, all my prayers and thoughts to you, and the family. Terry Garrett

Terry Garratt - April 14, 2018 at 11:39 AM



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Scott and Janet Ruggles - April 14, 2018 at 11:19 AM



“ Bruce was always nice and we had fun partying in the early days

Elizabeth Pugliese - April 11, 2018 at 12:56 AM



“ Jason Hulet is following this tribute.

Jason Hulet - April 07, 2018 at 10:20 AM



“ I am so very sorry, and shocked to learn of Bruce's passing. My thoughts are with you now.

Loma Smith Romanow - April 07, 2018 at 04:00 PM



“ I am so sorry to learn about Bruce's passing. I have many fond memories of him. He was a great guy. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Jerry Cox

Jerry - April 08, 2018 at 04:51 PM



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Jason Hulet - April 07, 2018 at 09:15 AM



“ What a beautiful family God Bless you always

Elizabeth Pugliese - April 11, 2018 at 12:57 AM



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Jason Hulet - April 07, 2018 at 09:13 AM



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Jason Hulet - April 07, 2018 at 09:08 AM



“ My heartfelt sorrow goes out to Renee, the extended Hulet family, and the absolutely enormous network of friends who were beyond fortunate for having Bruce in their lives. Bruce never had a bad word to say about anyone. And he was always there to offer help to others in need. Bruce viewed life as a "good time"; and it always showed in his constant smile, his patience, and his calm demeanor. He was a friend to everyone. And being in his presence had a way of making you feel that none of your troubles were quite as bad as you thought.

He will be greatly missed.

Phyl Axtell

Phyl Axtell - April 07, 2018 at 08:13 AM



“ My heart is broken for you Renee and Jason and family. He loved you so much!

Joanne Tuck - April 07, 2018 at 03:47 PM



“ We absolutely adored this man.Loved being neighbors on the Boardman River all our fun gatherings.Bruce had the biggest hugs great chuckles and amazing listener.Our sympathy to Renee his forever constant companion who we also adore,and to Jason and his family RIP sweet Bruce You will be missed

sue Stein - April 08, 2018 at 11:29 AM



“ Bruce and I were friends in grade school and high school. He was a lot of fun. We managed to get in mischief together on more than one occasion.

Michael Gravlin - April 15, 2018 at 01:00 PM