



William Bruce Cranfill

December 27, 1953 - December 30, 2017

Bruce Cranfill passed away peacefully with family present on December 30, 2017 at Redlands Community Hospital after a brief illness.

Bruce was born December 27, 1953 in Redlands, CA to parents Cleo Ray (Pete) and Ruth Cranfill. He grew up in Redlands and attended Lugonia Elementary, Clement Middle School, and graduated from Redlands High School in 1972. He went on to attend Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Humboldt State University.

Bruce had a long and successful career working with Geographic Information Systems, starting in the late 70's with the pioneering work being done at Esri. Over the years he worked with and for various organizations, always keeping up with the latest advances in GIS and sharing his expertise. His clients and co-workers enjoyed his patient, pleasant attitude and sense of humor.

Bruce enjoyed all things related to his family whether it was traveling to new places, camping, hiking, biking, cooking – from any outdoor adventures to just hanging out at home watching a movie with his family. A loving dad, he was always involved in and supported his children's activities. Bruce was active in the Boy Scouts of America, serving as Cubmaster for Cub Scout Pack 23 at Mariposa Elementary for a number of years and then as an adult volunteer in Troop 3, Mentone. He was extremely proud when his son Robert attained the rank of Eagle Scout in 2016 and was supportive of his younger two sons' current journeys to Eagle.

Bruce is survived and missed by his beloved wife of 21 years, Donna, their children Robert, Dorie, Derek, and Patrick; his children from a previous marriage Sarah and Rachel. He is also survived by his sister, Nolia Spry, brothers Andy and John. He is preceded in death by his parents and siblings Carolyn Alvis, David Cranfill and Timothy Cranfill.

Per Bruce's wishes there will be no services at this time.

The family would like to thank the ICU staff at Redlands Community Hospital for their professionalism and kindness.

Comments



“ I am so saddened to hear of Bruce's passing. Bruce and I started working about the same time at ESRI. I will always remember his gentle, easy going way of life. He was a great co-worker and great father. He will be missed greatly...

-Marque De Courten

Marque De Courten - January 15, 2018 at 02:53 AM



“ I will miss Bruce very much. We worked together on many projects at ESRI and he always brought creativity to solving problems, and a sense of humor during tough times. Over the years he and I would periodically bump into one another at the Redlands Bike Classic and other events and spend a great deal of time catching up. It was always a treat. All my condolences to Donna and the family. Bruce was a wonderful person to have be part of my life.

Jon Harrison

Jon Harrison - January 14, 2018 at 11:26 AM



“ My condolences from Valencia family.



Diana - January 10, 2018 at 10:16 PM



“ I always enjoyed working with Bruce at GTI in Redlands. He was a quiet and polite co worker and friend. He loved talking about his children and I loved hearing about his bike rides. We kept in touch over the years often catching up on Facebook or a text message. I'll miss hearing from him. RIP! My sincere sympathies to Donna and his family.

Debbie Huffert - January 10, 2018 at 04:11 PM



“ Bruce was a “good guy”—not too many of them around any more. He loved his family deeply and I always looked forward to his annual news letters. I was very happy that the boys had so much support from him in their scouting activities. He will be greatly missed.

Christy Barras - January 10, 2018 at 12:38 AM