

## Bruce R. Otley

November 20, 1954 - December 5, 2015

Bruce Raymond Otley, age 61, of Groveland, Florida passed away suddenly at his residence on December 5, 2015. Born November 20, 1954 in Camden, NJ, he was the son of the late Raymond Otley and Barbara Fuller Spangler. Mr. Otley had a passion for helping his community and a unique way of always finding the humor in everything. His laugh was addicting and not easily forgotten by those that knew him. He started his career in the fire service as a firefighter for the Valley Forge VA Center before accepting a position as patrolman for the East Pikeland Township Police Department in 1980. He left the police department in 1984 when he accepted a position as a civilian firefighter for the Willow Grove Naval Air Station where he not only responded to miscellaneous fire calls and alarms but also to airplane crashes and fuel spills if they occurred on base. He retired in 2006. Retirement bored Bruce, so in 2008, he relocated to Central Florida for a new challenge. He became employed by Walt Disney World in the transportation, watercraft and monorail systems. He used his skills in training and mentoring that he gained in years of the fire service to become a trainer for the monorail employees.

While in PA, Bruce was a long time member and volunteer for the Kimberton Fire Company and West End Fire Company (Phoenixville) and also served as an EMT for West End Ambulance (Phoenixville). Over the years, Bruce used his acquired knowledge and skills to mentor many new volunteers both on emergency medicine and fire/rescue procedures. He taught them how to stay

safe so that they could return home to their families after every call. He helped many launch their careers in the paid firefighting and EMS services for private industry and government entities. For him, it was a personal accomplishment when he saw someone he trained succeed.

Bruce's other passion had always been the Boy Scouts. He had received the highest award, Eagle Scout and later in life, went on to become Scout Master of Troop 49 in Kimberton. Mr. Ottey was always willing to help his friends and family during both good times and bad. His compassion and concern for all those he loved and held dear to him was evident. He had a way of bringing out the best in people. Those that knew him could sum up his character thru a verse from singer Celine Dion's song, Because You Loved Me:

You were my strength when I was weak  
You were my voice when I couldn't speak  
You were my eyes when I couldn't see  
You saw the best there was in me  
Lifted me up when I couldn't reach  
You gave me faith 'cause you believed  
I'm everything I am  
Because you loved me

Surviving are his beloved daughter Ashley whom he loved and cherished with all his heart and her son, DJ who was quickly becoming Bruce's sidekick. Surviving also are his sisters Carol (wife of Charles) Krzywanski, Pottstown, PA, Linda Ottey, Phoenixville, PA, Ashley's mother, Bonnie, and Bruce's two K-9 companions, Josey and Jeje.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral service at the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Main street at Fifth Avenue, Phoenixville, PA on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 10:30 am. Officiating will be the Rev. Ronald P. Wesemann. Friends will be received from 6:30-8 Monday evening

or from 9:30-10:30am Tuesday morning at the funeral home. Burial will be in the St. Peter's Lutheran Church Cemetery, Chester Springs, PA. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made in his name to South Lake Animal League, a no-kill shelter, at P.O. Box 121504, Clermont, FL 34712. The video tribute may be viewed and condolences may be made by visiting [www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com) <<http://www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com>>.

# Tribute Wall

PE

“ Bruce was funny and upbeat and positive all the time. I thoroughly enjoyed working with him. He was so proud of his children and grandchildren and you could tell this by the way he beamed when he spoke of them. He will be missed by all of us in Monorails and Watercraft. RIP Bruce.

Pam Evitts - December 21, 2015 at 04:32 PM

DB

“ Diana Cooper Brignola lit a candle in memory of Bruce R. Ottey



Diana Cooper Brignola - December 17, 2015 at 02:15 PM

DL

“ What a GREAT man! It's so hard to believe such a good person has gone! My condolences and prayers go to the family. So so sorry for your loss. We ALL lost a good hearted, humble, one of a kind person.



Dirk Lee - December 14, 2015 at 05:37 PM

NE

“ Nicole, Aaron & Ethan lit a candle in memory of Bruce R. Ottey



Nicole, Aaron & Ethan - December 14, 2015 at 03:47 PM

JP

“ *Jen Prevoznik lit a candle in memory of Bruce R. Ottey*



**Jen Prevoznik** - December 14, 2015 at 08:32 AM

TF

“ *The Brothers From IAFF Local F-221 DLA Firefighters purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Bruce R. Ottey .*



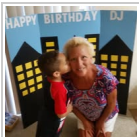
**The Brothers From IAFF Local F-221 DLA Firefighters** -  
December 13, 2015 at 06:24 PM

MC

“ *Meghan And David Cell lit a candle in memory of Bruce R. Ottey*



**meghan and David Cell** - December 13, 2015 at 12:17 PM



“ *Bonnie Ackerman Ottey lit a candle in memory of Bruce R. Ottey*



**Bonnie Ackerman Ottey** - December 13, 2015 at 11:57 AM



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Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - December 12, 2015 at 02:34 PM



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Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - December 12, 2015 at 12:48 PM



“ Gailynne Ferguson lit a candle in memory of  
Bruce R. Otley



Gailynne Ferguson - December 11, 2015 at 04:02 PM

GF

“ I never thought at our lunch a few months ago it would be the last time I saw you. The tears have been flowing steadily as I keeping thinking back on the crazy times we shared for nearly 36 years. We laughed for hours and at times, even shed tears together. You were the pillar of strength when I got sick and needed a friend. That, I will never, ever forget. (Nor will I forget you telling me about loading the firetruck from Willow Grove NAS onto a plane for shipment to Georgia only to realize you had no room to get out of the truck and had to make the flight...whether you wanted to or not.. Only you...and that was just one of many funny stories I will remember to help ease the pain.)



*They say you only have one or two true friends in life, the rest are just acquaintances. I know for a fact Bruce that you were a true friend. You were an inspiration in so many ways to so many people. Ashley, your daddy was a very good, hard working man who loved you and DJ very much. May you and your family take comfort in knowing that he is at peace and watching over you. God bless you all.*

*Rest in peace my dear friend until we meet again and thank you for everything.*

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**Gailynne Ferguson** - December 11, 2015 at 04:01 PM

RC

“ You my friend are the second one that we have had to say goodbye too recently. I can't imagine the loss for your family. You were always a dear friend at 61, Valley Forge, Boy Scouts, your place in Maryland. We sure had some great times. I thought your job as the a monorail pilot was the coolest haha. And the time you made an arrest at the Coatesville VA while using a plunger handle as a gun? Fun times!!! Rest easy buddy we have from here

*Ray Carl*

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**Ray Carl** - December 11, 2015 at 02:25 PM

LP

“ Linda Purcell lit a candle in memory of Bruce R. Ottey



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**Linda Purcell** - December 11, 2015 at 12:26 PM

LP

*Linda, my prayers are with you and your family at this time. I know from your stories that your brother had a personality bigger than life itself and love to match it .  
May the Angels watch over you all at this time.  
Linda Purcell*

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**Linda Purcell** - December 11, 2015 at 12:30 PM

JK

“ When I became Scoutmaster of BSA Troop 49 Kimberton in 1972 Bruce was my Junior Assistant. He was a great leader everyone loved and respected him. He went on to become Scoutmaster. He will be missed by everyone he had contact with.

*John Kathman*

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**John Kathman** - December 10, 2015 at 09:34 AM



Joe Sivco

“ I started boy scouts in 1985 with Troop 49 out of Kimberton, Pa. I remember attending meetings at the firehouse and seeing the name B. Ottey up on the wall of the Order of the Arrow recipients. It did not dawn on me until some really good friends from high school introduced me to Bruce. I had the pleasure of listening to stories of Bruce's scouting days. This is really what gave me the liking for scouts. Thank you for being a friend to me and giving me the motivation to stay in scouting.

*Joe Sivco Jr.*

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**Joe Sivco** - December 10, 2015 at 06:27 AM



SL

“ Sharon Spearman Lacy lit a candle in memory of Bruce R. Ottey

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**Sharon Spearman Lacy** - December 10, 2015 at 05:43 AM



SL

*Did not know Bruce in our latter years, but remembered him from East Pikeland Elementary school. Sending my condolences to Bruces family. May he RiP.*

Sharon Spearman Lacy - December 10, 2015 at 05:45 AM

RD

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Ottey family. Bruce was a good friend and always had a way to make you laugh, even if it was at yourself. You will be missed by more than you know.*



Richard Dobson - December 09, 2015 at 06:26 PM

LF

*My sympathy to you and the family. So sorry for your loss. Prayers are with the family.*

Linda falco - December 09, 2015 at 08:45 PM

MH

“ *I am so sad to hear that BRUCE passed away. He was a mentor and a friend. I feel honored to have served with him at Sta. 67. I was always proud of the EMS service at West End while he served as EMS Captain. Bruce gave me a better understanding of how EMS and Fire can work together, and made me a better fire officer. I'm sure I'm not the only one who could say that his sense of humor was one of a kind. He will be missed. Rest in peace BRUCE till we meet again.*

Mark A. Hritz - December 09, 2015 at 05:37 PM

JC

“ I am very Sad to hear of the passing of Bruce. I spent a lot of time at West End Fire company running Ambulance with Bruce an hang out with him when he was on duty as a police officer. He was awesome guy an great father. He will be miss, rest in peace my friend!!

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**Jay R. Carlin** - December 09, 2015 at 05:08 PM

JP

“ To loss a go friend and mentor so suddenly is very heart braking our family's grow together and are all go friend to this day To my go friend I will miss you but I will see you once agian rest in peace

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**john porter** - December 09, 2015 at 04:36 PM

TH

“ To say that I was shocked to hear about Bruce passing is an understatement. It was an honor to be able to call Bruce a dear friend of mine. We both joined the fire service at anout the same time. Bruce devoted his whole adult life to serving and helping others. He gave his service and devotion to others without hesitation nor regret. I worked with Bruce at several stations together and not once did i hear Bruce gripe about having to go out on calls, he did it without hesitation. His skills and dedication to his career were exemplary and i know that Ashley and the rest of th3 family are very proud of what he did and rightfully so. May you all find comfort in the arms of Almighty and merciful God. God bless each and everyone of you.

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**Terry Hughes** - December 09, 2015 at 03:25 PM

BS

“ *Though I never had the pleasure to meet you, I can honestly say by the type of person your daughter Ashley is that you are a great man and father. I wish you an eternal beautiful afterlife in the heavens. My condolences to your daughter your grandson and the rest of your family*

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**Brian Serrano** - December 09, 2015 at 02:28 PM