



Bruce Geary

September 2, 1952 - December 10, 2013

Donald Bruce Geary, age 61 of Centralia passed away at his home Tuesday, December 10, 2013. Bruce was born on September 2, 1952 in Centralia, son of Donald G. Geary and Arline "Penny" (Heyduck) Geary. He married Janice Arnold on October 20, 1979 at Pleasant Grove Church in Iuka. He is survived by his mother, his wife of 35 years; a son Matthew Geary of Edwardsville and daughter Jennifer Lehane and husband Christian of Orlando, FL., three sisters, Nancy Siegmund and husband Frederick of Centralia, Janet Mallinson and husband Don of Washington IL, Ruth Chandler and husband Steve of Durham N.C. and several nieces and nephews, and great nephews and great nieces. He was preceded in death by his father, son Christopher, father-in-law Eugene Arnold, and mother-in-law Marian Arnold. Bruce was very active in the community, a member of First Christian Church, Community Representative on the St Mary's Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees, Centralia Library Project and the Centralia Foundation. He was very loving and devoted to his family and friends. Visitation will be held Saturday, December 14, 2013, from 4:00pm to 8:00pm at the First Christian Church in Centralia. Private family services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Centralia Foundation, Centralia Library, St. Mary's Hospital Foundation and donor's choice and will be accepted at the funeral home. Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

BH

“ So very saddened to hear of Bruce's passing. He was truly a great person and Rick and I were always so pleased to see him and your entire family.. Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers.

Barbara Hartman - December 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ Geary Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you! We hope that the love of family and friends will give you strength! In Christ's Love, Vickie & Wayne Houser

Wayne Houser - December 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Janice, Our condolences. I know Bruce, his parents, and his sisters through growing up in our neighborhood in Edgewood Lane. What a great family! He will be missed by many in town as his civic & business efforts helped keep Centralia afloat! An ideal citizen always giving of himself for the betterment of our community! May God bless you and your family.

Kent & Mary Jones - December 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ My deepest sympathy to Jen Lehane and family! You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Laura Nelson - December 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Condolences to Ruth Ann and family. Blessings to you all.

Connie Jo Havens Donahoo - December 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ We're going to miss you, Bruce. I'm glad I was able to spend some time with you while I was in Centralia this past summer. We're praying for your whole family, for an outpouring of grace & mercy.

Richard & Christi Heyduck - December 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ May the love of friends and family carry you through your grief.

Betty & Tim Whitehurst - December 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers at such a difficult time. Some men do great things that most people are not aware of. How fortunate your family and Centralia was to have two of those men. May your memories always stay in your heart and make your coming days a little easier.

Mike & Sue Hoyt - December 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Our Deepest Sympathy to the Penny Geary family, I so much enjoyed working with Bruce in the past! He was a loyal and dedicated person to all who had the privilege of working with him. I know he will be missed by so many of us. Bob Wernsman and Family

Bob Wernsman - December 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Jen, So sorry for your loss. Your family in Orlando is thinking of you and hoping you find comfort in this difficult time.

Dave and Dianne Snow - December 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *The Snow Family never had the chance to meet Jen's father, however, we have been blessed since Jen became a member of our extended family. It sounds like she was blessed with many of the same wonderful traits as her Dad. We are heartbroken for all of you and send prayers for comfort during this difficult time. We love you Jen & Chris and are here for you if you need anything at all.*
Love,Debbie & Dennis Snow

Debbie Snow - December 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *I send my condolences out to Penny, Nancy and the rest of the family for the profound loss of their husband, father, son and brother. I remember Bruce as a boy, but it's been several years since I've had the chance to see and talk to him. From what I know he was one of the mainstays in the Centralia community and will be missed.*

Bette Henderson - December 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *A good friend and boss. Will be missed.Thanks for the memories.*

Bud Davis - December 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

J(

“ *So sorry for your loss. I will always be thankful for the opportunities Bruce gave me as I started my working career. He will be greatly missed. Such a wonderful man.*

Judy Shawback (Chambliss) - December 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ *He was a great person and a well respected businessman. He will be truly missed.* ”

Victoria Migliore - December 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *RIP to my second cousin Bruce.* ”

Richard Roth - December 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM