



Bruce Udvari

August 31, 1951 - November 15, 2019

On Friday, November 15, 2019, Bruce J Udvari, loving husband to Frances and father to Bruce (Laura) and Chad (Jennifer), grandfather to Joshua, Brooke, Braylyn and Skylar passed away at the age of 68.

Bruce was born on August 31, 1951 in Detroit, MI to Ambrose and Josephine (Stachowiak) Udvari. He received his Bachelor's from Ferris State University and Master's degree from Central Michigan University in 1974. He taught high school vocational arts at Armada for 26 years and began building a passion for coaching young athletes. On August 31, 1974, Bruce and Fran wed after 8 years of dating. They made the journey last 45 years of marriage and raised two boys along the way.

Bruce had two things running through his blood at all times...hunting and volleyball. He was inducted into both the State and County Coaches Hall of Fame after coaching girl's volleyball for a total of 31 years. He also coached teams around the world competing at the highest high school levels. When Bruce wasn't competing on the court you would find him in the woods searching for other types of trophies. He had a true love for the outdoors and built his paradise north of the Mackinaw Bridge. Bruce has many trophies of these types, volleyball and hunting, but later in life his true trophies were his grandchildren. He would stop and change plans to be sure to accompany them to any of their extracurricular activities.

Bruce was preceded in death by his father, Ambrose, his mother, Josephine, and his brother, Brian. He is survived by his wife Fran, his two boys, Bruce (Laura) and Chad (Jennifer), four grandchildren and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A memorial will be held on Saturday, November 23, 2019 at E.J. Mandziuk and Sons from 1-4pm (3801 18 Mile Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48314) followed by a celebration of life ceremony at Villa Penna from 4:30-8:30pm(43985 Hayes Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48313).

Previous Events

Service

NOV **23**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights
3801 18 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48314
(586) 997-3838

Celebration of Life

NOV **23**. 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Villa Penna
43985 Hayes Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48313

Tribute Wall



“ *Bruce Udvari*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Bruce Udvari*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *To the best coach ever!!*



1984 Tigers - November 22, 2019 at 10:34 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce Udvari.*



November 22, 2019 at 09:34 AM

DA

“ My name is Dave. My wife Tonia and I got to know Bruce and Fran later in life through business, They are two of the greatest people we have ever known. Always positive and upbeat. Since we do business together we would see Bruce quite a bit when he came to our shop. Bruce was my Norm from Cheers. When he came to the shop he would come in the back door. When I would find out he was here I would open the office door and yell through the shop BRUCE!! It would always put a smile on his face as well as everybody in the shop. We miss you giant Bruce!

Dave - November 21, 2019 at 04:28 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Bruce Udvari.



November 21, 2019 at 12:17 PM

TG

“ There are brothers by blood and brothers by choice. Bruce you were a brother by choice for 43 years. I miss you “Big Bear”.

Tom George - November 20, 2019 at 09:07 PM

KL

“ Mr. Udvari....what can I say....great memories.....he was Romeo High School's volleyball coach but took some of us Armada volleyball girls under his wing. He combined an awesome volleyball team between our two schools to play on an A.A.U. League and created new friendships for us that we probably wouldn't have had. I still get together with these girls to this day!! He was an excellent coach and teacher and I had the privilege my senior year to be his aide in graphic arts in third hour...a few of us Armada girls even got to travel to Spain with him for the World Sports Exchange....what a great opportunity it was when he invited us to go!! We loved him!! Mr. Udvari...Coach and teacher!! He will be missed!!

Karrie Harmon Lietz - November 20, 2019 at 08:33 PM

JR

“ Mr. Udvari was an amazing teacher! He was the cool one.. he will be missed by so many.. he was always making us laugh in class.. just an all around awesome person! My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends! Much love ❤️

jennifer Radvansky - November 20, 2019 at 07:35 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Bruce Udvari.



November 20, 2019 at 02:21 PM

UF

“ *Uncle John and Aunt Teresa and family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Bruce Udvari.*



Uncle John and Aunt Teresa and family - November 20, 2019
at 12:08 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Bruce Udvari.*



November 20, 2019 at 10:57 AM

BF

“ *BTB and Families purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Bruce Udvari.*



BTB and Families - November 20, 2019 at 10:10 AM

WB

“ *Wayne and Kay Bradshaw purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Bruce Udvari.*



Wayne and Kay Bradshaw - November 20, 2019 at 07:14 AM

KD

“ Coach Udvari took me to Spain to play volleyball when i was in high school. Not only was he a great coach, but a wonderful man as well. I played at CVHS while he coached at Romeo. He was a mastermind on the court and always had kind words for me. You will be missed Coach.

Kari Drogosh - November 19, 2019 at 09:07 PM

CJ

“ Carol Ann Johnson lit a candle in memory of Bruce Udvari



Carol Ann Johnson - November 19, 2019 at 04:27 PM

SS

“ Bruce was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He adored his four grandchildren and always attended their athletic and school events. He was honest and true in his approach to life. It was a privilege to have known him.

Susan and Henry Suchecki

Susan Suchecki - November 19, 2019 at 02:53 PM

TF

“ The Schena Roofing & Sheet Metal Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bruce Udvari.



The Schena Roofing & Sheet Metal Family - November 19, 2019 at 02:03 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce Udvari.* ”



November 19, 2019 at 11:06 AM



“ *Deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. Udvari. He was an amazing teacher to have and was always there to listen to you no matter what the issue. Fran, my sincere and deepest sympathies to you and your family during this most difficult time.* ”

Dawn Viaene - November 19, 2019 at 10:22 AM



“ *Action Benefits purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Bruce Udvari.* ”



Action Benefits - November 19, 2019 at 09:40 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Bruce Udvari.* ”



November 19, 2019 at 09:01 AM

KE

“ Although I was across the street at the elementary school, I always knew that Bruce was a well respected teacher and a kind man. I'm so sorry for your loss. Karen Elliott

karen elliott - November 19, 2019 at 08:30 AM

GH

“ I never had Mr. Udvari as a classroom teacher, but he was my Volleyball coach in Armada. You could say we were the Bad News Bears of Volleyball losing every game we ever played our first year. He worked so hard with us teaching us the mechanics of volley ball and how to react to almost anything. We make a come back the following year winning every single game we played and becoming district champs!!! Bruce was the best volleyball coach ever and an amazing friend. I'm going to miss "bumping" into him and catching up.

Sending healing hugs and warm thoughts to the family and know I am keeping you all in my prayers .

Gina Blissett Hollweg - Class of 82

Gina Hollweg - November 19, 2019 at 07:27 AM

AA

“ He was like an Uncle to me. I loved giving h the same crap I give my dad. My dad and him have been best of friends from high school. I love all of you like family. I can't remember a time when I dad didn't go hurting with Bruce in the U.P. Sending all my prayers and thoughts are with everyone of you.

Angela (Burke) Alvey - November 19, 2019 at 02:37 AM

HB

“ Bruce was the brother that I never had. We have been the best buddies for the last 50 years. I could write a book on the many great times that we have had. I started Bruce deer hunting in 1971 we were attending Ferris University and I borrowed hunting out fit and a gun. Bruce was the only one to see a deer. Love Fran and the Boys like family.

Harry Burke - November 18, 2019 at 10:52 PM

C9

“ Sending prayers my deepest condolences to the Udvari family



Carrie Vanderlinden class of 91 - November 18, 2019 at 10:30 PM

C9

“ I am so sad to hear of Mr.Udvari's passing! He was definitely one of my favorite teachers. I had his Graphic Arts class for 3 years in high school.

RIP Bruce 💔

Carrie Vanderlinden class of 91 - November 18, 2019 at 10:28 PM

LV

“ I'm so sorry for your loss Udvari Family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers ❤️ Mr Udvari was the best teacher and drivers training teacher at Armada High School !

Lynn Viaene-Showinsky - November 18, 2019 at 09:29 PM

J9

“ He was one of my favorite teachers. I had him for graphic arts all through high school. Was his aid by helping do his volleyball sheets from 90-92. My heart goes out to his family and friends and to the students he touched.

John Hunt class of 92. - November 18, 2019 at 09:28 PM

SS

“ Sue and Hank Suchecki purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Bruce Udvari.



Sue and Hank Suchecki - November 18, 2019 at 08:44 PM

DL

“ Bruce and Chad and family, We're very sorry to learn of the passing of your dad. We have fond memories of you boys growing up.

Dennis and Debbie Laskowski - November 18, 2019 at 08:30 PM