



## Bruce J. Olson

June 11, 1964 - October 5, 2023

Vernon - Bruce Joseph Olson, age 59, of the McAfee section of Vernon passed away on Thursday, October 5, 2023 at his residence after a short illness. Born in Margaret Hague Maternity Center in Jersey City, Bruce lived in West New York until 1973. His family moved to the Pleasant Valley Lake section of Vernon when he was 9 years old and has remained a resident. Bruce graduated from Vernon High School in 1982 and served in the United States Navy from 1982 to 1986. He was employed as a Union Airflow Technician and then at Home Renovations. Bruce was an avid Yankee and Giants fan and he liked the Rolling Stones and classic cars. He also enjoyed playing darts and was a former member of the Sussex County dart team. He cherished his time with his son, Bruce, whom he adored. Bruce made many good friends throughout his lifetime and will be missed by the people he touched.

Bruce is survived by his loving son, Bruce, Jr. of Vernon; his step-son, Aaron Fiore of Vernon; his mother, Angela Spitaletto-Olson of the McAfee section of Vernon; his father, Harold Olson (Mary) of Stockholm; his brothers, Harold Olson, Jr. (Jeannie) of Las Vegas, Nevada, Eric Olson (Carrie) of Vernon; and his Godfather, Joseph Spitaletto of the McAfee section of Vernon. A celebration of Bruce's life will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the American Legion Post 132, 1 Legion Place in Franklin. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Bruce Olson's memory to Cooperman RWJ Barnabas Health (NICU) at [www.rwjbh.org](http://www.rwjbh.org) or to St. Jude

Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Private cremation services have been entrusted to the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Online condolences may be offered to the family at [www.pinkelfuneralhome.com](http://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT **28**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

American Legion Post 132  
1 Legion Place  
Franklin, NJ 07416

## Military Honors

OCT **28**. 3:00 PM (ET)

American Legion Post 132  
1 Legion Place  
Franklin, NJ 07416

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ my old great friend brucey i met u way back in 1973 i was living in the city u had just moved up to pvl i met u and your bros that year i was up for the summer ect i think i met dougie m around this more or less before u i knew my very best friend as far back as i remembert steven m well we all great friends we would walk down to mixing bowel tobuy candy 1\$ ugot alot u seen on the way down just cows and a big singh on the silo space farm zoo with the giant bear we were young happy boys no cares all fun in all seasons iremember uand all ours friends @ your house you your bros ect working on bikes fishing going to the fomer chuck wagon playing pinball ect now we grow to our teen years our friend brucey u dougie mike large ect we hung @ the pb club like most but u & DOUG WERE GREAT WHILE THERE UGUYS KNEW ALL THE TRICKS TAP THE KEG @ OUT SIDE DRINKS ALL NIGHTS FREE THEN ALL THE BEST FOODS / DESERTS GOING SWIMMING IN OUT POOLS THE GYM ALL 4 FREE U AND DOUG WERE THE BRAINS I WENT ALONG FOR THE GREAT RIDE YOUS KNEW THE CLUB LIKE U OWNED IT ALL ROOMS WE WOULD HANG IN I DIDNT KNOW WHAT ROOM OR WERE WE WERE BUT DIDNT CARE WE WEAR GETTING SMASHED MY OLD FRIEND / S THOSE DAYS JUST GREAT AND U AND ME ECT WE DID THEESE THINGS AS PALS I THOUGHT ABOUT THESE TIMES VERY MUCH AND TALK TO OTHERS HOW COOL IT WAS TO LIVE AND HANG OUT I/2 HR TO WALK THERE AND I WOULD TELL PEOPLE THE STORIES SO GREAT AND MY OLD GREAT FRIEND U WERE THERE WITH ME TY FOR THE MEMOREYS NOW WE GROWN TO BE MEN AND FOR ME ICAN SAY ALTHOUGH WE WOULD NOT HANG OUT MUCH ANY MORE U LEFT ME WITH GREAT MEM OREYS SLEEPING OUT MY HOUSE ECT UWERE ALWAYS THERE MY OLD FRIEND I ONLY SEEN OUR FRIEND BRUCEY A FEW TIMES AFTER 1983 I MOVED FROM PVL I NEEDED A RIDE TO VERNON OUR FRIEND BRUCEY HEY MIKE/ BENNY WITH HOW R U OH YOU NEED A RIDE GET IN THATS WHAT KIND OF APERSON OUR FRIEND BRUCEY WAS TO ME AND TO OLD PALS THAT STILL HUNG WITH HIM AND THROUGH ANY NEW FRIENDS HE

WOULD MAKE ALONG THE WAY GREAT PERSON NOT  
JUDGEMENTAL ECEPT PEOPLE HOW THEY WERE BIG HEART  
IKNOW HE DID NT SUFFER IN THIS GREAT BUT CRAZY  
WORLD HE LIVED IT WELL ENJOYED IT MUCH I MY SELF AM  
ANOTHER STORY IDID SUFFER @ TIMES BUT THIS APERSON  
THAT I HAD GOT TO KNOW FROM CHILD HOOD TEEN YEARS  
ECT I LOST MY TWIN SISTER CHARLOTTE CANCER 2018 MY  
COUSIN CHRIS 2010 ALL OLD PALS NEW THEM OUR FRIEND  
BRUCEY ALSO DID HE WENT TO MY COUSINS VIEWING THEY  
ALONG WITH OTHERS WHO WE KNEW WHO WE LOST WAY  
TO SOON ITS VERY HARD TO DEAL BUT I TRY TO KEEP IN  
MIND THAT I GOT TO SPEND GREAT LAUGHS AND TIMES  
WITH THESE GREAT PEOPLE WHO I LOVED SO OUR FRIEND  
BRUCEY LEFT ME THAT ALSO BUT MORE SO TO HIS FAMILY  
AND CLOSEST TO HIS HEART & THERES IBELIVE IN THE  
AFTER LIFE / MAY BE HEAVEN OR GREAT SPIRTS THEY R  
WATCHING US / STAYING CLOSE MY SISTER SUFFERED BUT  
NOT LONG IKNOW NOW SHE IS BACK TO HERSELF JUST LIKE  
OUR GREAT FRIEND BRUCEY NO MORE SICKNESS HE IS  
PLAYING DARTS WITH ALL OTHERS WEALL LOST TO SOON  
GOOD NIGHT UWERE A SHINEING STAR THEN AND NOW U R  
AND LIKE OTHERS ALWAYS WILL BE TY YOUR OLD PAL FROM  
THE HOOD RIP MIKE /BENNY

---

**MICHAEL BENEDUCE** - March 14, 2024 at 02:58 AM

MB

PECE LOVE GOD WILL TO MY OLD PVL FRIENDS BEST WISHES  
TO U ALL STAY STRONG 3 14 24 S0RRY I ONLY FUND 1 WEEK  
AGO AGAIN YOUR BRUCE IS BACK TO HIS SELF UNTIL U SEE  
HIM AGAIN

---

**MICHAEL BENEDUCE** - March 14, 2024 at 03:16 AM

DS

“ Sending light and love to Bruce’s family. Bruce had a great laugh. Everyone that knows him. His sons have the blessing of having him as their father. And his mother has the blessing of having him as her son. Rest in peace Bruce. Love Donna and Jaybird



-----  
**donna schlosser** - October 28, 2023 at 12:39 PM

DM

“ My sincere condolences to Bruce’s family. He was a dear friend of mine and I have wonderful memories of him. He will truly be missed but always in my heart. 🙏❤️

-----  
**Diann Maikai** - October 27, 2023 at 09:41 AM

JB

“ I am so so sorry for your loss. Bruce was a great guy. A permanent fixture back in the day at the George Inn. To his mother, father, son, brothers.. My deepest condolences. I thank him for his service to our country.

-----  
**Janet Baker** - October 24, 2023 at 06:57 PM

LK

“ My heart goes out to Angela and all the grief and sadness she is feeling that come with losing a child. I grew up across the street from the Olson family and I know each and everyone of the boys. Bruce was a kind man with a good heart.

-----  
**Loretta Kennedy** - October 22, 2023 at 07:07 PM

DS

“ Paul and I watched many of Giants games with Bruce in PVL. You will be missed but not forgotten. Wishing peace and comfort to the Olsen family.

---

**Diane Schroeder** - October 16, 2023 at 09:32 AM

CG

“ Please except our Heart felt condolences to the Olson family. Rest in Peace Bruce 🥹

---

**Cheryl & Peter Garrett** - October 13, 2023 at 04:22 PM