Willard Coldiron

December 8, 2012

COLUMBUS, OH - Willard Bruce Coldiron of Columbus, Ohio passed peacefully into rest on Saturday, December 8th after fighting a long and courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease and a recent cancer diagnosis. He was born on December 10, 1938 in Matoaka, West Virginia and would have celebrated his 74th birthday this coming week.

Bruce held dear his loving family. He cherished his beloved wife, Joyce Grogan Coldiron, of 52 years and his three sons: Bruce Coldiron II and wife Ellen, Blane Coldiron, and Shawn Coldiron. Bruce adored his three grandsons, Hunter, George and Brystin, as well as his very special granddaughter, Jordan Alexandria Coldiron. He also leaves behind his loyal and devoted Golden Retriever, Dolly.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Blanche Nicholson and George Blaine Coldiron, and his precious stillborn grandson Keith Riley Coldiron. Bruce loved and honored his stepfather, Cyrus Leroy Nicholson, who raised him from an early age. Bruce was deeply respected and admired by his surviving brothers and sisters and their spouses: Karen and husband Richard Preservati, Lowell Nicholson, Gerald and wife Judy Nicholson, James and wife Linda Nicholson, Rita and husband Alan Dempsey, Barry and wife Diane Nicholson, and Sheri and husband Mark Repass.

Bruce graduated from Virginia Tech in 1961 with a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He had a very successful career with AEP for 41 years, where he was instrumental in bringing four of AEP's five 800-megawatt

generating units on line. He also worked at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Co, helping design the engines for the Boeing 727 and the Saturn V rocket, which was used in NASA's historic Apollo launches. Bruce and Joyce were members of the Dublin Baptist Church.

He was an avid golfer, enjoyed vacationing with family, watching his favorite sports and collecting guitars. The memory of his smile and his determination to battle his Parkinson's Disease remains with each of us.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at the Rowland H. Bailey Funeral Chapel of the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with Rev. Dan Jividen officiating. Interment will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, December 12, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. until service hour at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.bailey-kirk.com.

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Willard Coldiron

December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM

YN

To the family of Willard Bruce Coldiron: Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. The unscriptual doctrines that are taught concerning death do not leave those who are grieving with comfort or a hope. The response that "God works in mysterious ways" or that "God needed another angel", does not satisfy the spiritual needs of those who are grieving. Nonetheless, many have found comfort in the pages of God's word the Bible (2 Corinthians 1:3, 4). In God's word we find the promise that we can be reunited with our loved ones (John 5:28,29; Acts 24:15). The Bible tells us where this happy reunion will take place (Psalm 37: 11, 29). We are told why we die (Genesis 3:17-19; Romans 5:12), and that the God of the Bible will end death forever (Isaiah 25:8; Revelation 21:3,4). To find the Bible's satisfying answers to many other questions, please go to the website jw.org.

Your Neighbor - March 11, 2013 at 08:31 PM

CW

So sorry to hear about Bruce he is such a fine man.We will be praying for you and your family. He is at home now with the Lord. MY GOD BE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

connie and eva wiley - December 21, 2012 at 07:45 PM

NW

My heart goes out to you Joyce. I will be thinking of you and praying for you and your family. I just happened to come accross fb announcement…strange…since I rarely use fb.

nancy ann williams - December 13, 2012 at 02:14 PM

RG

Joyce and family, Our thoughts are with you and pray you will be comforted by our Heavenly Father the love of those around you.

Roger & Linda Gowl - December 11, 2012 at 01:18 PM

CD

I do not know Bruce's family, but my mother and Bruce's mother were first cousins. As a matter of fact I just learned today that Blanche and Bruce lived a short time with my parents when Bruce was very young. My condolences to the entire Coldiron/Nicholson family. I do remember that Bruce had a voice like an angel!

Carol Sue Davis - December 11, 2012 at 11:30 AM

TC

You may not know me, as I don't know you but just in case, may you rest in peace,& may the family all be embraced by Gods Love. Amen

Tonya Coldiron - December 11, 2012 at 09:35 AM

JS

We never knew Bruce but we would like to express our deepest condolences to you Dick and Karen and to all of the rest of the family. May God take good care of your loved one.

J. R. and Kim Shuck - December 11, 2012 at 08:26 AM

JC

I worked with Bruce for many years at AEP. He was knowledgable and always a gentleman. You appreciated being with him and it didn't feel like work.

jack corbett - December 10, 2012 at 01:19 PM

CD

I have some very fond memories growing up in the Lashmeet area with Bruce and Joyce. Both were extremely nice people. May God accept you to his home. Charles & Rita Dillon

Charles Dillon - December 10, 2012 at 01:00 PM

RW

I had the privilege of working with Bruce when I was a maintenance superintendent at Glen Lyn plant (where Bruce worked as a co-op student). People there always spoke very highly of Bruce. He was a joy to work with when I would travel to Columbus on budget and maintenance and project meetings. Our prayers and love go out to Bruce's family. Rich & Sandy Work - Princeton, WV

Richard Work - December 10, 2012 at 08:24 AM