



Bruce Benedict

December 16, 1962 - October 11, 2021

Charles Bruce Benedict, 58, of Forney, Texas; son of Charles Millard Benedict and Florence Lee Fewell Benedict, went to be with the Lord on Oct. 11, 2021. Bruce was born on Dec. 16, 1962 in Dallas, Texas. He was raised in the Dallas area until 1977 when his parents decided it was time to move to Forney, Texas, his hometown for the last 44 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Forney.

Bruce was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Thomas Fieldon Benedict, Sr. and Hazel Janice Apple Benedict; his maternal grandparents, William Royce Fewell and Vera Lee Fry Fewell. He was also preceded in death by his uncles, Fieldon Clyde Benedict (Ethel Mae Beal Benedict), Jack Morris Benedict and Thomas Fieldon Benedict, Jr.; aunts, Shirley Maureen Benedict Clark (Jackie Ray Clark), and Peggy Olivia Benedict Cook (Woodrow Cook Jr.) His father-in-law and mother-in-law Charles Everett Seabolt and Val Jean Kent Seabolt.

He is survived by his parents, his wife of 36 years, Charlsie Ann Seabolt Benedict; his children, Britney Ann Benedict Tarno (Ben Anthony Tarno); Charles Colton Benedict (Meagan Joy Toon Benedict) Makayla Ann Benedict and Dakota Ann Benedict. Grandchildren Hallie Jo Tarno and Charlotte LeeAnn Benedict. He is also survived by his sister, Gina Christine Benedict Harvey (James "Jaime" Glen Harvey) and nieces Ryley Christine Harvey and Rylan Christian Harvey Rashall (Derek Kevin Rashall); sister-in-law, Valarie Kay Seabolt Knabe and nephew Damon Dominic Knabe (Lauren Ulcak Knabe). Survived by his great niece and nephew, Carter Collins Harvey and Jaxon Thor Harvey Javier. He is also survived by his aunt, Norma Jean Benedict Petty (Bob Louis Petty (deceased)) and his uncle, William Roy Fewell (Sheila Dore Fewell). He is also survived by a host of very close cousins, relatives, extended family members and friends far and near.

Bruce graduated from Forney High School in 1981 and East Texas State University in 1984. He was an accomplished athlete throughout his life playing baseball and football, soccer, swimming and competing in track. He was a member of 1980 Forney High School

Jackrabbits semi-finalist football team and captain of the football team. He was first team All-District offensive guard and defensive linebacker. Bruce was also Best Actor in the One-Act Play, "The Prize Fighter," his senior year. He earned the FFA Lonestar Degree and Greenhand Degree and also won grand champion steer and reserve grand champion steer. He was a member of the Key Club and student council president. He played baseball at Ranger Jr. College. Bruce also made a living in the sport of bass fishing as a member of the Bassmaster's Top100 and owner of JawTec Tackle Company. He passed on his passion for softball by coaching various teams through the years including The Blues and The Sox.

He loved his community and was proud to be a Forney Jackrabbit. He was elected to the Forney ISD School Board and served two terms.

Bruce was a loving son, brother, nephew, grandson, husband, father and grandfather. He was the ultimate entrepreneur choosing at an early age to be his own boss and owned several businesses through the years to provide for his family. He will be missed dearly by many family and friends.

Special thanks to so many who have comforted Bruce and his family through calls, texts, visits, food, flowers and prayers. We thank you all for your constant friendship, love and support.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

401 W Broad St.
Forney, TX 75126

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 15. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel
642 N. Rockwall Ave.
Terrell, TX 75160

Funeral Service

OCT 17. 5:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Forney
1003 College St.
Forney, TX 75126

Graveside Service

OCT 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

Hillcrest Cemetery
401 W Broad St.
Forney, TX 75126

Tribute Wall



“ *Bruce Benedict*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM

AL

“ *I did not know Bruce personally, but went to school with his parents, Charles and Florence Benedict. My heart goes out to his family and parents. I am sure that everyone is saddened that he left this world so young. I will be praying for peace for the family.*
Anna Lowery

Anna Lowery - December 07, 2021 at 06:39 PM

EL

“ *Just heard about the passing of Bruce. Met Bruce through his Dad, Charlie who I worked with and also through the fishing industry. So terribly sorry for your loss.*
Elvin Sharp

Elvinsharp - December 03, 2021 at 04:35 PM

BV

“ *Bruce is my cousin. During one of my visits to Texas my Uncle Charles and My Aunt Florence let Bruce and Gina stay home so they could have time with their cousin from Pennsylvania. We road bikes all day. When my father came back from Vietnam we all went camping and water skiing. When my husband and my three kids we visited our Benedict relatives my husband went fishing with Bruce Uncle Charles and Uncle time. My husband had such a good time. My heart breaks for my Benedict family and prayers are always sent your way. With love the Vitt family*

Beth Benedict Vitt - October 16, 2021 at 01:56 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce Benedict.*



October 16, 2021 at 09:23 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket* was purchased for the family of Bruce Benedict.



October 16, 2021 at 05:31 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Bruce Benedict.



October 15, 2021 at 12:10 PM



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



October 15, 2021 at 12:33 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Bruce Benedict.



October 14, 2021 at 11:15 PM

PM

“ *Pam & Mark Mitchell* purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Bruce Benedict.



Pam & Mark Mitchell - October 14, 2021 at 06:08 PM

SD

“ It was so lovely to see Bruce, and all the family at Bridget & Ian’s wedding in LA in 2018.
Ian’s grandfather, Arthur Dore, told us many tales about fishing with Bruce in his boat, and using his lures. He loved his time with Bruce!
Deepest condolences to you all from the Dores in the U.K. Please know that you are in our thoughts

Sheila Dore - October 14, 2021 at 05:15 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce Benedict.



October 14, 2021 at 04:48 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce Benedict.



October 14, 2021 at 04:25 PM



“ 88 files added to the album Life Tributes



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - October 14, 2021 at 04:08 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Bruce Benedict.*



October 14, 2021 at 03:00 PM



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



October 14, 2021 at 12:09 PM

TK

“ *The St. Pierre Family and Bobbie Kent purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bruce Benedict.*



The St. Pierre Family and Bobbie Kent - October 14, 2021 at 10:57 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bruce Benedict.*



October 14, 2021 at 10:27 AM

Mary Farstad

“ *Bruce, so friendly & always smiling . You took us with you on a big lake and I cought my first fish ever ! Then another day it was shooting time, you said I was a natural talent & I was so proud . Franz past away 3 years ago , maybe you'll meet him somewhere .
It must be very hard for you Charlseay & the kids. My sincere condolences .
Mary*

Mary Farstad - October 14, 2021 at 07:36 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bruce Benedict.*



October 13, 2021 at 10:41 PM

SC

“ *Such a great Coach, Such a Great Man. Loved spending time with him and his family!! So sorry for your loss*

shorle Campanello - October 13, 2021 at 09:44 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bruce Benedict.*



October 13, 2021 at 08:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bruce Benedict.*



October 13, 2021 at 04:21 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Bruce Benedict.*



October 13, 2021 at 12:11 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Bruce Benedict.



October 13, 2021 at 10:56 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Bruce Benedict.



October 13, 2021 at 10:49 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bruce Benedict.



October 13, 2021 at 10:34 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Bruce Benedict.



October 13, 2021 at 01:15 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Bruce Benedict.



October 12, 2021 at 11:40 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Bruce Benedict.*



October 12, 2021 at 10:07 PM



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce Benedict.*



October 12, 2021 at 09:43 PM

DH

“ *Kay and I were totally caught by surprise. Bruce was a good friend, pallet supplier to our company and occasional fishing guide. He taught my partner Joe and I his favorite Lake Fork big bass secret and we have caught some monsters with him! We were skeptical at first, but it too one pass to make us believers! We have passed on the joy by taking some dear friends out and guiding them into their lifetime big fish using that technique. While we are so sad with his sudden departure, we are joyful in his destination! As Paul said in Philippians 1:21, “for me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” None of us can even imagine the joy that he is experiencing right now in the presence of Jesus. But, for Bruce’s family, we pray that peace for you that passes all understanding and for you to enjoy the memories of a dad, granddad and husband who loved you all dearly.*

David Hinds - October 12, 2021 at 08:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bruce Benedict.*



October 12, 2021 at 08:47 PM



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



October 12, 2021 at 08:17 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce Benedict.*



October 12, 2021 at 05:11 PM



“ *Andy Medina purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Bruce Benedict.*



Andy Medina - October 12, 2021 at 04:12 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bruce Benedict.*



October 12, 2021 at 04:07 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce Benedict.*



October 12, 2021 at 03:56 PM



“ Good times and great memories. One trip of many! Rest In Peace Moto !



Andy Medina - October 12, 2021 at 03:56 PM

SC

“ Sherri Baker Coggin purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Bruce Benedict.



Sherri Baker Coggin - October 12, 2021 at 03:46 PM

PB

“ Pat and Sonya Bannister purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Bruce Benedict.



Pat and Sonya Bannister - October 12, 2021 at 03:38 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bruce Benedict.



October 12, 2021 at 02:55 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bruce Benedict.



October 12, 2021 at 02:51 PM