



## Bruce Torrance

July 1, 1930 - May 22, 2020

Thomas Bruce Torrance was born July 1, 1930 in Detroit Michigan; the son of Marie Helsden and Henry Torrance. He passed away Friday, May 22nd at the age of 89 at Witham Memorial Hospital where he was an extended care patient.

Bruce attended Hillsdale College until enlisting in the military in 1950. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean war as a photographer until 1954. During his service he received an award for being airman of the month.

After his service he married Jean Howe Gale. Together they had two sons, (Bruce H. Torrance and Brian A. Torrance). They lived in Cleveland, Ohio until moving to Indianapolis in 1967. He later married Sue Chapman in 1971. They moved to Lebanon with Sue's two sons, (Ron W. Chapman and Andy C. Chapman).

Bruce worked as an insurance adjuster at American States Insurance Company and was promoted to vice president of claims during his tenure. Bruce was active in the Lebanon Elks Club and the Elks National Hoop Shoot. He was a deacon for many years at the Lebanon Presbyterian Church and served as a volunteer at Witham Memorial Hospital in Lebanon for many years. In 2012, he received an award for "volunteer of the year" from Witham. Bruce will always be remembered for his funny sense of humor and his love

for antiques and animals. He loved to travel and work in his garden planting flowers. He also loved spending time with all of his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Sue; four sons, Bruce, Brian, Ron, and Andy; sister, Mary Margaret Abbott; 13 grandchildren, Katie, Emily, Molly, Alli, Zach, and Owen Torrance and Jake, Ethan, Clay, Ben, Lauren, Emma, Lilly Chapman; and good friend, Gary French.

Family and Friends are invited to attend the Celebration of Life at Myers Mortuary in Lebanon Indiana on Friday, May 29, 2020 at 3 p.m., with calling from 1-3 p.m.

John 16:22 "Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you."

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **29**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bruce Torrance*

November 27, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ *Just learned of Bruce's passing. Sorry I did not know earlier. Bruce was always one of John's and my favorites. He was a special person. Condolences to you.*  
*Barbara Palmer*

**Barbara E. Palmer** - May 31, 2020 at 07:36 PM



“ *Sue,*  
*I'm so sorry to hear of Bruce's death. Bruce was one of the "good guys!"*  
*Becky Wykes*

**Becky Wykes** - May 30, 2020 at 02:30 PM



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



May 29, 2020 at 11:34 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Bruce Torrance.*



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May 29, 2020 at 12:19 PM



“ *So, one time, during a bible study at our house, we were all standing in a circle holding hands and doing a closing prayer. I heard a terrific buzz saw-like noise and opened my eyes.*

*My cat had wrapped it's entire body around Bruce's lower leg and look like the Tasmanian Devil -- a whirr of claws and teeth. Bruce, ever the gentlemen. Simply shook his leg a few times to dislodge the cat.*

*We laughed until we cried.... Still makes me laugh out loud.*

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**Chadd Wheat** - May 29, 2020 at 09:14 AM



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



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May 28, 2020 at 06:03 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness* was purchased for the family of Bruce Torrance.



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May 28, 2020 at 11:43 AM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Bruce Torrance.



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May 28, 2020 at 08:49 AM



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



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May 27, 2020 at 09:19 PM



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



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May 27, 2020 at 12:26 PM

DJ

“ Marilyn and I have many memories of Bruce. A good friend and a special person to us. Sincere condolences to Sue and all the family.

Marilyn and Delbert Davis  
Lexington, SC

Delbert Davis Jr - May 27, 2020 at 09:31 AM

SB

“ Sally Byrd lit a candle in memory of Bruce Torrance



Sally Byrd - May 27, 2020 at 08:55 AM

TG

“ we are so saddened at the loss of Bruce, our friend. We fondly remember so many good Friday Night Fellowship Gatherings. We will be praying for you during this time Sue. Terry and Marcie Griggs

Terry Griggs - May 27, 2020 at 06:40 AM



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



May 26, 2020 at 04:18 PM



“ *Your Mainscape Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Bruce Torrance.* ”



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**Your Mainscape Family** - May 26, 2020 at 03:36 PM



“ *4 files added to the album Memories Album* ”



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**Andy-Leanne Chapman** - May 26, 2020 at 03:04 PM