



Bruce Howard Hastings

April 26, 1955 - February 3, 2025

Bruce Howard Hastings, 69, of Denton, MD peacefully passed away on February 3, 2025, at home surrounded by his family after a long battle with brain cancer. Born April 26, 1955, in Seaford, DE, he was the son of the late Glenn and Elizabeth Hastings. He graduated from Seaford High School in 1973 and went on to earn his bachelor's degree of business administration from the University of Delaware, graduating in 1978. Bruce became manager of Bargain Beverage in Denton, MD for 36 years.

Bruce married Margaret Vogt "Chippy" on September 30, 1988. Together they raised her two sons, Crosley "CD" and Wade Downes. They were never referred to as stepchildren as he loved and raised them as his own. He gave the same love to the grandchildren when they were born. Bruce never missed an event whether it be for CD or Wade or the grandkids. He was at every softball or soccer game, dance recital, back to school shopping event and anything else the grandchildren were involved in or doing. Bruce was always there to cheer them on and give them encouragement when needed.

He had many passions in life, but his biggest was being a sports enthusiast. Bruce loved baseball, especially the Baltimore Orioles. Being a season ticket holder, he would go to spring training in Florida every year. He followed every sports team and could tell you their record and the score of a game in any given minute. Bruce also liked playing dominos with friends, Bette Shull and

Bob and Carol Rouse, and sequence and cards with Teresa and Irvin Manship, and Cheryl Harris.

Bruce is preceded in death by his cherished wife, Margaret Hastings who passed away in October 2013; parents, Glenn and Elizabeth Hastings; and siblings, Glenn Hastings and Barbara Rodgers. He is survived by his stepsons, Crosley Downes "CD" (Tonya) and Wade Downes; grandchildren, Kennedy Correa (JD), Brandon Callahan, Brittany Callahan, Zachary Downes, and Kolby Downes; great-grandchildren, Brayden Downes and another great-grandson coming in May; nieces and nephew, Kim LeKites, Lisa Hastings and Kenny Rodgers; and lifelong friends, Debbie and Allan Layton.

A visitation will be held on Thursday February 13, 2025, from 5 to 7pm at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Easton, MD. A memorial service will take place the following day on Friday February 14, 2025, starting at 10am at the funeral home. The graveside service will be private.

The family would like to thank Compass Hospice for all the care and kindness provided to Bruce and his family during this difficult time. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Compass Hospice, 160 Coursevall Drive, Centreville, MD 21617 or at <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E354255&id=1>.

Cemetery Details

Denton Cemetery

Denton, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. - Easton
200 S. Harrison St.
Easton, MD 21601

Memorial Service

FEB 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bruce Howard Hastings*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 13, 2025 at 04:49 PM



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



February 12, 2025 at 02:10 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bruce Howard Hastings.*

February 12, 2025 at 02:10 PM



“ *Uncle Bruce will always hold a special place in my heart and will be missed terribly. I am blessed to have had an uncle as caring and thoughtful as him. Love always, Em*

Emilee Satterfield - February 11, 2025 at 08:20 PM

BN

“ We are so sorry for your loss. He was such a kind man and always with a smile. I know he is going to be greatly missed.

Billt & Sandi Neal - February 07, 2025 at 01:55 PM

BB

“ Bees And Debbie Bickling lit a candle in memory of Bruce Howard Hastings



Bees and Debbie Bickling - February 07, 2025 at 01:47 PM

BB

We always enjoyed seeing Bruce in Bargain Beverage. Always had a smile, a great guy!

Bees and Debbie Bickling - February 07, 2025 at 01:49 PM



“ Such a nice fellow.

R - February 06, 2025 at 01:25 PM

KJ

“ I am so sorry to hear this. I am far away in Maine but am sending love and hugs to CD and Wade. Bruce was a dear friend and a great boss. He will be greatly missed.



Kelly Jones - February 06, 2025 at 01:18 PM

DV

“ Dale And Cathy VanSchaik lit a candle in memory of Bruce Howard Hastings



Dale and Cathy VanSchaik - February 06, 2025 at 10:14 AM

CB

“ Take care of G Pops til we get there Uncle Bruce love Casey abd Little Man Allen



Casey Hastings Burns - February 05, 2025 at 09:01 PM

HR

“ My first choice for beverages was dealing with Bruce. We always shared a laugh or a dry joke. My God rest his soul and he will be sorely missed. Another time and place my freind.

Howard Reardon - February 05, 2025 at 08:02 PM

BH

“ Bev Hutson lit a candle in memory of Bruce Howard Hastings



Bev Hutson - February 05, 2025 at 06:57 PM

CS

“ *Carla Stevenson lit a candle in memory of Bruce Howard Hastings*



Carla Stevenson - February 05, 2025 at 03:15 PM

LH

“ *Lisa Anne Hastings lit a candle in memory of Bruce Howard Hastings*



Lisa Anne Hastings - February 05, 2025 at 02:44 PM



Lisa Hastings

RIP Bruce. You will be missed tremendously. Love you always.

Lisa Hastings - February 05, 2025 at 02:45 PM

DL

“ *Diane Lewis lit a candle in memory of Bruce Howard Hastings*



Diane Lewis - February 05, 2025 at 01:37 PM

AH

“ *April Harris lit a candle in memory of Bruce Howard Hastings*



April Harris - February 05, 2025 at 10:43 AM

DT

“ *CD, Wade, and Families,
I am sorry for your loss. Bruce was always a nice guy who has such a positive attitude towards life and people.*



Dan Towers - February 05, 2025 at 09:44 AM

BJ

“ *Brenda Jarvis lit a candle in memory of Bruce Howard Hastings*



Brenda Jarvis - February 05, 2025 at 09:37 AM