



## Floyd Bruce Garrett

June 16, 1943 - August 11, 2024

Floyd Bruce Garrett of Easton, MD and formerly of Edgewater, MD, passed away on August 11, 2024.

He will be remembered for his kind heart, his wit and grace with words, his wonderful storytelling, his curiosity, and his love for his family. Bruce will also be remembered for his terrible puns and his tiny bit of sarcasm.

Bruce married Leslie (Lehrkinder) in 1984 and recently celebrated his 40th wedding anniversary and 81st birthday. He is survived by Leslie and three sons, Bruce (Sally Anne), John (Kirsty), and Michael (Mandy). What Bruce was most joyful about was his reconnection with his Australian sons and building a relationship with them, their wives, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Bruce's definition of family was all-inclusive. He thought of Guy Reeser IV (Dana) and Stewart Reeser (Cadman) as his American sons. He thought of Dana Reiss (Guy IV), Kristen Hilderbrand (Pat) and Stacy Husk (Aaron) as his American daughters.

Bruce was a veteran and retired from the American Automobile Association when his brother came to live with him. He remained a steadfast user of maps and TripTiks and sneered at using a GPS. In a previous life he taught German and Russian and gained fluency in French and Spanish. He only read trash novels in foreign languages. "It helps me learn." He loved to travel, play chess

and discuss anything. He would have loved to have his obituary in Le Monde.

We all knew that when Bruce told us that he “flourished like the green bay tree” to wonder what he was really feeling and when he told us “I live to serve” that he felt no such thing. He will be sorely missed by many.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Talbot County Free Library (TCFL) or to the library that is meaningful for you. Donations to the TCFL can be made at [www.tcfl.org/about/donate.html](http://www.tcfl.org/about/donate.html)

A visitation is scheduled for Sunday, August 18, 2024, from 12:30 to 2:30 at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 200 S. Harrison Street, Easton, MD.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **18**. 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM (est)

Easton Location  
200 S Harrison St  
Easton, MD 21601  
(410) 822-3131  
[info@fhfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@fhfuneralhome.com)

*Family sharing will take place at 2pm.*

# Tribute Wall



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



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - August 19, 2024 at 08:27 AM

RM

“ *I have had the honor of knowing Bruce for three years becoming his in home hair stylist at the height of the pandemic. I enjoyed his knowledge of history and government as well as fun stories about his best friend's wedding. I will miss our monthly meetings. R.I.P. Bruce, you will be sorely missed ❤️, Leslie my heart goes out to you and Bruce's family.*

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**Rita McCarthy** - August 17, 2024 at 12:12 PM

MS

“ *Mike Altieri and Sandy Altieri Szymanski purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Floyd Bruce Garrett.*



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**Mike Altieri and Sandy Altieri Szymanski** - August 16, 2024 at 04:10 PM

CE

“ Rene and I will miss Bruce’s stories, word art and our dinners together. Bruce always called Leslie his “trophy wife” and we admired his love for her. Everyday you embraced life, never complained and enjoyed each moment. You are missed!

Carol van Erven - August 15, 2024 at 03:52 PM

AI

“ Bruce was a volunteer at Anne Arundel Medical Center, I had the pleasure of working with him on Friday evenings. I spent the time chatting and listening to his wonderful stories, my shift would fly by and I would have to hustle to finish my work. Bruce was always kind and thoughtful to all of the staff and to the patients and their families, a true gentle.

Anita Isaksen - August 15, 2024 at 02:56 PM



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



August 14, 2024 at 10:55 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Floyd Bruce Garrett.



August 14, 2024 at 10:31 PM

BF

“ Barbara F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Floyd Bruce Garrett.

Barbara F. - August 14, 2024 at 10:31 PM

DZ

“ Don and Zoila purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Floyd Bruce Garrett.



Don and Zoila - August 14, 2024 at 10:05 AM

JE

“ Leslie, a difficult time for you I know. The memory that comes to mind is Bruce and Bob's attempt at the Appalachian Trail. As you will recall, it was a mighty short trip. Whatever were they thinking?

Jean - August 14, 2024 at 12:15 AM

LL

I don't know but I loved how the night ended and we got to know some wonderful characters staying at our B&B. I hope Bob and Bruce are sharing a bottle of Pinch somewhere.

Leslie Lehrkinder - August 14, 2024 at 06:53 AM

NH

“ I had the pleasure to have Bruce take my French Classes at the Senior center. His warmth and joy were always a joy to experience in class along with his questions and comments on the French Language and culture which added to everyone's knowledge and enjoyment. He will be missed. Please receive my deepest sympathy,

*Nathalie Davis-Haslbeck (French professor, AACC)*

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**Nathalie Haslbeck** - August 13, 2024 at 11:13 AM