



Mr. Donald M. Bruce

January 20, 1959 - August 10, 2025

Retired Captain Donald Madison Bruce (AKA Donnie) began his life journey on January 20, 1959, in Alton, Illinois, as the fourth child of the late Rev. Willis A. and Juanita K. Bruce. He graduated from Alton Senior High School with the Class of 1977. He then pursued studies in computer science at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

Donald became a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. on June 25, 1979. Furthering his education, he attended Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey, Illinois, where he earned an Associates Degree in Fire Science. In 1987, Donald married Jeri Johnson (Nicholson). Their union was blessed with two children: a son, Gerad Bruce, Sr., and a daughter, India Juanita Michele (Bruce) Martin. Donald demonstrated his faith throughout the Alton, Illinois community as a member of the Historic Salem Baptist Church, where he served as Trustee and contributed in numerous capacities.

Employed by the Alton Illinois Fire Department, Donald received various recognitions for his service and promotions, ultimately retiring at the rank of Captain. Donald M. Bruce departed this earthly life on August 10, 2025.

In addition to his parents, Donald was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Thomas Wilson, Sr., and daughter-in-law, Denise (Henderson) Bruce. He is survived by his son and daughter, as well as three siblings, Ruthy (Wilson) Johnson, Diana Ross, and Charles (Sandra) Bruce; five granddaughters,

Tatiana Britt, Sinaya Bruce, Jada Bruce, Dream Martin, and Serenity Martin; one grandson, Gerad Bruce, Jr, and another grandchild expected in November. His memory will also be cherished by nieces, Diane Wilson, Brett Burd, and Lyndsay Burd; nephews, Thomas (Yolanda) Wilson, Jerome (Cas) Wilson, Delano Ross, and Jason Ross; special friend, Margaret Covington, and numerous cousins and friends who will miss him dearly.

Cemetery Details

Upper Alton Cemetery

Oakwood Rd
Alton, IL 62002

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 23. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Greater St James Baptist Church
2016 Belle St
Alton, IL 62002-6801
(618) 462-8211

Fraternal Ceremony

AUG 23. 9:30 AM (CT)

Greater St. James Baptist Church
2016 Belle Street
Alton, IL

Service

AUG 23. 10:00 AM (CT)

Greater St. James Baptist Church
2016 Belle Street
Alton, IL

Graveside

AUG 23 (CT)

Upper Alton Cemetery
Oakwood Rd
Alton, IL 62002

Tribute Wall



“ *Cathy M Williams & Sons FH created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Donald M. Bruce*



Cathy M Williams & Sons FH - August 21, 2025 at 05:48 AM

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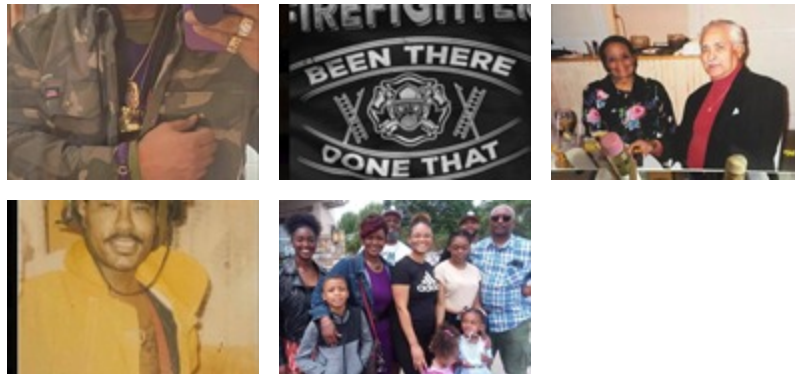
“ *Billy & Georgia Davis purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Donald M. Bruce.*



Billy & Georgia Davis - August 21, 2025 at 04:50 PM



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Cathy M Williams & Sons FH - August 21, 2025 at 04:49 PM



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Cathy M Williams & Sons FH - August 21, 2025 at 04:42 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald M. Bruce.



August 20, 2025 at 07:49 PM



“ Decades of memories, how they linger. Donny was a delight to know. I extend my heartfelt sympathy to the entire family. We've shared much over the years knowing to do our best and God will do the rest. India, Diane, Ruthie, Charlie, Loretta's crew you mean a lot to me. Peace and Love. Minister Joyce Elliott

Minister Joyce Elliott - August 15, 2025 at 08:28 AM



“ My sincerest condolences to the Bruce family. Growing up with Donny was a pleasure. He will be greatly missed.

Michael Stockard - August 14, 2025 at 10:02 AM

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“ *Sherdene Hannah lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald M. Bruce*



Sherdene Hannah - August 13, 2025 at 08:45 PM

SH

Donny and I walked the halls of Alton High together and were became friends. I My heart breaks for his family and friends. He will truly be missed.

RIH my friend 🤍🙏🌹

Sherdene Hannah - August 13, 2025 at 08:50 PM



“ *Tracy Lancaster lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald M. Bruce*



Tracy Lancaster - August 13, 2025 at 04:30 PM

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“ *My prayers and the prayers of Salem Baptist church have always included the Bruce family. May you now find peace and comfort in precious memories shared together.*

Connie Hyndman - August 13, 2025 at 08:28 AM



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Cathy M Williams & Sons FH - August 12, 2025 at 02:52 PM

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*To the Bruce Family,
Words cannot express how sorry I am for your loss. I am praying for
your strength and comfort during this very difficult time. Duanne Willis*

Duanne Willis - August 17, 2025 at 12:55 AM

RK

*Mr Donnie will be missed. That smile and his encouraging words would
always brighten up my day. I will be praying for the family. It was such a
blessing knowing him.*

Rochelle Kimbrough - August 20, 2025 at 05:18 AM