

## Wayland Edward Bruce

April 8, 1949 - August 22, 2024

Wayland Bruce, departed this life on Thursday, August 22, 2024. He was born April 8, 1949 to the late John and Sylvia (Parrigan) Bruce.

Wayland was a Christian attending services with the Church of Christ in Bradford.

Wayland began his career in aircraft maintenance in the Army with helicopters. After his discharge, he attended Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, Oklahoma. After returning to Bald Knob, he ran a maintenance shop and was a maintenance examiner in Searcy, later he specialized in magneto repair. He moved his shop home, and shipped mags all across the United States and occasionally out of the country. He enjoyed music and spent a lot of time playing the banjo and other stringed instruments. He entertained Mark and me many an hour.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Linda (Wheatley) Bruce; two sons, Jay (Deanna) Bruce and Mark Bruce; two grandchildren, Elizabeth (Dalton) Broadaway and Brad Bruce; two great-grandchildren, Lennox and Connor Broadaway; two brothers, Johnny (Jade) Bruce and Warren (Rhonda) Bruce; one sister, Patsy (Donnie) Cagle; sister-in-law, Wanda Hamrick; brother-in-law, Gene Pollard and many nieces, nephews and longtime friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Sylvia Bruce; step-dad, Augustine Williams and two sisters, Billie Knoblock and Zelma Pollard.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, August 30, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at the Powell Funeral Home Chapel in Bald Knob with Bro. Ted Horn officiating.

Visitation will precede the service, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the Carter Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the Paragould Children's Home - 5515 Walcott Road - Paragould, Arkansas 72450.

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home, Bald Knob – Judsonia.

[www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net).

# Cemetery Details

## Carter Cemetery

Russell, AR

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 30.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Bald Knob)  
1272 Highway 367 North  
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## Funeral Service

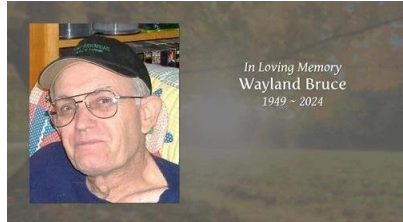
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# Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Wayland Edward Bruce



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - August 28, 2024 at 10:08 AM



“ All his loving grandchildren planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayland Edward Bruce.

All his loving grandchildren - August 30, 2024 at 11:04 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Wayland Edward Bruce.



August 30, 2024 at 11:04 AM



“ Butch and Joanna Barker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayland Edward Bruce.

Butch and Joanna Barker - August 29, 2024 at 07:05 PM

BB

“ *Butch and Joanna Barker purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Wayland Edward Bruce.*



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**Butch and Joanna Barker** - August 29, 2024 at 07:05 PM

JK

“ *Johnny, Vanessa, and Keith purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Wayland Edward Bruce.*



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**Johnny, Vanessa, and Keith** - August 29, 2024 at 10:00 AM

PG

“ *Wayland Bruce was a fine man, an artist in music and a gifted aviation specialist. He was a valued friend with whom I shared many wonderful music sessions earlier in our lives. I admired his integrity and unbelievable perseverance in difficult situations. Life dealt many hard blows to Waylon but he never let them make a hardened man of him. Our condolences to his wonderful wife Linda and his sons who always inspired him and made him proud. We feel a deep loss in his passing. Phillip and Marcheta Goodin*

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**Phillip Goodin** - August 25, 2024 at 10:24 PM

MD

“ I am so so sorry for your loss and send my sincere condolences. I will be praying for you, Mark, Jay and Linda, and all the family. I know you have so many special memories and hope they give you comfort.



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**Margaret Davis** - August 24, 2024 at 05:43 PM

CO

“ My wife JoAnn have know Wayland and Linda, and their family when we moved to Searcy in 1982. I started preaching at Russell shortly after that where I preached for nearly 27 years. Wayland and his family have been like family to ours that entire time. I begin to share the many memories I/we have of him. The places we went, things we did experiences we shared flood my mind, I can't begin to list them now. He was such a good friend and brother, what more can I say. We shared lots of good times and many bad times. The loss of family, illness and seperation. But how many miles we lived apart, time that seperated us, we were and still are friends. I will miss him so very much, but I look forward to seeing again when we meet in Heaven. Linda, Mark Jay we are so sorry for your loss. It breaks my heart to go on so, God bless you all.  
Clyde and JoAnn

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**Clyde W Owen** - August 24, 2024 at 03:35 PM

JH

“ Ms. Linda and Family; our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time, I know how much Wayland and your family suffered during your trials and tribulations. Wayland was always upbeat and positive. Commenting about his family and friends he was forever thankful. Now he has his very own WINGS. Always Johnny & Mary Hodges

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**Johnny & Mary Hodges** - August 24, 2024 at 10:52 AM

EM

*So so sorry to hear this I grew up with the Bruce kids! 🙏🙏*

**Ehrline Walker Meddleton** - August 24, 2024 at 05:12 PM

MJ

“ *Mike And Connie Johnston lit a candle in memory of Wayland Edward Bruce*



**Mike and Connie Johnston** - August 24, 2024 at 09:53 AM

KG

*When we were all kids and my sister married Wayland's older brother, Wayland, me, Patsy, and Zelma played a game. Johnny farmed and my sister cooked. We played. Wayland had rigged a tire swing and a bad swing in the big tree at the side of the house. We had a dog house and something else we would stand on. And two of us would fly into each other. Of course, the tire swing won out. It was a great game. All his idea. He had a name for the game, but for the life of me I can't remember it. Goodbye, Wayland.*

**Kathy Dunn Gunderson** - August 27, 2024 at 07:33 PM

PP

*LeRoy loved Wayland so much. We would laugh so hard when LeRoy told about he threw Wayland out of the car @ the road by Mr Taylor's. They were going 2 fast & Wayland flew out. When LeRoy got the car stopped he found Wayland back down the road in the ditch all scratch up with rocks & weeds head 2 toe. Tys 4 the good times*

**Peggy Pierce** - August 27, 2024 at 08:13 PM

BR

*Larry and I have many happy memories of Wayland, Linda, Jay and Mark. We attended church with them at Russell for many years and shared lots of good times. You couldn't ask for a nicer family. Love to Linda and the boys.*

**Beth Robinson** - August 29, 2024 at 11:15 AM