



Bruce Wesley Wilks

February 9, 1969 - December 19, 2020

Bruce Wesley Wilks, 51, passed away on Saturday, December 19, 2020 in the Methodist Hospital in Houston, TX. He was born on February 9, 1969 in Midland, TX to Douglas and Mary Chris (Hayes) Wilks.

Bruce grew up in Corpus Christi, TX. He graduated from Calallen High School in 1987 where he participated in Choir and Basketball. After high school, he attended Del Mar Junior College and then went on to graduate from Corpus Christi State University in 1991 where he received a Bachelor of Science in Information Systems.

Bruce married Ginger Bemis February 10, 1996 in Robstown, TX. They were happily married for 24 years. On December 26, 1997, Bruce and Ginger welcomed Emily Kaitlyn to their family. On June 27, 2000, Bruce and Ginger welcomed Joshua Taylor to their family.

Bruce loved his family and supported them in all their endeavors. He loved to watch his children, nephews and nieces participate in dance, target shooting, basketball and football. Bruce was an excellent basketball player and loved to ride motorcycles.

After graduating, Bruce accepted an Information Technology position with USAA in San Antonio and continued to work there in various positions for 29 years of service, until going into the hospital this November. At USAA, Bruce was a gentle, yet passionate technologist who loved working on hard problems and making a difference. Bruce dedicated his career to USAA, making it a great place to work and evolving the solutions the membership

needed. He was truly an inspiration to all.

Bruce grew up in the Robstown, TX Church of Christ and was baptized in Christ at an early age. He loved to sing and was a member of the gospel quartet, Heavenly Love, for several years. Bruce sang on the praise team at Oak Hills Church and has worshipped with the First Baptist Church in Helotes, TX in recent years.

Bruce was diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis 6 years ago and with a lung disease earlier this year that was destroying his lungs. Bruce taught us how to deal with pain and suffering in a very selfless, courageous, and faithful manner. He was constantly telling us that he wanted God to be glorified through his suffering. He was an inspiration to each of us. He loved his family and his friends deeply. One of his last messages was, "God is faithful in all things and I know he is being glorified in ways we cannot see or might never know about."

Bruce is survived by his spouse Ginger, his daughter Emily, and his son Joshua; his parents Douglas and Chris Wilks, his sister Cara (Joe) Thomasson, his brother Greg (Kathi) Wilks; sister-in-law's Linda Bingham, Rosemary Bemis, Loretta Livingston and brother-in-law, Thomas Bemis Jr. (Tina). Along with ten nieces, eleven nephews, five great-nieces, seven great-nephews and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, many close friends, coworkers, and church family.

We would like to give a special thanks to all who reached out during this time and participated in the weekly prayer meetings. You all were such an inspiration and encouragement to Bruce and the family.

A visitation will be held in the at the Mission Park Funeral Chapel in San Antonio, TX, 3401 Cherry Ridge Dr. December 28, 2020. The family will be greeting friends and relatives from 5:00-8:00 pm. Memorial service will be held at the First Baptist Church in Helotes, TX, 14889 Old Bandera Rd., at 2:00 pm on December 29, 2020. Live streaming of the service can be viewed at the following link; <https://www.facebook.com/FBCHelotes/videos>

In lieu of flowers they can donate to the family, Pioneer Bible Translators, and First Baptist Church of Helotes Building Fund.

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Cemetery Details

Medina Oak Rest Cemetery

337 Orchard Park Blvd
Medina, TX 78055

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **28**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Service

DEC **29**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Helotes
14889 Old Bandera Rd
Helotes, TX 78023

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Bruce Wesley Wilks*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - December 27, 2020 at 01:04 PM

TD

“ *I'll never forget meeting Bruce and Ginger. My wife Liz and I were new to San Antonio and Oak Hills Church. We joined their small group and they treated us like family. Fast forward about 9 years later and I got the privilege of getting to work with Bruce at USAA. He treated me as an equal and invited me to his 25 year service lunch at USAA. Bruce Wilks made an impact on me and I miss his family and him. I long to be reunited with his friendship again someday in Heaven!*



Tyler Drennan - January 11, 2021 at 12:03 AM

RL

“ *I met Bruce at USAA when we were both in IT supporting IMCO systems. We immediately connected as fellow Christians and as praise musicians in our respective churches. Bruce is one of the finest people i have ever known. Bruce is now with his Heavenly Father in that Heavenly Choir of Angels whom he has given countless hours of praise (and witness) to in his 51 years here. God bless Ginger and your family in this time.*

Rick Linn - December 29, 2020 at 11:54 AM

QS

“ I met Bruce on his first day at USAA. He was in the programmer trainee class and I taught one of the classes. So, I went to meet the new kids, where I met Bruce. I also suggested that they get involved in the many activities at USAA. I asked if anybody was interested in playing in the basketball league. Bruce expressed an interest and joined the team I was on - Supreme Court. That same year, BRUCE WON THE SLAM DUNK CONTEST JUDGED BY SPURS GREAT GEORGE GERVIN!!

We were work buddies from that point forward, share many a cup of coffee, and many a hallway conversation.

I will miss Bruce. A truly nice person. Fair. Thoughtful. Engaging.

Q Smith - December 29, 2020 at 10:35 AM



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



December 29, 2020 at 01:19 AM

GF

“ Gerold and Joy Baldwin and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bruce Wesley Wilks.



Gerold and Joy Baldwin and Family - December 28, 2020 at 01:35 PM



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



December 28, 2020 at 01:33 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant* was purchased for the family of Bruce Wesley Wilks.



December 28, 2020 at 09:23 AM



“ *Care and Compassion Spray* was purchased for the family of Bruce Wesley Wilks.



December 28, 2020 at 09:04 AM



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



December 28, 2020 at 08:58 AM

TC

“ Bruce was one of the kindest people that I’ve ever known. He was a role model to many and reminded us what it means to be the best of ourselves. His presence has enriched the lives of countless people.

Tim Chalmers - December 27, 2020 at 04:51 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Bruce Wesley Wilks.



December 27, 2020 at 04:50 PM

EP

“ Ginger, Emily and Josh I feel your loss ,pain and I will remember Bruce in my prayers ,for he was a loving , compassionate man ,God is great and he will take care of you'll.

Eugenia Pedroza - December 27, 2020 at 02:44 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bruce Wesley Wilks.



December 26, 2020 at 04:23 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Bruce Wesley Wilks.*



December 26, 2020 at 11:20 AM



“ *I met Bruce in our single group at church in the early 90 Ginger and family may you feel the comfort of Jesus as you go through these difficult moments 🙏 for you*

Rose Buckner - December 24, 2020 at 09:34 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Bruce Wesley Wilks.*



December 24, 2020 at 04:50 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bruce Wesley Wilks.*



December 24, 2020 at 04:28 PM