



## William Patrick "Beau" Bruce

March 9, 1970 - May 13, 2019

Beau Bruce, 49, died on May 13, 2019 at Centennial Medical Center after leading a life of intellectual discovery on his own unique terms. A brilliant rebel, Beau was always the smartest person in the room, and because of this, he didn't conform to societal expectations. Born on March 9, 1970, he was raised by parents Patsy and Ed Bruce in Nashville. He skipped two grades at Peabody Demonstration School and attended Webb School, where he played soccer and met best friend David Hudson in 1981. During his senior year, the school established its first quiz bowl team. Beau, a math savant who had little interest in maintaining good grades, answered every question in the competition, allowing Webb to finish third out of 42 teams. He graduated from Webb in 1987 and attended MTSU.

He was a larger-than-life character who was popular, jocular, laid back and non-judgmental. He loved having a good time and treating others well. He always gave money to anyone on the street who asked, because, as he said, "That could be us." He chose his jobs for the adventure, not the prestige or money. He loved music and thrived during his time in the early nineties at MCA Music Publishing, where he was adored by the songwriters that he so admired. He moved to Chicago in the mid-nineties and worked for nearly ten years at several trading firms, where he loved the fast pace and the immersion into numbers. He moved back to Nashville in 2011 and enjoyed delivering pizzas, shooting pool, bowling, playing chess, reading books by J.R.R. Tolkien and spending time with his nieces. A great cook who made a

world-class omelet, he loved to eat Asian food and listen to traditional country music.

He is survived by his parents, Patsy Bruce and Ed Bruce; brother Trey Bruce (Laci); sisters AnnMarie Pinhal (Joey) and Ginny Bruce; nieces Chelsea Jensen, Sela Bruce, Catherine Pinhal, Juliana Pinhal, Sara Bruce Manual and Maggie Emmick; nephews Joseph Pinhal, Patrick Elder; and Christina James, Chevy and Bella James. A celebration of his life will be announced soon.

In lieu of flowers the family asks donations be made in Beau's honor to Webb School, 319 Webb Road East, Bell Buckle, TN 37020.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *William Patrick "Beau" Bruce*

October 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ *Jim and I send our love and prayers. From our years at Father Ryan we have fond memories of Ann Marie, Joey and the Pinhal family.*

**Nancy and Jim Langdon** - May 20, 2019 at 05:18 PM



“ *Ed, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your son. I can't imagine the pain you are suffering. I plan to be at the memorial when the time is determined. Please let me know if Patty or I can do anything to help at this time. My best to you and Judy. Take care, and I will see you soon. The Uncommon Man-- Steve Kennedy*

**Steve Kennedy** - May 16, 2019 at 03:25 PM