



## Bruce Alexander

August 17, 1957 - April 21, 2008

Bruce Lachlan Alexander, age 50, of Corvallis was called home to the Lord on Monday, April 21, 2008, after a brave and courageous battle with cancer.

Bruce was born to Donald and Marian Alexander in Portland, Oregon, and graduated from Clackamas High School in 1975.

Bruce earned a Bachelors of Science degree from Oregon State University, was a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, Athletes in Action, the Navigators, and OSU Track team.

Bruce relocated to Seattle, WA. in 1980, continuing his ministry with the Navigators at the University of Washington. While working for Rainier National Bank on Lower Queen Anne, he met and fell in love with Mary Beth Navlet and they were wed in 1986.

Bruce and his family returned to the Willamette Valley in 1990. He was a diligent and highly respected employee of Summit Information Systems for almost 18-years. He faithfully served in the youth ministry at NW Hills Community Church. Bruce was an avid sports fan and loved playing basketball, football and golf. He coached and mentored middle and high school kids and was proud to be called "Coach Bruce". He was known for his calm demeanor, gentle spirit and humility. His commitment to God, and his love for family and friends was evident in all he did. He touched many people's lives with his love and his legacy will live on. Nothing was more important to him than his wife and children. "WE WANT TO BE JUST LIKE YOU, DAD!" Bruce is survived by his bride of almost 22 years, Mary Beth, sons Spencer,

Isaac, Pearce, and daughter Mikaela, of Corvallis; mother, Marian, and sister, Kirsten Alexander-Parks of Portland, awesome in-laws, numerous cousins, and abundant nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to extend an invitation to a Life Memorial Celebration on Monday, April 28, 2008, at 1:00 pm at the La Sells Stewart Center on the OSU campus.

Arrangements are by McHenry Funeral Home, Corvallis. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy and support take the form of contributions to the Bruce Alexander Memorial Fund at Central Willamette Community Credit Union 555 NE Circle Blvd Corvallis, Oregon 97330.

# Tribute Wall

LS

“ I pray for God's love and peace for your family. Lean on Him and He will give you everything that you need.

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**Lori Schaffer** - June 05, 2008 at 01:12 AM

DC

“ MaryBeth and Family, MaryBeth, you and Bruce have created a beautiful family and know you will carry on Bruce's legacy of love. We were all so blessed to have had known Bruce. All of our love support will forever be here for you and your family.  
Always, Diane, Brad and family

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**Diane and Brad Curry** - May 15, 2008 at 12:19 PM

EW

“ Sweet Alexander family. My love and heart is with you, and has been for this unbearably difficult time. I am so moved by the strength you show, but know there must be hard times too. I have been so sick with Fibromyalgia, I haven't had the emotional strength to reach out to you. But I will always be your loving, caring friend. And thank you for being mine!

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**Erin Himes Wang** - May 13, 2008 at 09:14 PM

PL

“ Mary Beth I'm an online friend of Linda Coolen of Washington state , she asked me to pray for Bruce and his family as she knows I'm a prayer warrior . Just wanted to say I'm sorry Bruce is gone from this earth but he is in no pain now with our FATHER above . May you and the children find peace in GOD . Bruce is gone but will never be forgotten . GOD knows best , just trust . Patricia Ann Lee

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**Patricia Ann Lee** - May 06, 2008 at 12:20 AM

GB

“ *Mary Beth and Family,  
My heart is heavy for your loss. I'm thankful for Bruce's life and  
having known him. May God's strength and comfort carry you  
through the difficult times.*

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**Geoff Brown** - May 04, 2008 at 04:30 AM

SB

“ *My deepest sympathies to Mary Beth and family. I also worked with  
Bruce at BECU and he was one of the most loving and fun people  
that I have ever met. He could always put a smile on your face. You  
are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Shirley A Baker-Culver** - May 03, 2008 at 06:12 AM

RS

“ *Rick and I remember the wonderful time that we shared with you  
both at your home in Ballard, where Rick and Bruce played with  
trains. Also, the time we saw the play Children of a Lesser God. I  
can't believe that so many years have passed since our paths have  
crossed.*  
*We are so very sorry for the loss of Bruce. He was a love of a  
human being and Rick and I are blessed to have known him.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Rick and Susan Streifel** - May 01, 2008 at 11:31 PM

TF

“ *Our deepest condolences to Mary Beth and children. You have all  
been in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless,  
Shireen, Thomas, Lukas and Markus*

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**The Bauer Family** - April 30, 2008 at 12:43 AM

CA

“ I am sorry for the bitter-sweet news. My prayers are for all who are left behind and joy that he is now in the wonderful presence of the Lord. This is a hard time for all and no words can take away the pain outside of the comfort and hope that only Jesus can give. God Bless, Carol Adams

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**Carol Adams** - April 29, 2008 at 02:15 PM

BS

“ My deepest condolences to MaryBeth and all of Bruce's family. I worked with Bruce in the mid-80s at BECU. He would walk in everyday with a smile on his face and never a mean word about anyone. When my son would come into the credit union, Bruce would talk to him about the Seattle Super Sonics. My son enjoyed that very much as his mom didn't know too much about basketball then. Bruce was a very kind and thoughtful person and I am so fortunate to have known him. My prayers and thoughts are with his family.

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**Brenda Sugita Seeley** - April 28, 2008 at 06:21 PM

ET

“ What a shining example of an individual that never deviated from his strong faith, and lived a life sharing the love of Christ with others. As a past BECU employee he will always be remembered for his great sense of humor, respect for others and compassionate spirit. Any mention of Bruce always comes with the comment "He was the greatest individual!"

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**Elaine Terry** - April 28, 2008 at 01:01 PM

DC

“ Bruce was not only a gentleman off the court, but on the basketball court as well.

Bruce had a way of setting a screen like no other person i`ve ever met, and could outrebound anyone.

We were all blessed to know such a fine person.

I miss the Sundays at Our Lady of Fatima...& Saturdays at N.W.

Center...we played hard & had fun !

Your in our thought`s & prayers.

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**Dan & Steph Costello** - April 28, 2008 at 12:51 PM

KD

“ I am thinking about you and your family during this difficult time and sending my heartfelt sympathy. Bruce was such a wonderful guy and was great to work with. He will be missed.

Holding you in my thoughts, Karen Dyer

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**Karen Dyer** - April 28, 2008 at 12:46 PM

JJ

“ Dear Mary Beth, Spencer, Mikael, Isaac and Pearce,

We want thank you for sharing Bruce(Surperman) with us. He will be dearly missed in our hearts. If there is we can do to ease the pain, let us know anytime. We love you folks. In your Brother's and Sister's in Christ, John, Cindy, Katy and SuperMatt

When I come home to Heaven How joyful it will be For on that day at last My risen Lord I'll see. No greater happiness than To see him face to face, To see the Love in His eyes And feel His warm embrace. I've done nothing to deserve, It was given freely through The grace of Jesus' Love. Then why should earthly cares Weight down upon me so? They'll be a distance memory When home at last I go to heaven

by: Beth Pluckwisch

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**John, Cindy, Katy and Matt Johnson** - April 28, 2008 at 10:50 AM

AF

“ It's been quite some time since I last saw Bruce. He was a really sweet guy and I have very good memory of his willingness to help others at Summit and his calmness. He was was a fine person and I wanted to express my sorrow. Most sincerely... andy freundlich.

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**Andy Freundlich** - April 28, 2008 at 08:24 AM

BC

“ Dear Mary Beth, It always brought a smile to my face when I saw you and Bruce. It was obvious that you found so much joy in each other and in your family. Please know that we will be in prayer for you and your children. God bless you, Barbara Cleaver

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**Bruce and Barbara Cleaver** - April 27, 2008 at 10:13 PM

VA

“ Marybeth and children, my deepest sympsthy. The world has lost a truly wonderful guy and heaven has been blessed with a truly wonderful soul . Sorry I will miss the service but will be there in spirit. God be with you. Vera

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**Vera Aguilar** - April 27, 2008 at 08:12 PM

TH

“ Bruce: times like this call for people like you to come down and reassure us that God has a plan that works. I have a feeling we will feel that presence in the coming days. Save a place for me! th

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**Tim Haag** - April 27, 2008 at 12:46 PM

SU

“ I miss you, Bruce. You lived your faith and shared your life with everyone you met. You and Marybeth are and always will be my inspiration.

*It was truly an Honor to know you. Your legacy lives on in so many of us, too numerous to count, but specifically in Mary beth, Spencer, Mikaela, Isaac, and Pearce.*

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**suzanne** - April 26, 2008 at 12:01 PM

GW

“ We love you and thank you that Bruce was in our lives. Our prayers continue to be with all of the "A" team in their time of great loss.

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**George, Carol, Michael & Paul Weaver** - April 26, 2008 at 02:09 AM

JA

“ My thoughts and prays go out to the Alexander family. I always thought highly of Bruce for his honest and caring nature. He was always friendly and really enjoyed the friendships he developed. Bruce always reminded me of a tree, and more specifically, an unmoveable tree. I meet and became friends with Bruce through basketball. The reason he reminded me of a tree wasn't just his size but more for the sure, true, and steady position he held on the court and in everyone's lives. Plus, it felt like you ran into a tree when you collided with him on the court.

*Bruce had a great spirit that will continue to live on.*

*John*

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**John Anglemier** - April 25, 2008 at 09:53 PM

LG

“ *Mary Beth & family: We would like to send our thoughts and prayers to you and your family. May your faith in the lord Jesus Christ help you though this very difficult time. Please know that we are here for you. May god bess you and keep you. Always, Neil, Lisa & Charlene Grossnicklaus*

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**Lisa Grossnicklaus** - April 25, 2008 at 01:24 PM

MO

“ *I would like to send my prayers to Bruce's family. I had the opportunity to work with him for a short time at Summit Information Systems and I do have to agree, he was the most geniune person one could have met. Always welcoming and helpful to those that needed it.  
My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.  
Michelle Oglesbee*

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**Michelle Oglesbee-Flores** - April 25, 2008 at 11:11 AM

DE

“ *Farewell to a real gentleman, you will be greatly missed, Bruce. Our condolences to Mary Beth and the rest of the family.  
Doug and Jane*

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**Doug and Jane Easton** - April 25, 2008 at 10:26 AM

PN

“ *As a caring father Bruce inspired me and I am saddened by his premature death. Rest in Peace Bruce. My thoughts are with you.  
--Paul*

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**Paul Newbry** - April 25, 2008 at 12:17 AM