



## Pastor Bruce E. LeVan

May 13, 1947 - December 20, 2024

Bruce Edward LeVan, age 77 of Empire, Alabama went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, December 20, 2024.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank Edward and Willowdene LeVan; brother, Micky LeVan.

He is survived by his wife of thirty-six years, Cynthia LeVan; children, Randi Hubbard (Greg), Tracie Weldon (Howard), Bruceann LeVan Davis, Daniel Swindle (Kala), and Morgan Pierce (Blake); grandchildren, Houston Lucky (Carly), Tristan Weldon (MacKenzie), Corbin Thomas (Jenna), Jamason Nolen, Ty Weldon, Austin Hubbard, Ally Nolen, Collin Lassiter, Ceana Lassiter, Alton Bates, and Beau Pierce; soon to be great grandchild Rowdy Lucky; sister, Myava Phillips (Bobby), mother of his oldest girls, Judy Nolen; several nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

A celebration of Bruce's legacy will be held at Sumiton Church of God Saturday, December 28, 2024 at 1:00 pm. He will lie in state at the church beginning at 9:30 am until the service time. Bishop Tim Brown, Pastor Mike Cleckler, Pastor Richard Meads, Randall Stephens will officiate. Interment will follow at Empire Memorial Gardens.

Bruce was in pastoral ministry for 56 years. He served as current pastor of Empire Church of God for 22 years. He served as police chaplain for various departments across Alabama. He honorably served his country in the Army

branch of the United States military. He was very passionate about his country.

Bruce loved Camp Utopia in Springville Alabama. He served over 50 years in some facet. His current role was head cook, and he loved to serve people. His food was well known among families and friends.

We were honored to have known a man to leave such a beautiful legacy. He mirrored Christ.

Pastor Bruce was pure joy. He was confetti in every room he walked in. He was a strong and steady presence for many. What a journey we've had with Bruce. He was very proud of his family and celebrated every small and big occasion. He was the best cheerleader for everyone.

Bruce loved his church and his community. He wanted to see Empire thrive. One thing he always closed with was, "Won't you consider Christ today?"

Let us rejoice in knowing he is with his Lord and Savior. We shall see him again!

New Horizon Memorial Funeral Home directing 205-648-2333

# Tribute Wall

RC

“ Roger & Codie Crawford purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Pastor Bruce E. LeVan.



Roger & Codie Crawford - December 27, 2024 at 02:43 PM

DF

“ Derrick and Candace Stewart & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Pastor Bruce E. LeVan.



Derrick and Candace Stewart & Family - December 26, 2024 at 11:50 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Pastor Bruce E. LeVan.



December 26, 2024 at 07:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Pastor Bruce E. LeVan.

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Pastor Bruce E. LeVan.



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December 26, 2024 at 06:09 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Pastor Bruce E. LeVan.



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December 26, 2024 at 09:33 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Pastor Bruce E. LeVan.

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“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Pastor Bruce E. LeVan.



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December 25, 2024 at 11:37 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Pastor Bruce E. LeVan.

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December 25, 2024 at 11:37 AM

EK

“ Ed and Becky Kissel purchased the Amazing Arborescens for the family of Pastor Bruce E. LeVan.



Ed and Becky Kissel - December 25, 2024 at 11:25 AM

EK

“ Ed and Becky Kissel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pastor Bruce E. LeVan.

Ed and Becky Kissel - December 25, 2024 at 11:25 AM

LF

“ Lydia Gallops and family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Pastor Bruce E. LeVan.



Lydia Gallops and family - December 24, 2024 at 12:47 PM

LF

“ Launius Furniture purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Pastor Bruce E. LeVan.



Launius Furniture - December 24, 2024 at 10:08 AM

MC

“ *There’s so much that can be said about my friend. Bruce and I have enjoyed our friendship for nearly 30 years. Bruce was one of the best friend, leader, helper, counselor and pastor I’ve ever known. His family is a picture of his influence and leadership. Bruce will be missed.*

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**Mike Cleckler** - December 23, 2024 at 09:38 AM

MC

“ *Mark Cato lit a candle in memory of Pastor Bruce E. LeVan*



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**Mark Cato** - December 22, 2024 at 09:32 PM

SL

“ *Sharon Little lit a candle in memory of Pastor Bruce E. LeVan*



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**Sharon Little** - December 22, 2024 at 01:34 PM



“ *Stephanie Fowler-Wood lit a candle in memory of Bruce LeVan*



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**Stephanie Fowler-Wood** - December 22, 2024 at 11:07 AM

AW

“ *Angie Wood lit a candle in memory of Bruce LeVan*



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**Angie Wood** - December 22, 2024 at 04:07 AM

JH

“ *On my recent stay with my daughter MacKenzie, granddaughter Charlotte and son-in-law Tristan, I was blessed beyond measure to have met and seen Papa a couple of times while I was there. He became an instant inspiration to me and my life as I saw the sincerity of his joy and deep rooted faith in Jesus.*

*Prayers go out to my new extended family for peace, comfort and strength on the road you now travel without this amazing man. Love you all.*

*Judy Harrison*

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**Judy Harrison** - December 22, 2024 at 12:54 AM

DI

“ *Sending prayers up for the family.*



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**DeAnna Ivey** - December 21, 2024 at 11:50 PM

WT

“ I remember that young spit fire red head preaching at Dora church of God with a beautiful Randy Tracey and a tiny BruceAnn. Decades of memories. As an adult working at Camp Utopia with beautiful Cynthia , their precious daughter Morgan, and that head cook Bruce was always fun filled and exciting. Until we meet again in the land where milk and honey flow- Mad respect - Wendy ( Rutkowski Dollar} Tate

Wendy Tate - December 21, 2024 at 11:31 PM

DD

“ Darlene Davenport lit a candle in memory of Bruce LeVan



Darlene Davenport - December 21, 2024 at 11:21 PM

GH

“ To know my precious father in law was to love him. He may have been small in stature but his presence was massive. Papa loved God, his family and his community with everything in him and we were blessed to have his guidance and love. He was my pastor and taught me so much in our walk with Christ. We will see you again and will continue to follow the path you showed us all. We are missing you here but I know you received the eternal goal that you taught everyone by example to follow!! We love you and will see you again Papa but until then we will follow the legacy you left us!!

Greg Hubbard - December 21, 2024 at 10:48 PM

CH

“ He was married to my great Aunt Judy Nolen, for many years. I remember going to their house growing up and playing with their girls.

Charlena Hathcoat - December 21, 2024 at 09:43 PM

JE

“ I will always remember him standing me up on the in remembrance table at Parrish Church of God. Trust was what he was preaching on.  
He asked me to jump off the table into his arms and of course I did without hesitation cause I trusted him.

We laughed more recently because I said hey papa I bet you won't ask me to do that now...



He was like a 2nd daddy to me and he loved my babies. He was my mentor and my pastor. I loved him soooo much.

Jennifer - December 21, 2024 at 08:33 PM

RS

“ Ronnie and Valerie Sharpe lit a candle in memory of Bruce LeVan



Ronnie and Valerie Sharpe - December 20, 2024 at 10:52 PM