



## Walter Bruce Crickmer

October 4, 1948 - February 1, 2016

Bluefield, VA- Walter Bruce Crickmer, Sr., 67, of Bluefield, VA, died Monday February 1, 2016 at his home.

Born October 4, 1948 in Bluefield, WV, he was a son of the late Doug Crickmer and Joan Edgehill Crickmer. He was a member of Memorial Baptist Church. Mr. Crickmer was a Mine Inspector for Pocahontas Land Corporation and was an avid golfer.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Doug Crickmer, Jr.; and sister, Carol Lyons.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Kathleen B. Crickmer of Bluefield, VA; children, Delana Carol Elmore and husband Brandon of Wytheville, VA, and Walter Bruce Crickmer, Jr. of Akron, OH; one sister, Hope Miller and husband Tom of Park Ridge, IL; three grandchildren, Donovan Wade Elmore, Landon Frederick Elmore, and Gadsen Royce Elmore of Wytheville; brothers-in-law, Sid Lyons of Ohio, and Hector Blackburn of Inez, KY; sister-in-law, Marilyn Crickmer of Evansville, IN; mother-in-law, Vicie D. Blackburn of Inez, KY; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at Mercer Funeral Home on Thursday February 4, 2016 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be conducted on Friday February 5, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. from the Mercer Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Lacy Brooks officiating.

Burial will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Park in Bluewell where family members and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mr. Walter Bruce Crickmer, Sr.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Memorial Park Cemetery

Bluefield, WV

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701  
(304) 327-6155  
mercerc@mercercfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.mercercfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

FEB 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Walter Bruce Crickmer*

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October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Delana I love you we are all praying for you. The Broyles Family.*

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**Gerri** - February 05, 2016 at 09:50 PM

DP

“ Dear Kathy and family,

*I just learned from Facebook this morning (Feb. 5) of Bruce's passing. What a shock. I'm so sorry for your loss, and feel it deeply. Bruce was one of my best childhood friends.*

*We go way back. We lived on opposite ends of Verdun Heights and were elementary school playmates. The most carefree days of my life were those spent with Bruce around the age of 8. We'd leave our respective houses barefoot and shirtless, play outside until noon, have lunch at his house or mine, and then play all day until a parent called us to dinner. If the weather was bad, we spend most of the day inside playing monopoly for countless hours. As we got older, we graduated to chess and built forts. In the winters we sledged, Bruce narrowly avoiding disaster when he hit the corner of an outdoor stone fireplace. I was with Bruce the day his beloved dog and companion Biscuit was shot and killed in our neighborhood. We never found out for sure who did it or why. It was heartbreaking. Bruce loved that dog so much, and vice versa.*

*When we were 8 or 9 Bruce's dad took us on our first airplane ride. We flew from Bluefield to Roanoke on a Piedmont DC3 just for the heck of it. Landed, turned around and came straight back. It was such a thrill I've never lost my love of airplanes. Another time Doug, Sr. took us on a business trip to wild and woolly Inez, KY, if memory serves. That was an education all in itself.*

*Bruce's home was mine, and mine was his. We lost touch in later years as I moved from Bluefield and moved around a lot. But I will always cherish our times together. Bruce was so light-hearted and ready with a laugh. We had some great times together.*

*In the deepest sympathy,  
Dave Pruett*

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**Dave Pruett** - February 05, 2016 at 08:58 AM

RI

“ Wonderful ballroom dancer and teacher. Bruce and Kathleen were my first teachers and I will always be grateful to them for this life-long gift. As Jackson Brown said in his wonderful song. For a dancer: Keep on dancing, Bruce.

*Richard Goldstein*

*For a dancer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KSC-yBawshQ>*

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**richard** - February 05, 2016 at 08:27 AM



“ I remember the good times we had when Delana and Ben were little and we enjoyed being with Bruce and Kathy so much. Bruce was one of the sweetest men I know - we grew up together at First Presbyterian. Joe, Ben and I all send you our love and prayers in this time of loss.

*Anne Hancock Teresa*

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**Anne Teresa** - February 04, 2016 at 06:28 PM

BL

“ I am so sorry to hear about Bruce's demise. We were members of an octet while in high school and enjoyed many fun times. A good guy and friend. Condolences to the family.

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**Bob Land** - February 04, 2016 at 05:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Walter Bruce Crickmer.*



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February 04, 2016 at 05:38 PM



“ *So sorry to hear this news. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.  
The Gates family*

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**Michael & Diana Gates** - February 04, 2016 at 03:34 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Crickmer family....so shocked and saddened to learn this news today. I feel like I've known Bruce all of our lives, and I will miss the occasions when we would spot each other and catch up briefly. The world will certainly be diminished by his loss. He was a fine and gentle man.*

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**Debbie Jackson** - February 04, 2016 at 01:45 PM



“ *Bruce was always a very kind and caring man who truly loved his Lord, his family, his church and his many friends. My thoughts and prayers are with his dear precious family.*

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**Donnie Gott** - February 04, 2016 at 12:24 PM

WC

“ *Walt and Jan Crickmer purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Walter Bruce Crickmer.*



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**Walt and Jan Crickmer** - February 04, 2016 at 10:52 AM

BW

“ *Family of Bruce*

*So shocked and saddened by the passing of a friend and former co-worker. He always had pleasant comments and thoughts for the other person. Such a gentleman in his interactions with others and co-workers. Not only that but Bruce always demonstrated to me in my conversations with him a love for Jesus Christ. He like most of us had struggles but he never forgot the Grace of Christ as he interacted with me. I will miss those visits with him at his desk following my retirement from PLC when he was always grateful to see me. May the Lord grant grace and peace to this fine family.*

*I will miss sharing with him those memories of the putting competitions we had at Canaan Valley during the Mine Inspectors Convention. He won!!!*

*Bob & Jan Wilkerson*

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**Bob and Jan Wilkerson** - February 04, 2016 at 09:57 AM

CF

“ Cousins Barbara Lynn, Marsha & family, Michele & family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Walter Bruce Crickmer.



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**Cousins Barbara Lynn, Marsha & family, Michele & family -**  
February 04, 2016 at 08:29 AM

TB

“ Kathy and family,

*I'm deeply saddened to hear of Bruce's passing. My family and I have such fond memories of Bruce and your family when we all once lived on Mountain View. Kathy, may the peace that comes from your memories be of comfort to you. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Trina C. Banco** - February 04, 2016 at 07:57 AM

LB

“ Kathy, I just read where your husband passed away and I am so very very sorry! My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family! Lindsey Grubb Barilla

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**Lindsey Grubb Barilla** - February 04, 2016 at 06:20 AM

EH

“ Bruce was one of those individuals who always had a smile for you. My time with Bruce at Pocahontas Land was very enjoyable as we had something in common that our dads both worked there. I remember when the first day he came to work. He fit like a glove with our Poca family. He is a lost brother to me, we had talked about getting a regular golf game this summer. To the Crickmer family, my family sends their love and prayers. I am sorry we will be unable to attend the services as we are babysitting our granddaughter in Charlotte. Ernie and Beth Hays

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**Ernest Hays** - February 03, 2016 at 07:33 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Walter Bruce Crickmer.



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February 03, 2016 at 06:46 PM

BC

“ Kathy, Delana, and Walt: my deepest sympathies and condolences. As you know, Bruce and I spent a lot of time together - like going golfing on my wedding day (and doing the puppet show with my head covers), organizing the company golf tournaments, and occasionally, we even did some work together. Bruce was a hard worker who was sharp as a tack, had a quick wit and great sense of humor. It was a pleasure to know him and work with him. I'll fondly remember our times together. Bud

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**Bud Clapp** - February 03, 2016 at 06:19 PM

JD

“*Bruce always had a smile and a cheerful greeting. He was wonderful and efficient to work with and I'll always remember him working on his golf game. He lived for his family. We will all miss Bruce and are very sad at his untimely death. Most sincerely, Jim and Joan Doak*



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**Jim and Joan Doak** - February 03, 2016 at 05:32 PM