



Bruce Abernethy

June 6, 1936 - January 31, 2017

Bruce C. Abernethy, a longtime resident of Allen, Texas, and formerly Dallas, Texas, passed away unexpectedly on January 31, 2017. Bruce C. Abernethy was the son of Bruce B. Abernethy and Jean Catlin Abernethy and was born on June 6, 1936. He graduated from East Mecklenburg High School in Charlotte, NC, class of 1954. Shortly after graduating, Bruce enlisted in the United States Army serving in the Signal Corps during the Korean War. It was his work with radar systems in the Signal Corps that laid the foundation for his studies at Duke University and his eventual career. Bruce graduated from Duke University in 1961 with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and eventually earned a Master of Arts from The University of Texas at Dallas in 1984.

Bruce had a long and extensive career working with the military industry designing advanced electronic warfare systems and missile guidance systems to working in the civilian sector on transportation control systems and highway control systems. His most recent work included communication systems for the intelligent driverless vehicles. He married Sheri Cohen in June of 1971 and together they raised two sons; Barry T. Lorberbaum and Brett D. Abernethy. During his children's younger years; Bruce was involved with Boy Scouts, coaching and refereeing soccer, hunting, fishing, and camping. In his later years, Bruce, enjoyed travelling and developed a great interest in World War II history. Through his and Sheri's travels, he was able to visit many famous battle sites from World War II.

Bruce was preceded in death by his parents, Bruce B. Abernethy and Jean Catlin Abernethy, and his sister, Dottie Petty. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Sheri; son Barry T. Lorberbaum and wife Kari, son Brett D. Abernethy, wife Tantika, and their son Donovan; grandchildren, Daniel Kaster, his wife, Parul Kaster, and their son, Aditya, and granddaughter, Shailyn Coston. He was also survived by his brother, Russell Abernethy and his wife, Susan, and Bruce's beloved dog, Autumn.

Memorial donations may be made to Jewish Family Services, Adat Charvim, or the Allen Police Association.

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“ Bruce married Verna Ruland in 1958, and had (2) children, Clare and Gregory Abernethy. Clare gave him (3) grandchildren, Daniel Kaster, Elizabeth Kaster, and Ben Kaster. Bruce was married for 15 years to Verna. Bruce kept in touch with his oldest daughter for a good number of years, but not with his 2nd oldest son (to his detriment). Bruce was a good dad to his first children while he was married. Those are good memories to them. Miss you dad.

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