



Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress

November 22, 1939 - March 8, 2018

Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress, age 78 years, a resident of Vienna, passed away Thursday afternoon, March 8, 2018, at 2:23 PM at his home.

Bruce was born November 22, 1939 in Tampa, Florida. He was the son of Edwin Bruce and Maud (Southwood) Jeffress.

On July 14, 1984, Bruce was united in marriage to Barbara Vaughn at the Vienna First United Methodist Church. She survives.

In addition to his wife, Bruce is survived by: his children – Bruce (Robin) McCandless of Holmes, New York, Betsy (Rob) Davis of Sebastian, Florida; and Morgan (Chris) Banks of Vienna; 4 grandchildren – Kevin, Sarah, Scott and Kayla; a brother – Mike (Paula) Jeffress of Fairfax, Virginia; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many dear friends and former students.

Bruce was preceded in death by his parents.

Bruce was a graduate of the Clay Kentucky High School. He earned a Bachelors Degree in Science and Chemistry as well as a Masters Degree in Mathematics from Murray State University. Bruce was an educator and taught at Vienna High School from 1967-1994. Bruce was also employed for several

years by the Five County Regional Vocational System at Tamms, Illinois, prior to his retirement. He formerly served as a board member for Family Counseling, Inc. as well as a member of the executive board for the Southern Seven Health Department.

Bruce was a member of the Vienna First United Methodist Church. He loved music and attending performances of the Paducah Symphony orchestra. Bruce enjoyed a number of pastimes, including working crossword puzzles and, in his youth, spending time on Kentucky Lake. Bruce had also enjoyed riding motorcycles and was an avid NASCAR race fan.

Bruce is especially remembered for his love of family and he cherished time spent with them.

A service honoring the life of Bruce Jeffress will be conducted Tuesday morning, March 13, 2018, at 11 AM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Rev. Dr. Joe Richard will officiate. A eulogy will be delivered by Lawrence Kinkade.

Burial will be in the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Monday evening, March 12, 2018, from 5 PM – 8 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to the Vienna High School Scholarship Fund, 601 North 1st St., Vienna, Illinois 62995

Cemetery Details

Vienna Fraternal Cemetery

N. 6th Street
Vienna, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
<https://baileyfh.com>

Service

MAR 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ Alice Carter lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



Alice Carter - March 16, 2018 at 07:14 PM



“ Barbara, I am so sorry for your loss of your husband. My live and prayers go out to you and your family. I was so glad to speak with the two of you when I attended my dad's funeral. My days in chemistry at VHS has been a memory I have not ever forgotten...it was not an easy subject for me!. May each day bring you more peace and a smile, as you remember all the precious memories over the years that you shared. My love to you, and a hug.....Leanne (Nutty)

Leanne (Nutty) Stoner - March 14, 2018 at 03:13 AM



“ Mary Faulkner lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



Mary Faulkner - March 13, 2018 at 11:22 PM

KB

“ *Barb & Morgan & family,
So sorry for your loss. He will be missed. May
God be with you.*



Ken & thurleen bain - March 12, 2018 at 06:03 PM

VB

“ *Vonda Burnam sent a virtual gift in memory of
Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress*



Vonda Burnam - March 11, 2018 at 04:33 PM

KH

“ *Mr Jeffress was one of my favorite teachers in
high school & I am truly saddened to learn of
his passing. Many prayers for Barb & all his
family.*



KathyBlack Holt - March 11, 2018 at 04:24 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress.*



March 11, 2018 at 04:01 PM

RM

“ *Ron McBride lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress*



Ron McBride - March 11, 2018 at 03:55 AM

GC

“ *Greg And Trina Cavitt lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress*



Greg and Trina Cavitt - March 10, 2018 at 10:42 PM

RR

“ *Rosemary Rouse lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress*



Rosemary Rouse - March 10, 2018 at 10:27 PM

RE

“ *Rick And Connie Emery lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress*



rick and connie emery - March 10, 2018 at 03:31 PM

DP

“ *Davis And Pat Prewitt lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress*



Davis and Pat Prewitt - March 10, 2018 at 12:13 PM

BT

“ *Becky Turley lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress*



Becky Turley - March 10, 2018 at 09:36 AM

BW

“ *Brent And Tracy Williams lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress*



Brent and Tracy Williams - March 10, 2018 at 08:42 AM

WB

“ *We are so sorry for your loss our thoughts and prayers are with the family*



Wm&Nancy Belford - March 10, 2018 at 08:06 AM

JT

“ *My sincerest sympathies for your loss, my prayers are with all who loved him.*



Joy Morris Trammell - March 09, 2018 at 08:46 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to his family & friends.
Love & Prayers,
Barbara Averitt*



Barbara Soulsby - March 09, 2018 at 06:49 PM

MK

“ *Melinda McCuan Kunkel lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress*



Melinda McCuan Kunkel - March 09, 2018 at 06:24 PM

JF

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers are with the family at this sad time.*



Joan Faulkner - March 09, 2018 at 05:34 PM

Ange
Dixon

“ You were a great teacher and a very nice man.
I remember you the most of all my high school
teachers.



Ange Dixon - March 09, 2018 at 04:52 PM

CT

“ Carla Tapley lit a candle in memory of Edwin
B. "Bruce" Jeffress



Carla Tapley - March 09, 2018 at 04:25 PM

SH

“ Steve & Jeannie Housewright lit a candle in
memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



Steve & Jeannie Housewright - March 09, 2018 at 04:07 PM

MB

“ Mark And Darla Brown lit a candle in memory
of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



Mark and Darla Brown - March 09, 2018 at 03:42 PM

KB

“ *Kenny And Diane Baker lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress*



Kenny and Diane Baker - March 09, 2018 at 01:55 PM

RS

“ *Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress*



Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney - March 09, 2018 at 01:55 PM

JR

“ *James And Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress*



James and Diane Rainbolt - March 09, 2018 at 11:56 AM

SC

“ *Susan Cummins Cochran lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress*



Susan Cummins Cochran - March 09, 2018 at 11:48 AM

DB

“ Dorothy Bacon lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



Dorothy Bacon - March 09, 2018 at 11:19 AM



“ Sending thoughts and prayers from mom JP and me.



Angela Huckelberry Branum - March 09, 2018 at 11:18 AM

KG

“ So sorry for your families loss our thoughts and prayers are with you

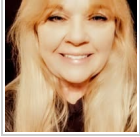
Kenny and sue Goddard - March 09, 2018 at 10:54 AM

LC

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Mr. Jeffrees was a good man and a great teacher.



LaRay Capron - March 09, 2018 at 10:53 AM



“ Teresa Anderson lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



Teresa Anderson - March 09, 2018 at 10:52 AM



“ Kenny And Sue Goddard lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



Kenny and sue Goddard - March 09, 2018 at 10:52 AM



“ Sonya Carlton lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



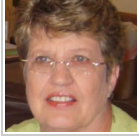
Sonya Carlton - March 09, 2018 at 10:46 AM



“ Betty And Steve Bellamy lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



Betty and Steve Bellamy - March 09, 2018 at 10:44 AM



“ Barb, Morgan and family. So sorry to hear of your lost. It is my prayer that Bruce's transition from here to the loving arms of our Lord and Savior was peaceful and without pain. May you find comfort in knowing that his days of discomfort and pain are no longer. May your memories give you comfort and fill the void. My prayers are with you all.

Elaine Rotan - March 09, 2018 at 10:03 AM

TM

“ Tom & Carmen Murrie lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



Tom & Carmen Murrie - March 09, 2018 at 09:54 AM

DH

“ Dennis And Pat Harner lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



Dennis and Pat Harner - March 09, 2018 at 09:51 AM

BP

“ Barbara Travelstead Clymore & Peyton lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



Barbara Travelstead Clymore & Peyton - March 09, 2018 at 09:47 AM

SM

“ *Sherry Moore lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress*



sherry moore - March 09, 2018 at 08:25 AM

JT

“ *J. C. Thomas lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress*



J. C. Thomas - March 09, 2018 at 08:15 AM

MR

“ *Mike And Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress*



Mike and Teresa Richerson - March 09, 2018 at 08:03 AM

TT

“ *Toni Taylor lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress*



Toni Taylor - March 09, 2018 at 07:45 AM

BM

“ Beth & Mark lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



Beth & Mark - March 09, 2018 at 07:38 AM

BW

“ Bill & Barb Warmack lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



Bill & Barb Warmack - March 09, 2018 at 07:35 AM

JH

“ Justin & Tricia Hartline lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



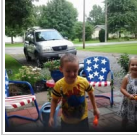
Justin & Tricia Hartline - March 09, 2018 at 07:12 AM

EK

“ Elizabeth Kerley lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



Elizabeth kerley - March 09, 2018 at 02:37 AM



“ *Terri Macdonald lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress*



Terri Macdonald - March 09, 2018 at 02:12 AM



“ *Sean & Falon Whitnel lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress*



Sean & Falon Whitnel - March 09, 2018 at 01:00 AM



“ *Marlene Chapman lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress*



Marlene Chapman - March 09, 2018 at 12:55 AM



“ *Jean Obourn lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress*



Jean Obourn - March 09, 2018 at 12:47 AM

AN

“ Andria Nichols sent a virtual gift in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress




Andria Nichols - March 08, 2018 at 11:47 PM

JS

“ John & Nadene Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



John & Nadene Slack - March 08, 2018 at 11:45 PM

 Loretta Sharp

“ Loretta Sharp lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



Loretta Sharp - March 08, 2018 at 11:06 PM

CA

“ Cindy Arthur lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



Cindy Arthur - March 08, 2018 at 11:04 PM

BR

“ Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



Bobby Rentfro - March 08, 2018 at 10:47 PM

SB

“ Steve@Laura Botarf lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



Steve@Laura Botarf - March 08, 2018 at 10:16 PM

DM

“ Debbie And Katie Morris lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



Debbie and Katie Morris - March 08, 2018 at 10:11 PM

DH

“ Denny And Mary Lou Hynes lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



Denny and Mary Lou Hynes - March 08, 2018 at 10:02 PM

RG

“ So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for your family.



Roy and Janet Gilbert - March 08, 2018 at 09:57 PM

DC

“ Dallas, Charlene Harner & Cali sent a virtual gift in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



Dallas, Charlene Harner & Cali - March 08, 2018 at 09:25 PM

KG

“ Kenneth And Patty George lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



Kenneth and Patty George - March 08, 2018 at 09:19 PM

CS

“ Christina Slivinski lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



Christina Slivinski - March 08, 2018 at 09:11 PM



“ So Sorry for your loss, Sending Prayers of Comfort to ALL of you!!!



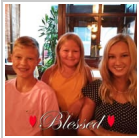
Theresa McKenzie - March 08, 2018 at 09:11 PM



“ Tina Abate lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



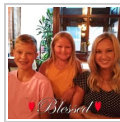
Tina Abate - March 08, 2018 at 08:47 PM



“ Pat Wilson lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



Pat Wilson - March 08, 2018 at 08:32 PM



So very sorry for your loss

Pat Wilson - March 08, 2018 at 08:33 PM

HM

“ *Hannah Mills lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress*



Hannah Mills - March 08, 2018 at 08:32 PM

 Tara Evans

“ *Tara Evans lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress*



Tara Evans - March 08, 2018 at 08:20 PM

AS

“ *Angie Street lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress*



Angie Street - March 08, 2018 at 08:15 PM

TK

“ *Tammy Werner King lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress*



Tammy Werner king - March 08, 2018 at 08:04 PM

NW

“ Neal & Carol Watkins lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



Neal & Carol Watkins - March 08, 2018 at 08:01 PM

LM

“ Linda And Jeff Mathis lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



Linda and Jeff Mathis - March 08, 2018 at 07:50 PM

KR

“ Kristi Choate Raben lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



Kristi Choate Raben - March 08, 2018 at 07:49 PM

LG

“ Barb & Morgan, I'm so sorry for your loss. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers



Lora Goddard - March 08, 2018 at 07:40 PM



“ Valerie Lynne lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



Valerie Lynne - March 08, 2018 at 07:38 PM

HV

“ Harold & Georgia Vinson lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



Harold & Georgia Vinson - March 08, 2018 at 07:36 PM

JB

“ Barb, Morgan and family, we are so sorry for your loss. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.
Ted and Joy Beggs



Joy D Beggs - March 08, 2018 at 07:32 PM

DP

“ Debbie Poe lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



Debbie Poe - March 08, 2018 at 07:18 PM

KK

“ Kim Karns lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



Kim Karns - March 08, 2018 at 07:09 PM

LK

“ Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



Linda Koehler - March 08, 2018 at 07:05 PM

TR

“ Tammy & Kenny Rhymer lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



Tammy & Kenny Rhymer - March 08, 2018 at 06:48 PM

 Paula Sullivan

“ Paula Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress



Paula Sullivan - March 08, 2018 at 06:45 PM



*I am a former student of Mr. Jeffress. My maiden name was Jones.
Condolences to the family.*

Paula Sullivan - March 08, 2018 at 06:47 PM



“ *Jeff & Penny Jordan lit a candle in memory of
Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress*



Jeff & Penny Jordan - March 08, 2018 at 06:44 PM



“ *SHERI ROBINSON lit a candle in memory of
Edwin B. "Bruce" Jeffress*



SHERI ROBINSON - March 08, 2018 at 06:41 PM