

Bruce G. Dow

March 7, 1935 - August 11, 2020

North Hampton – Bruce Gordon Dow, 85, of North Hampton, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at Portsmouth Regional Hospital with loving and devoted family at his side. Bruce was born in Portsmouth on March 7, 1935, the son of the late Gordon and Genevieve (Golter) Dow.

Bruce was raised in North Hampton. He attended Centennial Hall of North Hampton and the Harmon Hall School in York, ME before graduating from Hampton Academy in 1953. In the summer months, Bruce worked 6 days a week at S. A. Dow & Son, the family store in North Hampton.

He was a full-time firefighter with the North Hampton Fire Department in the late 1950's and mid 1960's before joining the Hampton Fire Department in 1968 as a temporary substitute. Bruce was promoted to Lieutenant in 1969 and retired from Hampton FD in 1984. Since the age of 20, Bruce worked with Reginald Leonard of North Hampton, learning the carpentry trade and built his own house in the early 1960's. After he retired from the department he started his own building and remodeling business and eventually became a master craftsman. His work was always meticulous and he was proud of his many projects. He became a fine furniture maker and constructed many cherished pieces for his family members. In Bruce's own words, "I liked woodworking but the fire service was my passion."

Bruce was a true Yankee in every sense of the word. He possessed a great sense of humor but with that dry Yankee wit. He loved to cook, hunt and fish but above all else was his devotion to family. His happiest times were with the ones he loved.

Bruce leaves his wife, Rita (Gerrish) Dow of North Hampton, his daughter, Stephanie McLaren and her husband, Tom, of Hampton, his stepchildren, Kim MacLennan and her husband, Richard, of Exeter and Scott Martell of Derry and his grandson Brendan McLaren and his wife, Jane, of Hampton. He was predeceased by his sister, Cynthia Antell.

Visiting hours will be from 5 to 7 PM on Monday, August 17, 2020 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. Services will be held at 11 AM on Tuesday in the funeral home with burial to follow in Center Cemetery, North Hampton. Face masks will be required and social distancing must be maintained. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial donations to the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation (<https://www.nh.wf.org/nhwhf-action-fund.html>) 54 Portsmouth Street Concord, NH 03301.

Cemetery Details

Center Cemetery

186 Post Road
North Hampton, NH 03862

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory
811 Lafayette Road ·
Hampton, NH 03842
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Service

AUG 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bruce G. Dow*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



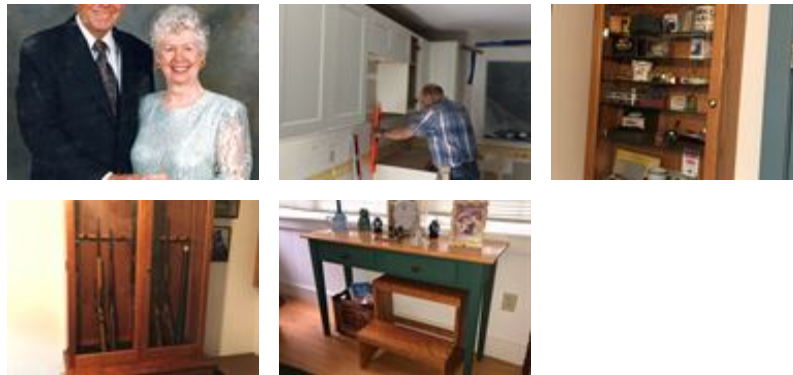
“ *Home Instead Senior Care Team purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Bruce G. Dow.*



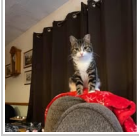
Home Instead Senior Care Team - August 17, 2020 at 01:07 PM



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Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - August 17, 2020 at 01:02 PM



“ I have worked with Mr. Dow [as I called him] on many projects over the years.
He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family,

Suzie Welsh - August 17, 2020 at 12:13 PM

SC

“ Being a nextdoor neighbor to Bruce and Rita has been very special. I will always remember Bruce's laugh, singing him Happy Birthday every year, sharing recipes and the meticulous lawn he kept buzzing around on his tractor. He was truly a wonderful, warm, kind and loving man! He will be very missed.



Susan Costello - August 16, 2020 at 12:04 PM

JO

“ Joanie purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Bruce G. Dow.



Joanie - August 15, 2020 at 04:37 PM

HI

“ We pass our condolences to Rita and the rest of the Dow family. He was a pleasure to work with as a recent customer and kept our technicians not only on their toes but laughing with his great sense of humor. We are so sorry for your loss.
-----Hydro Air Inc.

Hydro Air Inc - August 14, 2020 at 03:23 PM

JG

“ To his family I want them to know he was one of the finest carpenters I ever worked with
And forever grateful for the opportunity to work with him and Reggie. We were a great team when we were all together. Rest in peace

jack Goodwin - August 13, 2020 at 07:26 PM

PC

Bruce was a very pleasant neighbor with a friendly word and warm smile. Always a gentleman!

Pat Cutshall - August 14, 2020 at 09:20 AM

RB

So sorry for your loss, Rita

Rod and Anne Barker - August 14, 2020 at 03:45 PM

LL

Rita, I'm so very sorry to learn of your husband's passing. My deepest sympathies to you and your family.

Laurel Lent - August 15, 2020 at 06:11 PM

JB

I had known Bruce for many years. We did business, swapped stories of hunting, firearms, and woodworking. When we disagreed about prices, I threatened to challenge his carpentry skills, since I had won the shop medal in elementary school but he wisely wasn't impressed. It was fun kidding around with him.

Joe Bernstein - August 16, 2020 at 04:37 AM

JC

*Mrs. Dow,
I have found memories of my late husband's (Rich Correll) conversations with Bruce on various projects. I'll always remember both their smiles and good humor. My sincere condolences to you.*

Joan Correll - August 28, 2020 at 12:47 PM