



## Bruce A. Montville

October 9, 1935 - May 14, 2020

Hampton – Bruce A. Montville, 84, formerly of Hampton, died Thursday, May 14, 2020 at Bellamy Fields Assisted Living in Dover. He was born in Exeter, October 9, 1935 a son of the late Thomas J. Montville and Emma (Sleeper) Montville Crowe.

Bruce graduated from Exeter High School and received his B.A. in Sociology from the University of New Hampshire in 1959. He learned the recruiting and placement business as a rookie. His employment included in contingency search as general manager and vice president for JBM Corporation in Boston, MA. He was managing partner from 1975-1993 for Exeter 2100 in Hampton a recruiting employment agency securing employment for computer professionals in varied industries nationally. He was also president of the DMA Group, Inc., a telemarketing development company.

He was the founder and president of LifeWise Community Projects, Inc., formed in 1992 to advance citizen participation in community service and public affairs. He served on the NH Advisory Committee for the New England Transportation Initiative and was chairman of the Rockingham County Advisory Committee on Aging. He was also the author of “Recruitment” the 1992 edition of Encyclopedia of Career Decision and Work Issues.

Bruce was an entrepreneur and activist in the social justice and climate

change realm early on in the Clamshell Alliance days. As well, he was passionate about community development. He was a warrior. He was also named AKA WaterDude during his LifeWise Community project days. Bruce was a veteran serving with the US Marine Corps and was a member of the Marine Corps League. His interests included skiing, jogging, boating and reading as well as spending time with his children and grandkids.

In addition to his parents he was predeceased by his wife Susanne (Murray) Montville in 1998.

He leaves six children, Jeanne Evans of Exeter, Bruce D. Montville, Laura Montville both of Portsmouth, Kevin Montville of Exeter, William Montville and Christine Hart both of Hampton, seven grandchildren, three sisters, Francine Hayes, Patricia Crowe and Linda Grant, his special friend, Roberta "Bobbi" Pevear, nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will be from 4-7 P.M. Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. Visitors should be aware that a limited number of people will be allowed in the funeral home at one time. Social distancing must be practiced and masks will be mandatory. Services will be private. In lieu of traditional remembrances, donations may be made to Bear Paw Regional Greenways (<https://www.bear-paw.org>).

# Cemetery Details

## High Street Cemetery

150 High Street  
Hampton, NH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **26**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory  
811 Lafayette Road ·  
Hampton, NH 03842  
(603) 926-6500  
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<https://www.RemickGendron.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bruce A. Montville*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *The Bear-Paw Regional Greenways Board of Directors expresses its tremendous gratitude for Bruce's contributions to protecting our region's special places, along with our sincere condolences to his family.*

*Bruce understood the importance of land conservation and demonstrated his commitment by preserving Bennett Island on Bow Lake. Bruce made it possible for Bear-Paw to purchase a conservation easement on the island by donating a significant portion of its value. As Bear-Paw Board member and founder Al Jaeger said, "Bruce was warm, gracious, intelligent, and practical."*

*Bear-Paw is also grateful and honored that Bruce designated our organization as the recipient of memorial donations. He leaves a remarkable legacy through his community activism and the land he helped preserve.*

Hal Kreider - June 01, 2020 at 09:47 AM



*Thank you Hal. Means a lot . Christine Hart*

Christine Hart - June 05, 2020 at 05:06 AM

RT

“ Bruce and I were Hampton office neighbors back in the late '70s. I always appreciated his advice and counsel when I was starting my business. Rest in peace my friend.

*Bob Thuet  
Eliot, ME*

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**Robert Thuet** - May 29, 2020 at 06:06 AM

MM

“ So sorry for your Dad's passing. He was a larger than life character and loved "the Point". Lots of history with the Mackey's, the Montville's and the Harts ....parents, kids and grandkids. Bruce lived a very full life and embraced many causes that benefited the seacoast and all those in it. We have fond memories of Bruce's daily walks in tube socks--- and sitting on the porch watching the sun set over the marsh. Our thoughts are with you.

*Mike and Phyl Mackey*

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**michael mackey** - May 27, 2020 at 11:15 AM

PM

“ What a remarkable man.  
I knew that Bruce took a special interest early on in our efforts to start the Hampton Community Coalition, but I didn't know that he shared his time and talents with so many other organizations.

*He lived his values, spending his years in the service of others.  
What a remarkable and modest man.  
Patty McKenzie, HCC*

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**Patty McKenzie** - May 26, 2020 at 09:50 PM

ED

“ On behalf of Winnacunnet High School MCJROTC, we would like to extend our sincere and most heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and all those that had the privilege to know this fine Marine and dedicated servant leader.

*"Honor is simply the morality of superior men." -H.L. Mencken*

*Wishing you peace and comfort during this difficult time.*

*Semper Fidelis,*

*LtCol Eric Drown (RET)  
Senior Marine Instructor  
Winnacunnet High School, MCJROTC*

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**Eric Drown** - May 26, 2020 at 11:29 AM

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*Thank you and for your service*

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**Christine Hart** - June 05, 2020 at 05:10 AM

JH

“ My sincere condolences to Bruce’s family and friends. It was an honor and a privilege to have known Bruce. I first met him close to 20 years ago at a Save Our Groundwater meeting. He never wavered from his commitment to groundwater as a public trust resource. The work he did as founder of LifeWise Community Projects was exemplary, especially his youth mentoring program which changed many students lives. His voluntarism and can-do attitude will be sorely missed. I will miss my friend but my memories of him will never be forgotten.

*Jim Hadley, Northwood*

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**Jim Hadley** - May 25, 2020 at 10:28 PM

DS

*“ I was so saddened to hear of Bruce's death. He was a close friend, actually like a brother, for over 80 years. We had so many good times together: starting in grade school, then high school, Bow Lake, Eastmans Point, Red Sox games, UNH Homecoming football games and on and on. He and Sue even visited us in Nebraska. I never had a better friend and will always treasure the many memories we shared. Elaine and I send our thoughts and prayers to the entire family. Dave Sanborn*

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**David Sanborn** - May 25, 2020 at 02:43 PM

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*Thank you David. You and Elaine will always be part of our family . Be well*

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**Christine Hart** - June 05, 2020 at 05:14 AM



*“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Bruce A. Montville.*



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May 25, 2020 at 01:02 PM



*“ Sorry for the loss of your Dad. He was my Dads best man back in 1955, Bill Manix. May he RIP. Debbie Manix Nelson.*

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**Debbie Manix Nelson** - May 25, 2020 at 09:54 AM

TF

“ *Bill & Christine*

*So sad to hear of the passing of Bruce*

*Many great memories growing up on the point and your mom and dad were a part of it.*

*I wish you peace in this difficult time and know that my thoughts are with you and your family.*

*Tim Foss*

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**Tim Foss** - May 24, 2020 at 04:31 PM



*Thank you Timmy. Means a lot Chrissy and Billy*

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**Christine Hart** - May 25, 2020 at 08:49 AM

GC

“ To Bruce's family and friends,

*On behalf of the Seacoast Detachment, Marine Corps League, whom Bruce was a proud member, please accept our sincere condolences on his loss. As a Marine, Bruce went above and beyond many of his fellow citizens by proudly serving his country as a U.S. Marine. He will be sorely missed among our ranks. Take care and God Bless.*

*Semper Fidelis,  
G.A. Corson (Geoff)  
Commandant  
Seacoast Detachment, #394  
Marine Corps League*



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**Geoffrey Alan Corson** - May 24, 2020 at 07:14 AM



*Thank you and Thank you for your service*

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**Christine Hart** - May 25, 2020 at 08:50 AM

DD

“ Bruce:

*Please accept my heartfelt condolences to you and your family on the passing of your Dad.*

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**Dan Dlugosz** - May 23, 2020 at 07:56 PM

AJ

“ Ashley, Cameron, Jim purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Bruce A. Montville.



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Ashley, Cameron, Jim - May 23, 2020 at 01:00 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Bruce A. Montville.



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May 20, 2020 at 04:20 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Bruce A. Montville.



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May 20, 2020 at 01:25 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Bruce A. Montville.



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May 20, 2020 at 10:22 AM



“ 8 files added to the album Tribute Wall



Christine Hart - May 20, 2020 at 07:02 AM



“ I met Bruce quite a few years ago and we became fast friends. Red Sox games, UNH hockey, Lifewise, Wildcat mentoring program, so much more. Thank you Bruce for all the wonderful and supportive care you gave to the communities around you. A true Mentor who touched my life as well as so many others. You will be missed my friend.



Wendy Chase - May 19, 2020 at 11:35 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Tribute Wall



Christine Hart - May 19, 2020 at 05:15 PM