



## Bruce Jr.

April 30, 1961 - February 8, 2011

Gene Bruce McElroy, Jr., 49, of Springdale died Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at Circle of Life Hospice in Springdale after a long battle with cancer. He was born April 30, 1961 in Ft. Worth, Texas to Gene Bruce McElroy, Sr. and Dorothy Ann Chaney McElroy.

He was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Springdale and the church's Men's Fraternity. Over the years he held various positions such as committee member of the Children's World board, the "Expanding Our Blessings" Management Team, and Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee. He was Springdale's representative for Northwest Arkansas Conservation Authority, where he was one of the original board members and served as treasurer. He was an "honorary" member of the Springdale Noon Kiwanis Club. He coached Kiwanis Kid's Day Football and many levels of Springdale Youth Baseball. He was a sponsor of Springdale Ducks Unlimited for many years, and an avid outdoors enthusiast. He supported the Arkansas Razorbacks baseball team with his attendance and donations. He was a master plumber and project manager and often donated his time and talents to help others.

Survivors include, his wife, Dr. Kellye McElroy of the home to whom he married May 29, 1982; two sons, Andrew James McElroy of Springdale and Keith Ryan McElroy of Fayetteville; his parents, Gene Bruce McElroy, Sr. and Dorothy Ann of Sherman, Texas; two sisters, Kim Franklin (Doug Bucy) of Sherman, Texas and Kathy Briski (Fred) of Rockford, Ill.; his Father and

Mother in law, Lawrence and Emma Carothers of Morrilton, Arkansas and his constant companion and friend Lucy, his black lab. He leaves behind many nieces and nephews and their families.

Memorial services will be Friday, February 11, 2011 at 2pm at First United Methodist Church in Springdale with Rev. David Freeman and Rev. Judy Van Hoose officiating.

Visitation will be on Thursday from 5 to 7pm at Sisco Funeral Chapel of Springdale.

Honorary pallbearers are Dr. Murl Baker, Jerry Brown, Sam Browning, Jerry Danenhauer, Daniel Franklin, Michael Franklin, Doug Hocutt, Johnelle Hunt, Kevin Markham, Phil Marsh, James McElroy, Mike McFarland, Chris Sargent, Justin Scantlin, Tom Scantlin, Chad Scott, Dr. Steve Shaddox, Dr. Jim Weir, Rev. Danny Williams, Don Williams, members of the First United Methodist Church Men's Fraternity, members of Springdale Noon Kiwanis Club and members of the Board of Directors of the Northwest Arkansas Conservation Authority.

The family would like to express special thanks to Circle of Life Hospice program, and especially his home nurse, Lynette Bennett. Also thanks to his sister, Kim Franklin, for her love and compassion as his personal caregiver. A special recognition to Dr. Malcolm Hayward, Dr. Hershey H. Garner, and the entire staff at Highlands Oncology Group for their devoted care over the last two years. The family's gratitude goes out to Mrs. Johnelle Hunt for her generosity and support during his long illness.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 206 W. Johnson Ave., Springdale, Arkansas 72764 or Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Road, Springdale, Arkansas 72762.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bruce Jr.*

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January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Dr. Kellye and sons*

*Words fail all of us at this time. We want you and the boys to know you are special to us and we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers now and in the coming days.*

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May 29, 2013 at 05:02 PM



“ *So sorry for your lose. My prayers are with you and your family. God Bless*

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May 29, 2013 at 05:02 PM



“ *Dear Kellye and the McElroy and Carothers families:*

*On behalf of the Bilon family in Sherwood, please accept our deepest condolences. May the God of all be all to you during this difficult time. JaneAnn, Larry, Jonathan, Dot, and John J. Bilon*

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May 29, 2013 at 05:02 PM



“ *Kellye, Keith, and Drew, You have been in my heart and prayers throughout Bruce's illness. God's grace and strength have carried you through and will continue to be present for you. I love you and am with you in spirit today as you grieve Bruce's death as well as celebrate his life.*

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March 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dr. Kellye, Our prayer are with you and your boys. As you share, talk and remember, may you truly find that the one you loved so much is still living in your hearts. Sorry so late but out of town.

*Ron & Barbara Downs from Bella Vista, Ar. patients*

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February 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Kellye, Drew, and Keith, We send our deepest sympathy to you. Your family is certainly a special to us. Words cannot express our sadness. Know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Love to all of you.

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February 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ My prayers are with you. What can one say at a time like this. Know you are loved. No matter what we say it is never the right thing. Be strong. Debbie Haggard

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February 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Kellye, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your sons. We will all miss Bruce.  
*sincerely, GAry, Sue, Scott Willis and Mary and Dale Shook.*

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February 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Kellye: Your many friends have followed your journey for the past two years and have offered many prayers. Know now that Bruce is in Heaven and his suffering is over. We will continue to pray for you and your family.

*Bob & Linda NeSmith*

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February 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Kellye, we continue to pray for you and your family. You have been through such a tough battle. We are so sorry.

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February 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM