



## Bruce Vaughan

February 6, 1922 - January 6, 2013

Bruce C. Vaughan of Springdale, the son of Bruce Vaughan and Hazel Gibson Vaughan, was born February 6, 1922 in Spring Valley, Arkansas. He died January 6, 2013 at the Circle of Life Hospice in Springdale.

Bruce was a graduate of Springdale High School, class of 1939. He attended the University of Arkansas until enlisting in the Air Force in 1942. He served with the 9th Air Force, 440 Troop Carrier Command in the European Theatre of Operations during 1944 and 1945. He was awarded the Bronze Star, the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and seven Battle Stars.

He married Mary Frances Maestri on December 15, 1947. He is survived by his wife Mary, son Michael and wife Kathleen Lukken, son Patrick and wife Miyuki, and daughter Sandy Simmons and husband Tom. He is also survived by granddaughter Ashley Carlson and husband Jess, granddaughter Katelyn Simmons, grandson Andrew Simmons, granddaughter Tabitha Vaughan, grandson Harvey Vaughan, and great-grandson Clay Carlson.

In 1946, he opened Bruce's Radio later Bruce's Radio and TV. Bruce pioneered television sales and installations in Arkansas. His first location was in the old Cozy Café building west of Late Chevrolet. He sold the first television retailed in Arkansas. The buyer was WJB "Bryan" Work. In 1955, he moved into his own building on Highway 71.

In the early 70s, he bought the old Lichlyter building on Emma and, with his wife Mary, opened Image One Studio which they operated as an art gallery, frame shop, and studio until they retired in the mid 1980s.

Bruce had many interests, including photography, amateur radio, and writing. He was the first photographer in Arkansas to be elected a Fellow of the Photographic Society of America. He exhibited pictorial photographs throughout the world, winning many honors. He was in demand as a speaker and judge for international salons. He presented programs to countless regional and national photographic conventions and judged international exhibitions.

Over a period of years, he collected and restored a vast collection of photographic equipment and images. He and Dr. Stanley Applegate presented the collection to the Shiloh Museum. A number of Bruce's photographs reside in permanent collections throughout the world. In 1993 the Photographic Society of India requested that Bruce prepare a paper on pictorialism and mount an exhibit of 12 silver prints to be presented at the Centennial celebration of Pictorial Photographers in New Delhi.

Bruce wrote technical articles and fiction aimed at specific publications, such as the PSA Journal, QST, CQ, Modern Electronics, and other magazines. He has had over a hundred articles published, one of which won an award as the best story of the year. He has written five books, *Surviving Technology*, *Growing Up Rich Though Dirt Poor*, *23 Skidoo*, *Emma We Love You*, and *Shiloh Reflections*, the latter two were published by the Shiloh Museum. At the time of his heart attack, he was receiving orders for his most recently published book, *Surviving Technology* and was starting work on another book *Screw the Grimm Reaper*.

He was first licensed as an amateur radio operator in 1938, and he is a member of the American Radio Relay League, the Quarter Century Wireless Association, the Old Timers Club, the DX Century Club, and the Northwest Arkansas Amateur Radio Club. Bruce built much of his own equipment and communicated with "Hams" by radio in 300 different countries. During his entire career as a "Ham" he preferred to communicate with CW (code). He felt that sending and receiving code was a disappearing art form. Bruce has built and restored a large number of radios and historical radio items and many are housed in private collections and museums.

Services will be held Wednesday, January 9 at 2:00 P.M. at Sisco Funeral Chapel. Visitation will also be available at Sisco's on Tuesday, January 8 from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Bruce's name to the Shiloh Museum and Circle of Life Hospice.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bruce Vaughan*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers to Mike Vaughan and family during this difficult time.*

**Stephen & Nancy Russell** - May 29, 2013 at 05:01 PM



“ *73s to a Silent Key.*

*Bruce, or his radio club, was probably the first to assist me in becoming a "Ham" many years ago.*

**Maurice Rankin WB3LAK** - May 29, 2013 at 05:01 PM



“ *David and I send our heartfelt sympathy at this very sad time. Bruce was always so nice to us over the years. His knowledge, intelligence, curiosity, gifts and talents made visiting with him such a pleasure.*

*May many happy memories and God's love bring you comfort.*

**Cathy Evans** - May 29, 2013 at 05:01 PM

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“ *Mary*

*It has been along time since I have seen Bruce we were at your house once.*

*My husband Matt N5UYK & Sherri N5UXI we are both Hams and that is how we knew Bruce.*

*My condolences to you and your family.*

*I remember Him from ham club in Springdale.*

*and really enjoyed knowing him.*

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**Sherri Hyde** - May 29, 2013 at 05:01 PM

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“ *Mary, we are very sorry for your loss. We want you to know that Bruce will always be remembered at our home. Bruce ask my husband to do some paint and body work for him on his car one time and before they sealed the deal, I told Bruce he would have to throw in an autographed book of "Shilo Reflections". When he got his car back he said that he got the best end of deal! Thanks to Bruce we will enjoy his stories for years to come. Years after the car deal with my husband he always remembered our book deal with a big "Smile".*

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**mary isaac** - May 29, 2013 at 05:01 PM

PJ

“ Hello, Mary. I'm the son of Pete and Rosemary Jones who had the Texaco station across Highway 71 from Bruce's Radio & TV. The two of you have been on my mind for a while and I just learned of his passing. The two of you encouraged me in photography and I still enjoy it as a hobby today. Bruce was an inspiration in music and photography to me. In my mind, I can still see the hallway where his photographs hung on the wall. There's a high-key still life that included an egg that still sticks in my mind. Thank you to both of you for your encouragement of me toward photography - you both told me I "had an eye for photography" and this means so very much to me. I think of you and Bruce often as I look at a framed set of Sports Car of America and Northwest Arkansas Sports Car Club emblems that I purchased from Bruce in his early days of framing. May you and your family be comforted by your wonderful memories of Bruce.

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**Paul Jones** - May 29, 2013 at 05:01 PM



“ We salute your veteran. Our condolences for your loss & gratitude for your loved one's service to our country. May your memories & God's love bring you peace, comfort & strength at this difficult time.

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January 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM