



Betsy D. Bruce

October 3, 1922 - July 5, 2011

Betsy D. Bruce, age 88 of Fair Play, Missouri died at Parkview Healthcare Facility in Bolivar after a short illness. She was born in Fair Play, Polk County , Missouri the only child of Archie A. and Daisie Frieze Taylor. She was an 11 year alumni of Fair Play School; then moving with her parents to Redlands, California where she graduated from high school. She was united in marriage to Roy H. Bruce, Jr. on March 16, 1941. To this union were born 3 children. Survivors include: son, Steven L. Bruce and wife, Karren, of Fair Play, and son, Ronald Dean Bruce and wife, Cindy, of Fair Play. Preceding her in death was one daughter, Marie Marceline (Marcie) Moore. Survivors also include 9 grandchildren; Pamela Polallis and husband Neal; Michelle Slagle; Michael Bruce and wife Amy; Karrie Bruce; Heather Fitch and husband Charles; Lita Lea; Billy Bruce; Brandon Bruce and wife Sherry; and Haleigh Bruce. She is also survived by 14 great-grandchildren. Betsy was born and raised in Missouri in her younger years. She then moved to California, where she met her husband Roy and they started a family. Shortly after their marriage, Roy entered the Army and served overseas in World War II. After returning he worked law enforcement in Orange County, California. In 1956 they both decided they wanted to raise their family in Missouri. Upon returning to Missouri, they purchased a farm in the Fair Play area where they raised their three children all graduating from Fair Play School. Betsy was a very outspoken person that several people did admire. She worked in different retail locations in Bolivar, and also ran her own business in restaurant and

then in antiques. She was active in school and other community activities. She was also a lifetime member of the D.A.V. Auxiliary of Bolivar. She was a member of the Lutheran Church in Orange, California and had transferred her membership in 1976 to Bolivar Zion Lutheran Church. She will be sadly missed by her family, friends and community. Graveside services will be at 2:00 PM Sunday, July 10, 2011 at Akard Cemetery, Fair Play, with Rev. David Stunkel officiating. Visitation will be Saturday, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to CMH Hospice, 1600 N. Oakland, Bolivar, MO 65613.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Betsy D. Bruce*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Betsy D. Bruce*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *I was so sad to hear of Betsy's passing - she was always one of my favorite people. May God keep you and your families close in his heart to help ease the pain.*

Carol Wollard - July 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *My sympathy to all the Bruce family and friends at the loss of a very nice and friendly woman. We would visit many times at auctions. She was a proud Mother and Grandmother. You are in my thoughts and prayers at this sad time. May the Memories be comforting.*

Allan Stone - July 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *i have memories of going to betsy & roys house to play with ronnie on the farm. of course he was one of my best friends. karen bruce i have known almost 50 years.i campaigned for roy bruce for sheriff when i wasn't old enough to vote & have been in steves home many times.betsy was a chaperone for our senior trip-we had so much fun.thank you betsy for all you shared with us.*

susie price - July 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Dearest family, BEATSY SPENT A LOT OF SUNDAYS AT THE HOUSE WITH ME AND MOTHER "WANDA Taylor". We would have dinner and play skipbo, laugh, talk cus and lie a little, but most of all have fun I will miss her. Your Cuz Chris Taylor.

chris taylor - July 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Our thoughts will be with your family this weekend! Times like these brings back thoughts of a simpler time in the small city of Fair Play, when families truly gathered. From Family-Steve&Cindy-Dave-and Margie Hughes. God Bless!

Steve Hughes - July 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ So sorry for your loss, she was a great lady. I hope you will find comfort in knowing that you are not alone.

Rose Christian - July 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Please accept my sincere condolences for the passing of your grandmother. I will be praying for you and your family.

Tara (Miller) Sullivan - July 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ my sympathies to the entire family. nice, nice lady...

debra igo - July 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Please accept condolences from myself and Bolivar Lodge #195.*
Jim Whitman

James Whitman - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers. Harlie and Nancy*

Harlie and Nancy Gallatin - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM