



Mr. Bruce Abram Nolan

May 7, 1955 - July 23, 2017

Bruce Abram Nolan was born the seventh of eight children to Thomas James and Evie Jean Phifer Nolan on May 7, 1955 in Little Rock, Arkansas. Bruce received his early childhood education from the Little Rock Public School System and graduated from LR Central High School in 1973. He received a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Oklahoma. While at OU he became a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Bruce began his career as a part-time driver for the United Parcel Service and rose through the ranks to a supervisory position. He retired from UPS after more than 30 years of service. Bruce accepted Christ at an early age and joined Union A.M.E. in Little Rock, Arkansas. After graduation from OU, he moved his membership to Avery Chapel A.M.E. Church, where he remained a faithful member until his health prevented him from doing so. Bruce was always available to render service where ever he was needed. He served as Vice Chairman of the Trustee Board, was a member of the Steward Board, and the Sons of Allen. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Marcella Guthrie Scholarship Fund. Bruce also assisted in the kitchen doing whatever was needed including shopping and picking up food for the various meals that were served at the Church. In 1976, Bruce married Tisma Hockett and two children were born to this union. In 1994, he married Anita Blick and they welcomed one child to their family. Bruce was deeply loved by his family and friends for his kind heart and gentle spirit; he was a generous and loving person who always found ways to help others. He loved his family and was

especially proud of his children's accomplishments. He enjoyed being surrounded by family and friends. He was an avid OU football and basketball fan, and loved attending OU football games. He loved Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, and was a member of Beta Eta Lambda Chapter of Oklahoma City. One of his proudest moments was when his son, Bruce 2 also became an Alpha man. Bruce enjoyed a great relationship with his brothers-in-law, sharing, a love for golf and electronics. He had a special rivalry with his late brother-in-law, Fred McCann, to see who had the latest and best cell-phone on the market. In the early hours of the morning of Sunday, July 23, 2017, Bruce was released from the devastating diseases of Alzheimer's and Parkinson's that ravaged his body and claimed his health and vitality. He has now transitioned from this life to the Eternal Rest that is promised to all who love the Lord. He is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers: Forest Omega and Barry Leroy Nolan. His Survivors include his wife Anita Blick-Nolan and son Jason Aldin Nolan of the home; son Bruce A. Nolan, II, daughter Brandy S. Nolan and one grandchild Dominic Nolan all of Dallas, TX. His remaining siblings are Thomas J. Nolan, III (Cecelia) of Norman, OK; Alice C. Nolan McCann of Oklahoma City, OK; Gregory V. Nolan, (Joyce) of Little Rock, AR; M. Yolanda Nolan, of Dallas, TX and Claudia Ann Smith, (Donald) of Little Rock, AR. He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Maudline Blick of Oakland, CA, and sisters-in-law Pamela Roberson of Grand Prairie, TX and Diane Blick of Oakland, CA. Many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends mourn his transition.

Cemetery Details

Trice Hill Cemetery

5101 N. Coltrane
Oklahoma City, OK 73121

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 28. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Rolfe Funeral Home
2936 N.E. 36th
Oklahoma City, OK 73111
(405) 424-4136
<https://rolfefuneralhome.com/>

Omega Service

JUL 28. 6:00 PM (CT)

Rolfe Funeral Home
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Service

JUL **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Avery Chapel A.M.E.
1425 N. Kelham Ave.
Oklahoma, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *I have always thought about and prayed for my Frat. I had no idea that he had passed on to the other side. My condolences to the family. He was a brother that I admired very much for his wisdom. I learned much about life and Alphadom..... Lil Brother Piranha*

Gregory Hamilton - October 15, 2017 at 09:17 PM

AM

“ *Dear Brandy & Bruce,
Very sad to learn of your dad's passing.
My thoughts and prayers are with you both always.*

*Love always,
Uncle Alan*

Alan J. Mathis - July 31, 2017 at 08:04 PM

KW

“ *Met Bruce at University of Oklahoma and remained Life Long Friends through Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Bruce and I once visited the White House and US Capitol. What I remember most about Bruce in addition to his Love for his family and Alpha Phi Alpha was his passion for basketball. I played basketball with Bruce well into our 40's. Until we see each other again. My shooting guard! I got the rebound..... OU Classmate, Frat Brother, & Friend..... Kenneth Williams*

Kenneth Williams - July 31, 2017 at 03:19 PM

OC

“ *Mr. Nolen was a great man and a very active father with his son Jason when he attended St. John Christian Heritage Academy. He will truly be missed.*

Orlene Chaney

Principal

St. John Christian Heritage Academy

Orlene Chaney - July 29, 2017 at 11:22 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Bruce Abram Nolan.*



July 28, 2017 at 01:08 PM

RS

“ *Bruce and I started together at UPS as part-time preloaders. We was someone whom I considered a mentor and friend. His children were so important to him, a truly dedicated family man and Christian. My prayers are for his families, stay strong. He was a blessed man*

Robin Steward

Robin Denise Steward - July 28, 2017 at 12:40 PM

DJ

“ My condolences to Anita and the Nolan family. Bruce and I were childhood friends and neighbors from 8 years old until college. We grew up on West 22nd Street in Little Rock, Arkansas. I have very fond memories of Bruce. The 22nd Street guys would have relay races against the guys on neighboring streets. Bruce, along with the other guys from our street always brought the victory home. As we developed into our teen years, we would walk to Central High every morning, and with his big radio in tow, Bruce would have the latest hits playing. As we graduated, went off to college and married out of the neighborhood, our friendship stayed solid. We would call each other on our respective birthdays and have that catch up conversation. I will miss that. I have lost a true, dear friend but I will see him again. Again, my condolences to the Nolan Family

Love
Dresden E. Carter Jackson
Next door neighbor

Dresden E. Carter Jackson - July 27, 2017 at 03:54 PM

BI

“ My deepest sympathy to the Nolan Family. Bruce was the definition of a Good Man! Gonna miss you Bruce, Rest In Peace

Billy - July 27, 2017 at 11:10 AM

ST

“ Sincerely, CLEAResult Small Commercial Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Bruce Abram Nolan.



Sincerely, CLEAResult Small Commercial Team - July 27, 2017 at 09:13 AM

FR

“ *One of the best supervisors I have had, RIP Bruce*



Fay Rutherford - July 27, 2017 at 05:39 AM



“ *Thank you for being there for me when my mother died. I'm glad we made peace during that time, dad.*

Donisha Childs - July 27, 2017 at 04:59 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Bruce Abram Nolan.*



July 26, 2017 at 10:25 PM

TS

“ *Another classmate called from labor to reward. RIH Bruce!*

Terry Spigner - July 25, 2017 at 11:10 PM



“ *My condolences and prayers to the Nolan family. Nannette Allen*



Nannette Allen - July 25, 2017 at 10:06 PM



“ *Our thoughts, prayers and condolences are with the family, friends and colleagues of Bruce Nolan.*

OU Black Alumni Society OKC/Norman - July 25, 2017 at 09:37 PM



“ *Crystal Warsley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bruce Abram Nolan*

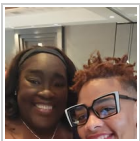


Crystal Warsley - July 25, 2017 at 06:30 PM



“ *To the Nolan family, We want to express our deepest sympathy during this time. "Uncle Bruce" was very good to me and I always felt he truly cared about how I was doing and always had encouraging words for me. I am a better man for knowing him! God Bless... Tim Giddings*

James Giddings - July 25, 2017 at 05:46 PM



“ *Rest in peace dad, from your first born.*

Donisha Childs - July 25, 2017 at 03:23 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Bruce Abram Nolan.*



July 25, 2017 at 02:13 PM

FM

“*Bruce will be greatly missed. Great man and a great man of God!
May God comfort his family in this time of need.*”

frank r mcclarty - July 25, 2017 at 01:27 PM



“*Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Mr. Bruce Abram Nolan.*”



July 25, 2017 at 12:35 PM

JH

“*Jo Harmon lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Bruce Abram Nolan*”



Jo Harmon - July 25, 2017 at 10:06 AM

OJ

“*Our thoughts, prayers and sincere condolences are with the family
and friends of Bruce Nolan.*”

Oscar and Shirley Jackson - July 24, 2017 at 06:00 PM