



Bruce Douglas Wengert

July 7, 1938 - January 18, 2025

Bruce Douglas Wengert, age 86, of Salisbury, North Carolina, passed away peacefully January 18, 2025, at Rowan Medical Center, Salisbury, North Carolina.

A memorial service will be held on a date to be determined at St. John's Lutheran Church in Salisbury, NC. The burial will take place in Midlothian, VA. Born in Utica, New York, Bruce was the son of Earl L. Wengert and Lillian Thelma Smith Wengert Gimelli on July 7, 1938, in Utica, New York.

Proceeded in Death in 1998 by his wife of 33 years, Ethel Marie Steinbruck Wengert, of Midlothian, Virginia, by his wife of 24 years Betsy Lawrence Zentmeyer Wengert, of Salisbury, NC and by his sister Erla Rae Zimmerman of Frankfort, New York.

He is survived by his fiancé Margaret Mentus, son Bob Wengert (Melanie) of Hanover, Virginia, daughter Beverly Atchison of Bonita Springs, Florida, daughter Elizabeth Phillips of Richmond, Virginia, son Mark Wengert (Heather) of Holland Patent, New York, daughter Deborah Pannofino (Russel) of Holland Patent, New York, brother Gerald Wengert of Cooper City, Florida, and sister Judith Springer of Conroe, Texas. He is also survived by Betsy's sons, Leath Zentmeyer (Debra) of China Grove, NC, and Larry Zentmeyer (Jeanne) of Kannapolis, NC, as well as 9 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Bruce served in the United States Navy from 1957 to 1961 as an Electronics Technician(ET2), where he received 6 months of training that was the

cornerstone of his career. He worked for GE, RCA, and IBM from which he retired after 28 years. His last job was in IT at the State of Virginia.

His absolute joy in life was choral music beginning with the junior and adult choirs at Immanuel Baptist Church and the UFA Acapella choir in Utica. In the Navy Boot Camp, he sang with the Blue Jackets Choir at the Great Lakes Illinois Naval Base. He sang in church choirs whenever possible. He enjoyed doing taxes with the AARP and VITA programs for many years.

Bruce accepted Jesus as his savior when he took John 3:16 as his own. He was raised in the church by his mother and faithfully attended various denominations all his life. He enjoyed Bible study, teaching in Sunday School, and serving on various church committees throughout his life. He was also a member of the Midlothian, VA Ruritan chapter.

Bruce attended St. John's Lutheran Church in Salisbury where remembrances may be given.

Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Wengert family.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to hear of his passing, although we never met I appreciated sharing stories and photos and as a contact to Betsy, my cousin. He was always thoughtful, warm and welcoming. Many prayers to his family.

Susan Settlemyre - January 27, 2025 at 08:44 AM

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss. As distant cousins, we were not close...I attended Beverly's wedding when I was a kid, and that was about it. But my dad and Ethel were cousins...and they were kind of close. I've shared the news with him, and he'll probably be in touch.

My deepest condolences to the family.

Ellen Rathbone

Ellen Rathbone - January 24, 2025 at 10:29 PM

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“ Met Bruce through his fiance, Margaret Mentus. Their lives were full of joy upon meeting each other. They made future plans that were cut short due to his untimely death. We all cared so much for Bruce; especially since he loved and worshiped our friend Margaret. He was truly a godsend gentleman who brought joy by traveling and attending many events in his six months with his love. Deepest Sympathy to all his friends and family!

Becky Carlton - January 24, 2025 at 02:39 PM

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Our condolences to Melanie Springer and family so sorry for your loss.

Ken & Londa Wright - January 24, 2025 at 05:02 PM