



## Harry Melvin Bruce

November 1, 1919 - April 7, 2013

Harry Melvin Bruce, 93, of 2701 Grit Road, Hurt passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 7, 2013 at his residence with his family by his side. He was the beloved husband of Mozelle Farmer Bruce for over seventy-one years.

He was born November 1, 1919 in Pittsylvania County, a son of the late Grover Cleveland Bruce and Ola Walker Bruce. Harry attended St. John Pentecostal Holiness Church, was a self-employed painter, he started the Three Generations Floor Sanding business and was a retired employee of Virginia Baptist Hospital in the Maintenance Department. He enjoyed working with show horses and was a former West Virginia State Champion in the Roadster Division of show horses. His favorite past time was spending time with his family and grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Melvin Rogers Bruce and his fiancée, Karen George of Hurt; a daughter, Nancye Bruce Pritchard and her husband Harold of Hurt; seven grandchildren, Wally Bruce (Kim), Chris Bruce (Lara), Tony Moon (Stephanie), Kim McFaden (Chris), Matthew Pritchard (Carrington), Meghan Durrett (Austin) and Nikole Mason; fourteen great grandchildren; a brother, Carlton Bruce and his wife Lelia of Hurt and a former daughter in law, Wendy Bruce of Hurt.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robert Thomas "Tommy" Bruce; three

brothers, W.C., Bennett and Rev. Robert Bruce; two sisters, Arline Barbour and Louise Dalton and two great grandchildren.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at Finch and Finch Chapel, Altavista by the Rev. Tim Lane, Rev. Myron Bruce and Rev. Jim Critchley with interment to follow in the Bruce Family Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6:30-8:00 p.m., Tuesday at Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista and other times at the residence.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider The Altavista Group Home, 101 Avoca Lane, Altavista, VA 24517.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to Hospice of the Hills, Team Nurse and a very special thank you to his great grandson, Zachary Reynolds and Susan Edwards for their loving care of Papa.

Please visit the online tribute at [www.finchandfinchfuneralservice.com](http://www.finchandfinchfuneralservice.com) to share a memory or send a condolence to the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Bruce Family Cemetery

560 Rowland Dr.  
Hurt, VA 24563

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **9**. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Altavista  
809 Main St.  
Altavista, VA 24517

## Funeral Service

APR **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Finch and Finch Chapel  
809 Main St.  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Tribute Wall

WG

“ *I hope aunt Mozel will get through harry's death peacefully*



wyatt trent ( Patsy Trent's grandchild - April 13, 2013 at 07:15 PM

SF

“ *Prayers and sympathy for his family and friends. He was a very nice man.*  
*Shirley Fontaine*



Shirley Fontaine - April 10, 2013 at 10:42 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Harry Melvin Bruce.*



April 09, 2013 at 07:12 PM

RC

“ *Ray And Kay Caldwell lit a candle in memory of Harry Melvin Bruce*



Ray and Kay Caldwell - April 09, 2013 at 06:30 PM

WV

“ We are sorry for you loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

*Willie Seamster & Vicky Gregory  
Altavista Moose Family Center  
Altavista Women of the Moose*



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**Willie & Vicky** - April 09, 2013 at 05:09 PM

JS

“ Janice Smith lit a candle in memory of Harry Melvin Bruce



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**Janice Smith** - April 09, 2013 at 03:29 PM

PT

“ Patsy Trent lit a candle in memory of Harry Melvin Bruce



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**patsy trent** - April 09, 2013 at 11:41 AM

RW

“ Robert Walker lit a candle in memory of Harry Melvin Bruce



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**Robert walker** - April 09, 2013 at 11:15 AM

CD

“ Carlton & Linda Dalton lit a candle in memory of Harry Melvin Bruce



Carlton & Linda Dalton - April 09, 2013 at 10:11 AM

HA

“ Haden sent a virtual gift in memory of Harry Melvin Bruce



Haden - April 09, 2013 at 08:37 AM

TS

“ Tony & Steph lit a candle in memory of Harry Melvin Bruce



Tony & Steph - April 09, 2013 at 08:33 AM

CA

“ Casey lit a candle in memory of Harry Melvin Bruce



Casey - April 09, 2013 at 08:33 AM

HC

“ *Haden, Casey And Cheyenne lit a candle in memory of Harry Melvin Bruce*



Haden, Casey and Cheyenne - April 09, 2013 at 08:32 AM

EB

“ *Eddie Barnard lit a candle in memory of Harry Melvin Bruce*



Eddie Barnard - April 09, 2013 at 12:07 AM



“ *Robert Finch lit a candle in memory of Harry Melvin Bruce*



Robert Finch - April 08, 2013 at 09:44 PM



*I always enjoyed speaking with Mr. Bruce...his energy, attitude, and dedication were attributes that I admired in him.*

Robert Finch - April 08, 2013 at 09:46 PM

LT

“ *Laney Thompson lit a candle in memory of Harry Melvin Bruce*



Laney Thompson - April 08, 2013 at 08:58 PM

PA

“ *Pamela lit a candle in memory of Harry Melvin Bruce*



Pamela - April 08, 2013 at 03:53 PM

TP

“ *Teena Pickeral lit a candle in memory of Harry Melvin Bruce*



Teena Pickeral - April 08, 2013 at 11:12 AM

SI

“ *Steve's Florist Inc. lit a candle in memory of Harry Melvin Bruce*



Steve's Florist Inc. - April 08, 2013 at 11:03 AM

DB

“ *Dolly Dawson Berrier lit a candle in memory of Harry Melvin Bruce*



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**Dolly Dawson Berrier** - April 07, 2013 at 08:39 PM

DM

“ *Dot Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Harry Melvin Bruce*



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**dot mitchell** - April 07, 2013 at 07:01 PM

KG

“ *My deepest sympathies to the family. Mr Bruce was a lovely gentleman. I will miss him deeply.*

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**Kim Gibson** - April 07, 2013 at 05:58 PM

PD

“ *Phyllis And Glenn Dalton lit a candle in memory of Harry Melvin Bruce*



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**Phyllis and Glenn Dalton** - April 07, 2013 at 05:50 PM

MS

“ *Martha Shelton lit a candle in memory of Harry Melvin Bruce*



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**Martha Shelton** - April 07, 2013 at 04:23 PM

RH

“ *Sorry to hear of Harry's passing. We always loved him. Joan Hagood*

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**Ronald & Joan Hagood** - April 07, 2013 at 01:36 PM

BM

“ *Bud And Dean Moon lit a candle in memory of Harry Melvin Bruce*



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**Bud and Dean Moon** - April 07, 2013 at 01:32 PM

MS

“ *Marilyn Shelton lit a candle in memory of Harry Melvin Bruce*



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**Marilyn Shelton** - April 07, 2013 at 12:37 PM