



Bruce LaForce

January 23, 1932 - September 27, 2009

Bruce R. LaForce, Col. USAF (ret) 77, passed away peacefully at home in Dewey, AZ early Sunday morning, Sept. 27, 2009. He was born January 23, 1932 in Rochester, New York to John and Olga LaForce. Bruce grew up in Rochester and when the Korean War started he left college to join the USAF. He retired from the Air Force with 32 years of service, 20 years active duty and 12 years in the AF Reserves. Some of those years was with the 302nd Air Sea Rescue Recovery Squadron at Luke AFB, AZ. Bruce loved his country and served it with pride. Bruce had earned his Doctorate of Pharmaceutical Medicine from the University of Texas and had practiced as a Pharmacist for many years. The last 24 years he worked in the Phoenix, Cottonwood and Prescott areas. Bruce is survived by Wilma, his wife of 12 years, his daughter Ramona (Dave) Miller of Ohio, Son Daniel (Sherri) LaForce of Florida, step-daughters Rebecca (mike) Tenpenny of Flagstaff, AZ, Gayle Manor of CA and step-son Steven Manor of Flagstaff, AZ. He is also survived by 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Bruce was a very special person to all who knew and loved him. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mountain Valley Church of God - building fund. This project was very special to Bruce's heart. A Celebration of Life Memorial service will be held at the Mountain Valley Church of God, 8123 E. Manley Drive, Prescott Valley, AZ on Sunday, November 1, 2009 at 3:00 PM. Tel. No (928) 772-5713. The Honor Guard from Luke AFB will participate in the memorial service. A private interment for the family will be held Nov. 2, 2009

at Prescott National Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *Bruce LaForce*

January 30, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Bruce was a man of integrity, honor, and conviction, and I will miss him very much. An Officer and a Gentleman who will not be forgotten.*

Shirley Chandler - September 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I worked with Bruce at Costco. He was a great person and pharmacist. He will be missed.*

Roman Estrada - September 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I AM HONORED TO HAVE KNOWN BRUCE. THOUGH WE WORKED TOGETHER HE WAS AND ALWAYS WILL BE MY FRIEND. I WILL MISS THE MANY STORIES HE WOULD TELL ABOUT THE ADVENTURES IN HIS LIFE. I CAN NOT REMEMBER A TOUGHER MAN. NO MATTER WHAT LIFE THREW AT HIM HE ALWAYS PUSHED AHEAD---NEVER GIVE UP HE WOULD TELL ME AND UNTIL THE END HE NEVER DID. THE LAST TIME I TALKED WITH BRUCE THE DAY BEFORE I MOVED TO ALASKA WILL STAY WITH ME AND SHERRY FOREVER. I REMEMBER HIM LEAVING WALKING AWAY WITH THE SUN SHINING AROUND HIM LIKE A OLD COWBOY GOING OFF INTO THE SUNSET. I WILL MISS YOU BUDDY LARRY*

LARRY AND SHERRY SHUTACK - September 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Rest in peace, Dad. Love you man.

Dan and Sherri LaForce - September 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HD

“ We owned a private pharmacy in Phoenix. Bruce worked as a part time pharmacist for us, many for years. He was the best employee we ever had. When necessary, he would commute from Prescott to Phoenix daily, so that we could have time off. During that time my wife, and I were lucky to get to know this warm, wonderful person. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Harvey Drucker - September 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Bruce worked for Safeway Inc. pharmacies for a few years at the same time that I worked for Safeway as a floating pharmacy technician, so I had the opportunity to work with him on numerous occasions. In addition to being extremely knowledgeable, he was just a terrific guy; warm friendly, and funny. I was always delighted to arrive at work and learn that he was my pharmacist for the day. My heartfelt condolences to his family and friends. I will miss him, too.

Judy Carver - September 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM