



## Bruce Tantum Ryalls

December 25, 1947 - August 31, 2024

Bruce Tantum Ryalls was born on December 25, 1947 in Hinton, West Virginia to Fulton and Katherine Ryalls. He grew up in Nutley, NJ where he graduated from Nutley High.

Following graduation, Bruce immediately enlisted in the Navy and served honorably during the Vietnam War. Afterwards, he married and moved to Jacksonville, FL, where he raised two beautiful children, Ashley Katherine and Bryan Christopher.

Professionally, Bruce had many creative gifts and talents, amongst them a love for designing and creating fine, high-end cabinetry. He had his own shop initially, and later worked for Beaches Woodcrafts. He, also, had a love and respect for Japanese joinery and helped build 3 local Japanese restaurants. As a freelance photographer, his images were utilized by the Jacksonville Zoo and TPC.

On a personal level, Bruce never met a stranger. His faith inspired him to find ways to make a difference with everyone in his path and his sense of humor endeared him to all. You were lucky to be part of his family, his friend, neighbor, or even someone on the street who could use a few extra dollars and a word of encouragement. He, especially resonated with teen-agers and enjoyed his time as a youth group leader in the Episcopal Church. Bruce, also, struggled with addiction and whenever he heard about someone else who was also struggling, he helped connect them to rehabilitation and offer support wherever he could.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Janice, his children, Ashley and Bryan, their mom, Beth, Son-in-Law, Michael, Stepson, Lance, his siblings, Barry and Sharon, and 4 beautiful grandsons, Michael, Matthew, Nicholas, and William.

# Previous Events

## Celebration Of Life

OCT **12**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Unity Church for Creative Living  
2777 Race Track Road  
Saint Johns, FL 32259

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bruce Tantum Ryalls.*



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October 09, 2024 at 04:21 PM



“ *Susan San Nicolas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce Tantum Ryalls.*

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**Susan San Nicolas** - October 09, 2024 at 04:21 PM



“ *I'll always remember meeting Bruce for the first time. It was on a phone call. 🙏 Janice and Bruce were, I believe, still dating. Janice was on the phone with Bruce and introduced us. We had a wonderful conversation and became instant friends. Soon to be cousin-in-laws. He was a great guy.*

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**Julie Hurwitz** - September 23, 2024 at 10:29 AM

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“ I was privileged to get a piece of Bruce's artwork for my home, in the form of a fairy house that is wonderfully on display in my dining room. ❤️ Rest in Love Bruce...



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**Susan Smith** - September 19, 2024 at 01:56 PM

Jake Purvis

“ *A Neighbor's Loss*  
For the past six years, my family and I have been fortunate enough to have Janice and Bruce as our neighbors. Bruce, a man with a heart of gold, will be sorely missed.

*I'll always be grateful for Bruce's unwavering support with my home projects. He was always there to lend a hand, offer guidance, or share a tool. After a long day at work, I often found solace in visiting with Bruce, whether it was during the day or after the kids had gone to bed.*

*Since his passing, I've caught myself pulling into my driveway, glancing across the street, and hoping to see him hanging outside. I miss our casual chats and the wild stories he would share about his younger days.*

*My kids, Lily and Jack, adored Mr. Bruce. They would often shout "We love you!" across the street and run up to give him a hug during our walks. His kindness and warmth made a lasting impression on them.*

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**Jake Purvis** - September 19, 2024 at 11:23 AM