



## Dr. Bruce Montplaisir

April 3, 1947 - April 21, 2025

Dr. Bruce Montplaisir, age 78, of Onamia, MN passed away on April 21, 2025. A visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Onamia, MN. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Onamia, MN, with Father Jerry Schik officiating. Lunch will be provided after Mass in the Holy Cross community room. Interment will be in the Minnesota State Veteran's Cemetery near Little Falls, MN. Arrangements are with the LeMieur Funeral Home in Onamia.

Dr. Bruce Montplaisir was born in Fargo ND on April 3, 1947. His parents were Henry and Jennet (Larum) Montplaisir. Bruce was the eighth of Henry and Jennet's twelve children. The family lived in Horace ND at the time.

Bruce graduated from Kindred, North Dakota High School in 1965. Attended Moorhead State University, graduated from the State University of New York with degrees in mathematics and physics in 1971, obtained a Masters from NDSU in Fargo, ND in 1975 and his doctorate from UND in Grand Forks, ND in 1980. His career included four years as a teacher, four years as a high school principal and thirty-one years as a superintendent of schools. Bruce was a paratrooper and served in the US Army during the Vietnam conflict as a communications expert with Company F 51st Infantry and with Company F 75th Rangers, both were long range recon units,

In 1971 Bruce married Mary Beth Eunice Carlson of Evansville, Mn. They had four children: Derrick (Sarah), Jennifer Smart, Henry and Korey (Rose). Bruce

and Mary Beth have nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

At the time of his retirement in 2011 Bruce was on the Board of Directors of seven different non-profit organizations. Community service has always been an important part of his life. These boards did not include almost twenty years as a volunteer EMT. One of his greatest honors was serving as the District Governor for District 5M1 Lions Clubs International.

During his last years Bruce had many people help him get to medical appointments and take care of Mary Beth when he was not able to be there or just to give him a break from being a 24 hour a day seven days a week care giver. Bruce's goal has been to make life a little bit better for those he encountered during his life.

Bruce was pre-deceased by his parents, Henry and Jennet and his wife of 52 years, Mary Beth; siblings, David, Jerome, Richard, Katherine, Edward, and Ellenor.

He is survived by his brothers, Ronnie (Linnea), and Michael (Wendy); sisters, Karen (Rick) Chase, Rosie (Tom) Seaburg, and Linda (Mike Schwab) See; his children, nine grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

# Cemetery Details

## **Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery**

15550 Highway 115  
Little Falls, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ Memorials can be sent to Alzheimer's Association: [https://donorservices.alz.org/page/FUNYAFYQDKA?utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=paidsearch&utm\\_campaign=giving\\_google&utm\\_s\\_subsrc=giving\\_google\\_brand\\_alz\\_donations&gad\\_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAjwq7fABhB2EiwAwk-YbHRDqDiYA7-YViLV343qA9wUtESliiCm-nvYf-v8uFo\\_zKZbzhdoBRoC7r0QAvD\\_BwE](https://donorservices.alz.org/page/FUNYAFYQDKA?utm_source=google&utm_medium=paidsearch&utm_campaign=giving_google&utm_s_subsrc=giving_google_brand_alz_donations&gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAjwq7fABhB2EiwAwk-YbHRDqDiYA7-YViLV343qA9wUtESliiCm-nvYf-v8uFo_zKZbzhdoBRoC7r0QAvD_BwE)

Derrick Montplaisir - April 27, 2025 at 04:18 PM

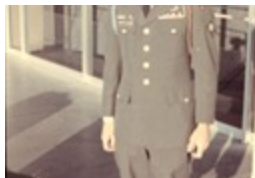
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*Dr Family of Bruce. I am Saddened to hear of your dads death.. I was his secretary and bookkeeper at Henning Public Schools for nine years..knew your family well and have treasured memories..May God show you comfort and peace through this journey losing both parents in such a short time.. Blessing Rita Ellenson. Henning, Mn..*

Rita Ellenson - April 27, 2025 at 10:37 PM



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Derrick Montplaisir - April 27, 2025 at 04:17 PM

TH

“ My sympathies to Bruce's family. I was in Lewiston Lions with Bruce. He and Mary Beth were some of our most committed volunteers.  
He made a difference!

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**Tim Hoff** - April 27, 2025 at 11:36 AM

JA

“ I am so saddened to learn of Bruce's passing. It was an honor to know Bruce and work with him as a fellow Lion in SE Minnesota over the years and to read his measured, intelligent posts/comments on Facebook. My deepest condolences to his family and friends. John Anderson

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**John Anderson** - April 27, 2025 at 06:53 AM

JA

“ My condolences to the Montplaisir family. Dr. Bruce is the greatest teacher/mentor I have had in my life, and I am forever grateful for the time and energy he invested to help me become a good school administrator and a better human being. He took a chance on me as a young Principal back in 2007, then trained me to be a Superintendent. His advice, and numerous anecdotes over the years helped me work through numerous challenges, and I often times find myself reflecting on the many lessons I have learned from him. Thank you for everything Bruce, may you rest in peace!-Jeff Apse

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**Jeff Apse** - April 24, 2025 at 04:01 PM

JL

I am sorry for your loss. Jim Lee

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**James A Lee** - April 24, 2025 at 11:04 PM

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*I had the privilege of serving with Lion Bruce and Mary Beth in 5M1. As Lions and school administrators we shared the joy of working with children and people who cared about their community.*  
*PDG Stan Nerhaugen*

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**stan nerhaugen** - April 24, 2025 at 11:18 PM

JJ

*So sorry for your family's loss. I enjoyed riding with Bruce in the Winona County Sheriff's Mounted Posse. He was a dedicated participant in that organization. This is a sad loss of a wonderful man. Rest in peace Bruce.*  
*Judy Judy*

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**Judy Judy** - April 27, 2025 at 12:26 PM