



Bruce Harker Bowersock

July 16, 1938 - July 20, 2017

Bruce Harker Bowersock, 79, friend to all who met him, explorer of the universe and master of a panoply of artistic styles and disciplines, died peacefully at home in Ona, WV on July 20, 2017 after a valiant battle against long-term illness. Born July 16, 1938 in Baltimore, MD to his late parents architect Warren Bowersock and wife Edna (Coles) Bowersock, Bruce was a painter who worked professionally as a graphic designer. His effortless ability to teach art to any student came to the fore in his later life and his influence on his pupils can hardly be overstated. He studied at the Maryland Institute of Art and the Ringling School of Art and Design in Florida and served in the Maryland Air National Guard. Once a wanderer of Fells Point in Baltimore and later an art community anchor and gallery owner in Huntington, WV, Bruce was a member of Bethesda United Methodist Church in Ona and was an inveterate reader, animal lover, aviator, and collector of books and cats. He leaves behind a world noticeably less colorful and stimulating for his loving wife, Lillianne (Davis) Bowersock; step-children, T.R. Massey (Angela) of Worthington, OH, Tyler Massey (Tara) of Malvern, United Kingdom and Claire Massey of Milton, WV; Lil's sister Deb Swanson (Jerry) of Ghent, WV and George Davis (Kelly) of Fairmont, WV. Also, surviving are Bruce's sisters; Barbara Lewis of Baltimore, MD and Cindy Miller of Frederick, MD. A celebration of Bruce's life will be held from 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M., Saturday, August 5, 2017 in Bruce and Lil's former art gallery, Watercolor Dreams, 1102 3rd Ave., Suite 104 in Huntington and also on August 6th at Bethesda United

Methodist Church at 12:30 pm. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.tri-statecremationsociety.com.. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Hospice of Huntington or contributions in Bruce's name for Bethesda United Methodist Church. FC17-078

Tribute Wall



“ *Bruce Harker Bowersock*

October 08, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *Lon, I'm glad we were able to chat last night when Barbara was here. I think of Bruce often and have several of his wonderful water colors. Please come to Baltimore to visit us. sw*

sue webb - July 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lil & family, We are so very sorry for your loss of Bruce. Words can't express our sorrow but know we will never forget him for his kindness, teaching and friendship even tho we didn't see each other often. Love & prayers.... Marcia & Mike Zac*

Marcia & Mike Zachem - July 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Bruce. May his new home among heavenly places be filled with all his hearts desires..I am honored to have known Bruce and his lovely wife Lillian, and family. I cherish his kind gentle ways, he will be rem*

Ruth Ann Wilt - July 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Lilil You and Bruce made a huge positive influence on My granddaughter, Jayda. I know that many others , children & adults, also benefited from the love you showed others & the love you showed each other. Thinking about you both brings a smil*

Ava Bicknell - July 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I was intimidated the first time I met Bruce because I had seen his work before and I thought he might be snooty. It turns out he was the exact opposite of snooty! He will be missed by many.*

Linda Harbison - July 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM