



Bruce C. Ufsax

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Dateline – Lakeland, Florida It was announced today that 73-year-old Bruce Ulf sax of Norton Shores became a free agent on Thursday March 20, 2008, and has signed on with the Angels in the Outfield Baseball Club of the Eternal Game League. Bruce had been on the Disabled List at Lakeland Regional Hospital for the last 45 days. It's unknown when we might see him take the field again, however sources have revealed Ulf sax might sit back and keep an eye on things to make sure the members of his team continue to live their lives to their finest potential.

Ulf sax started learning about his favorite team, the Detroit Tigers, at an early age. He fondly recalled trips to Tiger Stadium and Comerica Park where he saw the Tigers win two pennants. Bruce made his final appearance at the Detroit Tigers Fantasy Baseball Camp in Lakeland Florida in February of this year. While age and arthritis forced him to use a pinch runner, Bruce would take his turn in the batting rotation and play right field every other inning. Bruce enjoyed talking ball with retired Tigers Camp coaches Willie Horton, Dan Petry, Al Kaline, Ike Blessitt, and Darrel Evans. Bruce was a regular at Joker Marchant Field in Lakeland during most of his retirement to watch the Tigers at Spring Training.

Members of Bruce's team include his wife of nearly fifty years, Betty (Marks), sons, Mike (Jody) Ulf sax of Roosevelt Park, Eric (Kary) Ulf sax of Hope Mills, North Carolina, and daughter, Kristi (Dave) Eigenauer of Norton Shores. Bruce also managed his minor league grandkids, Matthew, Andrew, and Adam Ulf sax, Amanda and Karly Ulf sax, Chance and Camden Eigenauer. Bruce was present for most of the grandkids events, sometimes watching the beginning of a game at one field, and watching the end of a different game at another field or hockey rink. Bruce's parents, Carl and Juanita Ulf sax preceded him in death.

Bruce was a US Army veteran, and was employed by the Michigan Employment Security Commission for 33 years as Manager of Grand Haven and Muskegon



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offices. He was very active in the AMBUC's Business Club, a member of the Vikings Linne Lodge, and was instrumental in forming the Mona Shores Athletic Boosters Club. His summers in Michigan consisted of golf (including one hole-in-one), watching baseball, "working" as a Park Ranger for Norton Shores Parks and Recreation Department, and enjoying every minute of his 20 years of retirement with his family and friends. A special thank-you to Florida friends, Bob and Eva Waffle, of Palentine Bridge, New York for their constant assistance during this difficult time. Bob and Bruce spent many years as golf partners in Florida.

FUNERAL SERVICES will be held 11 AM Wednesday, March 26, 2008, at The Walburn Chapel of

Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc., 1547 W. Sherman Blvd., Muskegon, MI 49441 (231-759-8565).

VISITATION with Bruce's family will be 2-4 & 7-9PM Tuesday. MEMORIAL TRIBUTES in memory of Bruce to the Mona Shores High School Baseball program will be greatly appreciated.



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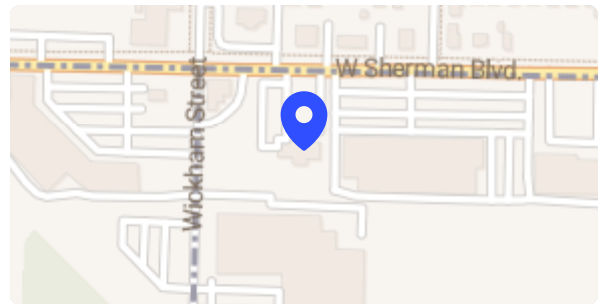
Visitation

 **Tuesday**, March 25, 2008

 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

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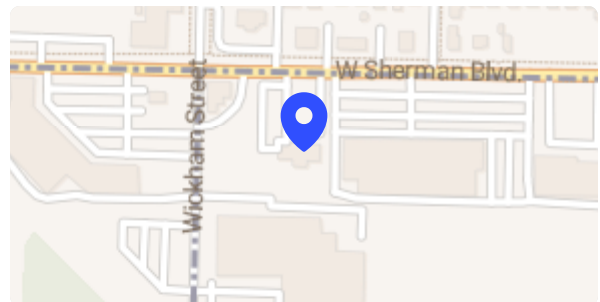
Visitation

 **Tuesday**, March 25, 2008

 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET

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Anonymous posted:

My Mother told me of Bruce's passing and even though I haven't seen him in 30 years, memories of what a huge baseball fan he was came rushing back. Mike, I haven't seen you in a long time, but my sincere condolences for your Dad's passing. All the best.##imported-begin##Chris DePoy##imported-end##

May 7 at 9:42 AM



Anonymous posted:

My sympathy to the Ufsax family and in particular "Cassette" and "CD", grandchildren with him at this years Fantasy Camp. Coach Ike Blessitt affectionately called Bruce,"8 track" and when Ike saw the grandchildren he said there's "cassette" and "CD". Ike kidded 8 track about them driving through the "hood" and seeing the "brothers" in his Cadillac leaning to the side driving one-handed and looking cool. 8 track loved the teasing.Bruce and I were on Dan Petry and Ike Blessitt's team. Bruce was on deck when I batted. If I didn't get a hit I knew I'd be on base because I was one of Bruce's pinch runner. The preceding out became the next batter's pinch runner. I will always remember Bruce for getting me on base.I learned of Bruce's free agency at the fantasy camp's tailgate party Opening Day at Comerica Park.I suspect that Bruce in the Eternal League is now talking with the Tigers' greats as he was of them. They know why the Tigers are 0-5 but I'm sure they're as perplexed as we are.I would like to see "cassette" and "CD"on the field at Comerica Park when their grandfather name and team are introduced at the September 9th game.##imported-begin##Michael A. Reed##imported-end##

April 6 at 1:06 PM



Anonymous posted:

The sports world has lost a great player but my memories of Bruce lean more toward the pink tu-tu he wore at one of the Muskegon MESC retirement parties. Always a good sport, he will be missed by those of us who were lucky enough to have worked with him, and laughed with him.##imported-begin##Lola Hedberg##imported-end##

March 25 at 5:57 PM



Anonymous posted:

A good friend, great father and family man and fine Christian example.##imported-begin##John (Dob) Sielinga##imported-end##

March 25 at 5:21 PM



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Anonymous posted:

TO ALL OF BRUCES FAMILY.I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. I WORKED WITH BRUCE AND HE WAS A GREAT BOSS AND A WONDERFULPERSON.HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIMANNABELLE##imported-begin##ANNABELLE LARABEE##imported-end##

March 25 at 5:01 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Betty and family-Dave & I are in FL. and just read about Bruce. We are so sorry, and know how much he will be mised. You are all in our prayers.##imported-begin##Dave & Shirley Taylor & family##imported-end##

March 25 at 4:42 AM



Anonymous posted:

I was sorry to hear sbout Bruce. I was in the Grand Haven Ambucs Club for several years while Bruce served as Treasurer. I worked at Peoples Bank which was across the street from his office on Robbins Road. He was an excellant Ambuc.##imported-begin##Dean A. Nash##imported-end##

March 25 at 3:50 AM



Anonymous posted:

Betty,I haven't seen you for a long time. I saw the notice about your husband and want to express my sorrow for your loss.Love and Hugs,Esther##imported-begin##Esther Block##imported-end##

March 24 at 5:21 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Ulf sax Family, I am so sorry about the loss a truly devoted Father,Grandfather,Husband and friend to many. I grew up playing ball with Mike and Mr. Ulf sax was a familiar face to always see at the ballfield, and now that his grandchildren are growing up, he was always there for them. Hockey,baseball,etc.He was always there. I am very fortunate to know both Mike and Eric and would like to send my deepest condolences to you and your families.##imported-begin##Joe, Michelle, Kalie,Michael Bishop##imported-end##

March 24 at 4:55 PM



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Anonymous posted:

To Betty and the kids. We were shocked and so saddened to hear of your loss. We both worked with Bruce for years and he was always a joy to be around. And talk about a great addition to MESC retirement parties. He will be missed by so many, and the Tigers have lost a number 1 fan. Our deepest sympathies to you all.##imported-begin##Don & Judy Walker##imported-end##

March 24 at 3:48 PM



Anonymous posted:

Betty: I was so sorry to read of Bruce's passing. What a difficult time for you to have this happen while you were in Florida. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Lois DeMarr##imported-end##

March 24 at 3:17 PM



Anonymous posted:

Ulf sax family, My whole life "Bruce & Betty" has been a name that was always spoken together. I have so many great memories of the B.B. combo, whether it was at the Berghuis Cottage on the White River, beer tents, hockey rinks, etc. Bruce/your father, always had a hug and kind words for myself and my family. I will miss him! Kris, Mike, & Eric, if you ever need a hug or kind words, I will gladly share my father with you anytime, I know you'd do the same. Our love and thoughts are with you. Go Tigers!!! Deb, Scott, Ally & Drew##imported-begin##Deb Machowski (Berghuis)##imported-end##

March 24 at 3:11 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Mike and Ann Walukonis##imported-end##

March 24 at 12:03 PM



Anonymous posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss. I'll always remember your dad coming to our softball games when Kristi and I were playing on the Burgundy Bombers. He never failed to cheer me on....I can still hear his voice saying, "Come on Slugger". He was a very sweet man. You were blessed to have a terrific and devoted man in your lives.##imported-begin##Amy (Carlson) Plant##imported-end##

March 24 at 10:31 AM



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Anonymous posted:

We want to express our sincere condolences to the Ulf sax family. Bruce was such an outstanding man. We always enjoyed his company and the conversations we have had with him! God bless and comfort your family during this time. Sincerely, Candace, Jamilah, and Robin from Shoreline Landing Apartments###imported-begin##Candace, Jamilah, Robin##imported-end##

March 24 at 9:37 AM



Anonymous posted:

To Bruce's Family-I sure don't know why he had to leave so soon, but I will miss him a lot. He and I have been swimming pals at the Y for at least 10 years.The Thursday he died, I was just thinking that it would be about another month before he came back to town when I was swimming that morning.I feel like I know his family-you were the most important thing in his life and he would always catch me up on things-and ask about my family-particularly my son in law who is a professional golfer.He was such a special guy-and I just want to tell his wife, kids and grandkids how much I know he loved you, and how happy you all made him. I want to be there Tuesday so say good bye to my friend, and I hope to meet some of you.Laura Kolberg###imported-begin##Laura Kolberg##imported-end##

March 24 at 6:01 AM



Anonymous posted:

Betty, Kris & family,I was crushed to hear of your loss. I will forever remember that great big grin of his .. he will be missed but not forgotten.Much love to you all,Tami Zielinski (Wood) and family###imported-begin##Tami Zielinski ##imported-end##

March 23 at 8:22 PM



Anonymous posted:

Betty, Kristi, Mike and Eric, We are so sorry for your loss. Bruce/Your Dad was a shining star, a treasure, a joy. I know he was your world. Many people love you and are praying for you. May this comfort be a source of strength in the days ahead. My parents are in Florida and send their love. Becky, Brian and Boys###imported-begin##The Kaufman Family##imported-end##

March 23 at 10:50 AM



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Anonymous posted:

We were so shocked when Jan Dolack called us to let us know about Bruce. We'll miss seeing him at Meijer's and the Parks. Love to the family. Chris and Carol###imported-begin##CAROL & CHRIS DONOHUE##imported-end##

March 23 at 10:24 AM



Anonymous posted:

Betty & Family You were the best neighbor a young man could ask for. I'm sure that Bruce will fit well in the starting rotation. God Bless you all. The Tigers will have a special man guiding them as they start the 2008 season.###imported-begin##Bruce A Gradisher##imported-end##

March 23 at 9:20 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Ulf sax Family, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know we are thinking of you during this difficult time.###imported-begin##Dan & Jill Alford##imported-end##

March 23 at 8:48 AM



Anonymous posted:

Eric, Mike, Kris and Betty, It broke my heart to see that Bruce had passed away. You are in my thoughts. Love Lonnie and Family###imported-begin##Lonnie Schotts##imported-end##

March 23 at 7:53 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bruce C. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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