



Bruce "Bika" Bakaian

September 7, 1951 - July 31, 2010

Bruce "Bika" Bakaian, 58 of Wilton, NH died Saturday July 31st from injuries sustained in an accident while tending to his property in Vermont.

He was born September 7, 1951 in Nashua son of the late Dickran and Shirley (Whitney) Bakaian.

Bika was the husband of Linda (Carpentier) Bakaian with whom she shared 36 years of marriage.

He owned and operated Cutting Tool Technologies Inc. in Wilton, NH and was a soccer coach over the past 16 years with the Town of Wilton, Milford Travel Teams, and Wilton – Lyndeborough High School. Bika was the true outdoorsman. He loved hunting, fishing, flying, scuba diving, and riding his ATV, snowmobile, and motorcycle. Having served his country honorably with the Marine Corps in Vietnam, Bika was a recipient of two purple hearts as well as many other service medals.

Besides his loving wife Linda, survivors include one son; Justin Bakaian and his fiancé Amanda Lower of Monmouth, Maine. A daughter; Ashleigh Bakaian of Wilton. Two brothers and a sister in law; Keith and Sue Bakaian of Litchfield, Scott Bakaian of NH. A mother in law and father in law; Norman and Dora Carpentier of Wilton, NH. Several Brothers in law and sisters in law; Norman and Cheryl Brunelle of Pelham, Tim and Lynn Moran of Derry, Mike and Laurel Stark of Stafford Springs, CT, Norman Carpentier II of Hampton, NH, Wayne and Doreen Martell of Hudson. Many nieces and nephews; Jeffrey, Timmy II, Nicole, Katie, Norman III, Kris, Heather, Rachel, Ryan, Sean, Karaline, Derek, Colby, Alex, Shaun, Jonathan, and Jeremy. Long time best friends; Dana McCoy of Hudson and Lill Marks of Derry. As well as several aunts, uncles, cousins and many dear friends.

Visiting Hours will be held on Wed. Aug. 4th from 4pm -7:30pm in the DUMONT-SULLIVAN FUNERAL HOME, 50 FERRY ST., IN HUDSON. A Prayer Service with Military

Honors will take place at 7:30pm in the funeral home. Following cremation, burial will be private. In lieu of flowers the family encourages donations be made in Bika's loving memory to the American Diabetes Assoc., 249 Canal St., Manchester, NH 03101.

Comments



“ My deepest support to you & family. As I work on a program here in VT to provide roll bars for tractors I was given Bruce's accident information. Truly regret this accident & can see what a wonderful man he was.
Love, Amy (VT farmer & part time worker at UVM Extension - ROPS.)

Amy Walker - September 09, 2010 at 11:28 AM



“ HAPPY BIRTHDAY,
Uncle Bruce / Bika / Brucie/ Bruce

Smoked a cigar "with" you, sang, laughed, cried, sent off balloons, kept you in our thoughts.
Sending love and hugs
x x x x x

All of us - September 07, 2010 at 06:34 PM



“ Very saddened to hear of Bruce's passing. I have a lot of great memories of times with him and his family.
His father was my Boy Scout leader.
I always looked up to and admired him and will not forget him.
Don Sheparde

Donald Shepard - August 13, 2010 at 08:49 PM



“ Dear Linda, Justin and Ashley,
My son Lyle and I were shocked to read the news about Bruce.
We want you all to know that our thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathies are with each of you at this time. So sorry to hear of your loss. We fondly remember years gone by when Justin and Lyle were in school together and Bruce would stop in.
His picture says it all!
Take care and God Bless!
with our deepest sympathies,
Nancy and Lyle

Nancy and Lyle Lucier 3'rd - August 10, 2010 at 05:42 PM



“ My Brucie

I have been numb (which was great) but today my heart breaks. I think I need a hug. Miss you terribly. Say hi to Kris & Brian.
Always your Lindy

Linda - August 10, 2010 at 12:33 PM



“ Linda, Justin and Ashleigh - I was so sorry to hear about Bruce's untimely death. I am sad for you all; he was such a super guy. I know you will have a million offers of help, but I just want you to know that if you need to get away for a bit, you are always welcome to come and sit on my porch and spend some time just vegging, by yourself, if you need some alone time, or we can chat. 603-673-5120, or 603-533-0269.

Candace Rapf - August 08, 2010 at 11:23 AM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Bruce was such a kind man and a wonderful coach to Arianna. We appreciate all the time he gave to the team. Our thoughts are with you.

Willett Family

Donna Willett/Arianna Willett - August 07, 2010 at 11:16 AM



“ I spent the last few years at the Switser camp up the road from the "landers" camp and was very fortunate to get to know Bika. He was very fun to be around, and I have seen Dana, Bika, and friends in action many times. I had also seen Stan Switser "supervise" those "landers" in the past while they work on their land. I have shared many laughs with them all.

Having recently lost Stan, and Bika, two very great men, who I know would do anything for me, I can only now celebrate the great times we did have!

Bika was a great person who I will miss dearly.

My prayers are with your family and friends.

Jean Norris (Stan and Deb Switser's other daughter)

JEAN NORRIS - August 06, 2010 at 11:19 AM



“ We just learned of your loss and wanted to extend our deepest sympathy. May you find comfort in your memories. Lynn and Neal (Franklin Pierce neighbors)

Neal and Lynn Dini - August 06, 2010 at 11:04 AM



“ Hi Lynda and Keith (& family) -- I am so sorry for your loss. I remember in high school as sophomore I was sort of intimidated of super athlete Bika (senior). And then as long haired student, I heard stories of his bravery and courage in Viet Nam. I was sort of intimidated when I learn that he was going to attend KSC in 74 (Maybe?). But then when I saw him for the first time he gave me a gigantic hug and big smile and that has been my memory of him. Every time I've seen him since he had a twinkle in his eye and that infamous "bika" grin (The same one he wore when Ducky was yelling at him or all of us.) I just returned from a "life balance" seminar where our first exercise was to write the "tribute" we want other to say about us at the end of our lives. Judging from what others have said and what I know about him, I'd say that Bika's life was full of what mattered most.

Paul Yarmo - August 06, 2010 at 10:49 AM



“ I just rec'd word of your loss..I am so sorry. I know how difficult a time this is for you and the entire family so please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. You will gather strength from all those who surround you with love and care.
Peggy

Peggy (McNeil) Karawski - August 06, 2010 at 10:03 AM



“ Justin and Amanda, I am saddened and truly sorry to hear about your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.

Anne Marie Cooke - August 05, 2010 at 11:28 AM



“ Dear Linda

Today we heard that your husband Bruce had passed away suddenly and unexpectedly. The news saddened me deeply and I can only imagine how difficult this must be for you and how much you miss him.

You can take comfort and strength from the wonderful family you and he had together. I know their love will get you through this sad time.

Even though you and I are thousands of miles apart right now, please know that you are in my thoughts.

May the peace that comes from the memories of the love you shared, comfort you now and in the days ahead.

Brigitte Fischer

Brigitte Fischer - August 05, 2010 at 09:40 AM



“ I was sorry to hear about Bruce. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Sincerely,

Alan & Marilyn (Franklin Pierce neighbors)

Alan & Marilyn Morgenthau - August 04, 2010 at 05:38 PM



“ Please accept my deepest sympathy. I'm so sorry about BIKA. I have only known him for a little while, but what a good friend and camp buddy. He will be sadly missed by all up here in Vt. Sincerely Dianne from Stans Hunting Camp

Dianne Gochie - August 04, 2010 at 05:27 PM



“ Please accept my sincere sympathy and prayers on this sad occasion, Joanne (Amandas' aunt Jodie)

Joanne Lower - August 04, 2010 at 04:02 PM



“ Linda and family,

How sorry we were to hear about Bruce. We think of you often and remember sharing hours of time visiting each other.

Our deepest sympathies,
Alan, Krista, Austen & Bethany Veit

krista veit - August 04, 2010 at 03:56 PM



“ Linda and family, I am so sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts during this sad time. I never had the chance to meet Bruce, but feel as if I have known him for the last 10 years that I have known Linda.

Tina Novo - August 03, 2010 at 11:56 PM



“ Linda, Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. We are so sad to hear of Bruce's passing. He always proudly updated us on what you and the children were up to when we saw him around town. Please let us know if you need anything.

Anna & Dave Roemer - August 03, 2010 at 08:35 PM



“ Dear Linda.
We are so deeply sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Mike and Marty Samborn - August 03, 2010 at 03:51 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Bakaian family, Bruce was a wonderful person and will be missed.
With deepest sympathy.

Lisa Carter & Andrew Luongo & Joe Poisson - August 03, 2010 at 03:45 PM



“ Linda and Family, I am so, so sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers.

Michelle Martin - August 03, 2010 at 02:02 PM



“ Sorry to lose you, Bika, and I will never forget our memories of hunting up north in Monroe. You were a great sportsman and a true friend.

Lawrence P. Corey - August 03, 2010 at 01:15 PM



“ Dear Linda and family,

So sorry to hear about Bruce's passing. Also so sorry we're not there to be able to express our feelings. We will get in touch when we return from vacation but know that in the meantime you are in our thoughts. We will miss Bruce terribly! Hugs, Dave and Rita

Dave and Rita Wadleigh - August 03, 2010 at 12:28 PM



“ Linda,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Lee and Nancy Snyder

Nancy Snyder - August 03, 2010 at 12:09 PM



“ Dear Justin and Amanda, we love you both dearly and will be thinking of you and your family during this time. Our heart is with you...

Kristi and Jason Prather - August 03, 2010 at 11:49 AM



“ Linda, Ash and Justin-
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Bruce was one of a kind! With love
always,
Bill, Linda, Sara and Katie

Linda Draper - August 03, 2010 at 11:33 AM



“ Linda, I am at a loss for words. I can not imagine what you and your family are going
through at this time. Just know that I am here for you even if you just need someone
to talk to. My thoughts are with you.

Holly Mawhinney - August 03, 2010 at 11:21 AM



“ Dear Linda and family

I am so truly sorry for your loss. The momeries you made together will keep Bruce
forever in your heart. With deepest sympathy.

Love
Barbara

Barbara Dupont - August 03, 2010 at 09:45 AM



“ We Pray that our Father will send the Holy Spirit to comfort, council, help, intercede,
defend, strengthen and stand by the Bakaian family & friends in this time of grief and
sorrow.

So sorry for your loss!

Carol & Dave Ramalho,
Nicole, Norman & Rachel Carpentier

Carol Ramalho - August 03, 2010 at 09:27 AM



“ Nancy and I both loved Bruce. We loved his friendship, his smile and that little mischievous look in his eye whenever you spoke to him about what recent “encounter” he had experienced. He was a proud father and husband who loved his family and a true patriot who served his nation with honor and distinction. He enjoyed life to the fullest! His loss will be deeply felt by so many whose lives were touched by him and who have so many wonderful memories of their experiences with him. Words are never enough at a time like this, but Nancy and I want to express our deepest sympathy to Linda and the family and we will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers.

Tom and Nancy McCoy - August 03, 2010 at 09:21 AM



“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Bika's passing. There are not enough accolades to truly pay tribute to him, given the love and caring we all felt when in his presence. He was so proud of his wife and children and his love of family was always most evident. I will miss his ever-present smile, his mischief, and the best bear hugs ever. I extend my most sincere condolences to his family. May the many pleasant memories of Bika help to sustain you during this most difficult time.

Dee Dee (Messier) Santos - August 03, 2010 at 08:30 AM



“ I'm lost for words over losing Bruce, however he will be missed. He was an awesome coach, a great boss, and just an all around good guy. I feel blessed to have played for him, worked for him, and known him. I wish the family the best in the time to come. (Ash I love you and keep your head up!)
Love,
Emily Crosby

Emily Crosby - August 03, 2010 at 08:13 AM



“ Linda . . . George and send you are deepest sympathy. Wishing you and all your family comfort, peace and hope during this time of great sadness. May warm memories of Bika help soften your sorrow and help you face each tomorrow.
love . . . kathi and george

kathi sienkiewicz lavoie - August 03, 2010 at 06:56 AM



“ Dear Linda & family, We were totally shocked to hear of Bruce's tragic accident. Our prayers are with you. I have many fond memories of working for Bruce. Love, Tim & Irene

Tim & Irene Donahue - August 03, 2010 at 06:07 AM



“ Linda and family

We were in total shock when we heard about Bruce.

Our prayers are with you and your family.

Know that we are here if you need us in any way. Please don't hesitate to call.

Sue and Cal Beam - August 02, 2010 at 08:37 PM



“ you will be missed BIG GUY, It's such an honor to know such a great person such as yourself. To not seeing someone for a couple of months and starting right where we left off. This year was awesome to see you again to tell you about my family getting started and how it is the most important thing is your family and how you will do anything for your family. Today my heart goes out to your wife and family. Love ya Bruce put in a good word for us. R.I.P

The Belairs David and Melissa - August 02, 2010 at 07:21 PM



“ Dear Keith, I was so saddened to hear of the passing of your brother Bruce. May you find strength that your friends are here for you and that they care very deeply about you and your sorrow.

Kathi Laliberte - August 02, 2010 at 07:18 PM



“ Wishing you all our deepest heartfelt sympathy for your loss. May you find love and comfort from your friends and family and in your precious memories of Bruce.

Trish and Rick Polson and Family - August 02, 2010 at 05:52 PM



“ He was loved and will be sadly missed. I didn't have two older brothers; I had a third (Bika). The band of Vermont brothers will honor his memory in all that we do until we meet again.

My deepest sympathy to all who carry the burden of the loss of his love!

Norm McCoy

Jan & Norm McCoy - August 02, 2010 at 05:41 PM



“ My prayers are with you and your family....

Seth Jones - August 02, 2010 at 05:40 PM



“ I don't know what to say. Bruce was always very kind to me and it is such a shock. My thoughts are with his family. Love, Alex

Alexandria Brown - August 02, 2010 at 05:10 PM



“ Please accept our sympathy at this very difficult time. Bruce was a friend, a good man to work for, and CTT was always good to our family.
Love, Maria & Steve Brown

Maria & Steve Brown - August 02, 2010 at 04:50 PM



“ May you find strength in family and friends during this most difficult time. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

John and Robin Jowders - August 02, 2010 at 03:52 PM