



## Alan Bruce Cressler

November 7, 1951 - December 19, 2017

Alan Bruce Cressler, age 66, of Helvetia, died Tuesday, December 19, 2017. He was born on November 7, 1951, in Jacksonville, FL, a son of the late Josephine Isabelle Leslie Cressler and Morgan Cressler, who survives in Melrose, FL. In addition to his father, he is also survived by one sister Susan Okun of Melrose; one brother David Cressler of Atlantic Beach, FL; and three nephews: David Cressler, Jr. and Ben Cressler, both of Atlantic Beach, and Zach Okun of Granada, Nicaragua.

Having spent six years as a news journalist, editor, and photographer during the 1970s, Bruce then pursued a career that spanned over twenty years in service, product development, marketing, and sales of pathology laboratory equipment and various other biomedical instrumentation and software, travelling extensively throughout the U.S., Canada, and the United Kingdom, to a lesser extent. He later retired after eight years as the Director of the Helvetia Public Library, and enjoyed Amateur Radio from a 2500 ft. hilltop at his peaceful Helvetia home.

The body was cremated.

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ Dear Dave, Susan, Morgan & families, We were so shocked and saddened to read about Bruce's sudden death. We had no clue he had been ill. I called Lee Crislip and he filled us in on the details regarding the cancer, etc.. Bruce had so many great attributes as an extremely intelligent guy, talented, caring friend, somewhat shy but an engaging & sincere personality to all who made his acquaintance. Of course I remember the years at Webster Springs High School. Such a wonderful place to grow up, go to school, play on the teams, etc.. I last saw him in Webster at one of the reunions a few years ago. Please accept our sincere condolences. He will not soon be forgotten. Best wishes always, Coach & Mrs. Marsh

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**Jim & Pat Marsh** - December 27, 2017 at 03:38 PM

JD

“ Judy Howes Dibble lit a candle in memory of Alan Bruce Cressler



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**Judy Howes Dibble** - December 26, 2017 at 08:28 PM

EB

“ I extend my sincere condolences to all Bruce's family. We spent many hours talking about the history of his family in Helvetia. I work with the archives which are housed in the Helvetia Library.

*Eleanor Betler*

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**Eleanor L Betler** - December 22, 2017 at 11:54 AM

BU

“ *BILL UMBRIGHT lit a candle in memory of Alan Bruce Cressler*



**BILL UMBRIGHT** - December 22, 2017 at 10:28 AM

LC

“ *Always enjoyed working with Bruce at the newspaper office. He was an inspiration to me as I began a my first career. Later in life we met at a Library conference where we realized again we were both enjoying same career as ibrary directors. So saddened by this and my prayers for comfort to family.*

**ILorene House Carpenter** - December 22, 2017 at 07:58 AM

MS

“ *Jo and Mike Skidmore, I saw Bruce in Elkins just a few weeks ago before his last treatment. This was the first time I had seen him since graduation. Still the same ol' Bruce. May he rest in peace.*



**Mike Skidmore** - December 22, 2017 at 07:38 AM



“ *It was a privilege to know Bruce. As a highly respected, hard working, colleague and senior manager in Shandon, Inc., what I remember most was his integrity. Bruce did what he said he would do, and would take the right path which was often not the easiest. He was also always concerned for people and their development. May he rest in. Peace. Colin Maddix.*

**Colin Maddix** - December 22, 2017 at 06:57 AM

MT

“ *Mark And Maddy Talbert lit a candle in memory of Alan Bruce Cressler*



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**Mark and Maddy Talbert** - December 22, 2017 at 01:14 AM

CM

“ *Connie & Jeff Miller lit a candle in memory of Alan Bruce Cressler*



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**Connie & Jeff Miller** - December 22, 2017 at 12:18 AM

PT

“ *Very, very sorry for your loss. Enjoyed knowing him, when he was director at the Helvetia Library and I was the Upshur County Service Center Director. The Helvetia Community will miss him. Just talked about him the other day, wondering how he was doing. Again, very sorry. Patricia Tolliver*

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**Patricia Tolliver** - December 21, 2017 at 10:59 PM

WL

“ *Wayne & Brenda Lee lit a candle in memory of Alan Bruce Cressler*



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**Wayne & Brenda Lee** - December 21, 2017 at 03:46 PM

WL

*So sorry for the loss of Bruce, we remember him in the days of our High School & what a great person his was. RIP Bruce*

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**Wayne Lee** - December 21, 2017 at 03:48 PM

BC

*So sorry to be reading this today. We always enjoyed our friendship with David while living in Webster. A very interesting young man. Bush & Carolyn Lewis*

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**Bush & Carolyn** - December 21, 2017 at 05:39 PM

VB

*“ Many memories of long ago days spending nights with his sister Susan. All around good guy!! Was fortunate to see him in his element at the library in Helvetia in 2015. Rest well Bruce. God Bless his family and friends. .... Vanessa Skidmore Bates*

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**Vanessa Bates** - December 21, 2017 at 01:32 PM