



Bruce MacPhee

January 24, 2013

Bruce Allan MacPhee, 59, of Hot Springs, died unexpectedly on January 24, 2013. Born in Vancouver, British Columbia on April 11, 1953, to Charles Allan and Jean Campbell MacPhee, he grew up in Hot Springs. Bruce was a 1971 graduate of Lakeside High School and received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, where he was a member of the Arkansas Law Review. Bruce became a naturalized citizen of the United States of America on Jan. 27, 1976. Licensed to practice law in 1978, he was a founder of Cox & MacPhee (later known as Henry, Cox & MacPhee) in Hot Springs, and also served as Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Garland County before joining Weyerhaeuser Company in 1993 as Corporate Counsel. At the time of his death, Bruce was Senior Legal Counsel—South for Weyerhaeuser. He is survived by his wife, the former Leah May of Hot Springs, a daughter, Margaret “Maggie” Holt (Dr. Jeff Holt) of Little Rock, a son, Walter John MacPhee of Hot Springs, a sister, Heather MacPhee Niday (Chuck) of Arbovale, West Virginia, a brother, David MacPhee (Liliana), of Little Rock, and his parents.

Bruce was a loving husband and father, as well as being devoted to his family and friends. He was known for his many commitments to Hot Springs. He served on the Downtown Historic District Board, Hot Springs Family YMCA Board, Lakeside Alumni Association Board where he served as President, and the Screening Committee of the Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival. He was recently recognized as Volunteer of the Year by Garland County

Habitat for Humanity after preparing the closing documents of all 100 of the Habitat houses built in Garland County over the past 15 years.

He loved to travel, paddle white water rivers, hike, cycle, golf, read, cook, and spend time with family and friends. Bruce was a former member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, where he served two terms on the Vestry and as Senior Warden. Bruce had in recent years attended Lake Valley Community Church. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, January 28, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Hot Springs, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. Memorial gifts may be made to Habitat for Humanity and Garland County Library.

Tribute Wall

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“ My cousin . My mom's sister 's son. I am shocked to have found out this way . This side of the family got lost when my mom passed away. Trying to get a hold of my family. Denise Dobson
deniselevigne@hotmail.ca

Denise Dobson - July 09, 2018 at 11:02 PM

SL

“ part I remember when he got that W-2 job! He was VERY happy about that...I forwarded the obituary to Tim and Scott. I remember Walter and Maggie playing with them in their room in our wonderful house on Quapaw...I remember that 4th of July at your house on Trivista when Bruce had music in sync with the fireworks...I remember hearing about your new house being struck by lightning...I remember how much you loved Doc Cooper and that awful day...As a family, you have gone through much together. I pray it has brought you even closer to each other...Prayerz & Hugz, Suzi2 -

Suzi Meller, Attorney at Law - July 29, 2013 at 05:43 PM

SL

“ Dear Leah, Maggie, and Walter, WOW, I didn't know. I went to a church service on Palmetto today and saw the sign in front of the house and came home to find info. I cannot imagine how hard this has been for all of you.I never knew Bruce had come from B.C. I really liked him a lot. I think the last time I saw him was at a soccer game. I was reading the Arkansas Probate Code and he remarked - "Pretty Boring," Of course, I thought it was TERRIBLY exciting because I was just starting law school.cont'd

Suzi Meller, Attorney at Law - July 28, 2013 at 10:41 PM

JB

“ Our sympathy continues to be with you and your family. May God's peace keep you and carry you through. You remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Jim and Suzi Burton - February 05, 2013 at 07:27 PM

ND

“ I was so sorry to learn of Bruce's death. He was such a fine, thoughtful and compassionate person. Bruce worked with me and The Nature Conservancy in his capacity with Weyerhaeuser to conserve thousands of acres of wild lands and river corridors in the Ouachita Mountains. Without his commitment, wisdom and guidance I'm not sure we could have accomplished those projects. May those actions and lands serve as a tribute to him and a reminder of his many good works. My heart goes out to Leah and family, much affection, Nancy DeLamar

Nancy Spargo DeLamar - February 04, 2013 at 06:28 PM

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“ We want you all to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you at this difficult time. The Quast Family

Steve and Candy Quast - February 01, 2013 at 05:52 PM

GS

“ We were so saddened to hear of Bruce's passing. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Gay and Gary

Gay and Gary Strakshus - January 30, 2013 at 07:51 PM

MS

“ Leah, Mark and I are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you and your children. We pray that God will hold you close as you face the days ahead.

Mark and Carol Scrivner - January 30, 2013 at 02:47 PM