



## Bruce W. Shultis Jr.

May 26, 1969 - April 29, 2023

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Bruce W. Shultis, Jr., who lost his life to cancer far too soon on Saturday, April 29th, 2023.

Bruce was born on May 26, 1969, to Patricia and Bruce Shultis, Sr., in Albany, NY, where he spent his childhood and his career. He graduated from Albany High School and went on to pursue a more than 30-year career with the City of Albany, where he excelled and rose to become the Buildings Alterations Coordinator.

Bruce was a loving husband to his wife Joanne Shultis, father to his two children Ashley (Adam) Ford and Bruce W. Shultis III, and grandfather to Shane and Stassi Ford. Bruce is also survived by his sister Megan (Tye) Guinn, brothers-in-law John (Mary) Willey, Joseph (Tara) Willey, his sisters-in-law, Jacqueline (Dean) Halpin and Justine (Paul) Fazziola. Additionally, he leaves behind many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his in laws, Joseph and Mary Ann Willey, and he was looking forward to being reunited with his grandparents and "Ma" in heaven

Bruce had many devoted friends, and he was grateful for their love and support when he needed it the most, especially Danny DiTonno and Mike Vennard.

Bruce had many passions throughout his life. He was proud of his home and spent many evenings and weekends working on projects throughout his house and yard that made his home both beautiful and uniquely his. Bruce loved antiquing with his wife, scouring shops for the perfect item to add to his eclectic collection. At home, he would restore these items to their original splendor. He appreciated art and stained glass. Part of his genius was being able to find something and make it more beautiful through his own customization. Bruce collected and restored Schwinn bicycles, gifting them to friends and family. Bruce didn't simply collect things. Every antique, bicycle, or neon sign he found came from a person, and Bruce listened to their stories and created connections with the people behind the objects.

Bruce was the memory keeper of his family. He was always behind the lens, photographing everyday activities, holidays, and life's most precious moments. Besides being the photographer, Bruce also collected and preserved thousands of photographs that spanned generations of family members. Throughout these photos you can see all the pets Bruce loved throughout his life, including the cats and dogs who were always by his side to the many African Cichlids who he trained to eat right out of his hand. Bruce never forgot a memory made with family, from his summers as a boy in Vermont to his final precious days at home. Bruce felt deeply and used music to evoke memories of the most important times in his life, from first meeting Joanne, to becoming a father and grandfather, to hosting epic Memorial Day parties that would bring together all the people from each part of his life.

Bruce appreciated vehicles; from the Lincoln Town Car he was so proud of as a young man to the motorcycle he loved riding down winding country roads. Bruce loved airplanes, and he developed a special interest and connection to the 109th Airlift Wing of the New York Air National Guard. He loved watching them fly over his house and took gorgeous photographs of these incredible airplanes as they soared above the larger-than-life patriotic flags that Bruce

displayed for them on the pergola he built with his son. Now, his grandson Shane shares the same passion for anything with a motor that Bruce enjoyed throughout his life.

It's impossible to sum up the life of someone who was so loved, whose life ended far too soon. Bruce's tirelessness allowed him to do more for himself, for his family, for his friends, for strangers than most people do in a long lifetime. If you were in need, he was never too busy for you. He was quick to compliment and appreciated even the smallest kindnesses that were done for him. He made everything he touched beautiful, and as proud as he was of the things he made with his hands, his greatest joy, his greatest source of pride, were his children, Ashley and Brucie, and the family he and Joanne created together.

Funeral Services will be held privately.

Those wishing to remember Bruce may make a donation in his memory to the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society, 3 Oakland Ave., Menands, NY 12204.

To leave a message for the family or view other helpful services please visit [www.lgfuneralhome.com](http://www.lgfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Bruce's passing. We live only a couple blocks away from the Shultis's house, but I only saw Bruce usually when we were walking our dog or when he'd drive by in his truck and he'd stop and chat with me when he saw me working in my yard. I have been wondering why he wasn't stopping by anymore. We had a wooden shed in our backyard with an old copper rooster weather vane that Bruce really coveted, and he told me he'd swap one of his Schwinn's for it. Well, we had that old shed torn down just last week, and I saved the weather vane for him. I was preparing to walk it over to his house this weekend, and I thought I'd call him first and couldn't find his phone number. I decided to look for it on the web and that's when I stumbled across his obituary. I wish now I had taken down that weather vane sooner so that he could've gotten some pleasure out of it. Although it's been a long time since I've seen Bruce or Joanne, I will miss him greatly nonetheless. His parties were truly epic (we went to a couple of them) and, like his obituary says, he was always ready to help and give advice about household stuff I didn't know. I remember one afternoon we spent in his garage, just polishing some aluminum slabs I'd bought for the kitchen. He was a great man and an unforgettable character. We will miss him and my thoughts, however belated, go out to Joanne and Brucie and Ashley.

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**Josh Mandel** - May 22, 2025 at 08:49 PM

RP

“ Regina Perry-DiLella lit a candle in memory of Bruce W. Shultis Jr.



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**Regina Perry-DiLella** - August 27, 2023 at 07:22 AM

MS

“ REST IN PEACE, BRUCE  
MATTIE SEEL, RETIRED FROM,,  
ALBANY CITY TREAS. OFFICE,  
2006,



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**MADELINE SEEL** - July 30, 2023 at 09:42 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. May god bless you and your entire  
family during this sad time. Kathy Wagoner

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**Kathy Wagoner** - May 09, 2023 at 08:02 AM

MA

“ Pat, Bruce Sr and Family,

*Our deepest sympathies to the entire family. May your memories  
help to comfort you all during this very difficult time.*

*Gary & Mary Kay Albert*

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**marykay albert** - May 08, 2023 at 07:36 AM

TC

“ Pat, Bruce Sr. and Family,  
I am so sorry to read this sad news. May God Bless Bruce and the  
entire Family during this sad time.  
Tony Catalfamo

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**Tony Catalfamo** - May 07, 2023 at 08:29 AM

DD

“ We are so very sorry to hear this sad news. He was way too young to pass from our lives  
Our prayers are with u and all the family

Dottie Dack - May 04, 2023 at 08:29 PM

JK

“ Joanne, Bruce Sr., Pat and family,  
Lynda and I send our deepest prayers and condolences for the passing of Bruce Jr.  
Knowing Bruce, he will be watching over all of you.  
He fought a tough battle and is now at peace.  
God Bless Bruce Jr. and the entire family!  
John and Lynda Kearney

John Kearney - May 02, 2023 at 02:32 PM

PC

Bruce, Pat & family so sorry to hear of your loss. Although I haven't seen Bruce, Jr. in a long time I still remember when he was a little boy & went to OLA with my daughter. I will keep you in my prayers!

Patti Crider - May 08, 2023 at 09:28 PM

MM

“ Condolences to the family for this loss of such a good person, he will be greatly missed. May your memories carry you through this difficult time.

M. Kimble

Monique M. - May 02, 2023 at 12:13 PM

BO

“ Deepest condolences to you and your family for your loss.

Brian M. O'Connor - May 02, 2023 at 11:32 AM