



## Bruce Apple

April 24, 1953 - May 12, 2024

Donald Bruce Apple passed away peacefully at Skyline Hospital of a stroke on Sunday, May 12, 2024, at the age of 71, with his loving family at his side.

Bruce was born on April 24, 1953 at the Dr. Thayer Wilson's clinic in Carthage, TN to parents Dan & Lillie Apple, who preceded him in death.

Surviving Bruce is his loving, devoted wife of over forty seven years, Karen Huff Apple; sons, Anthony Apple (Anna) and Drew Apple (Erica); grandchildren, Arron, Lily, Eli and Levi Apple; sister and brother, Jean Williams (Fred) and Kenneth Apple (Anita); a host of aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, cousins, neighbors, friends, and notably, the Huff family.

In 1972, Bruce graduated from Gordonsville High School, and in 1976, he graduated from Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, TN. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Business, and he was a member of the Alpha Gamma Sigma fraternity.

God was the center stone for the majority of Bruce's life as he was saved by the age of 13 at Macedonia The Baptist Church of Christ in Club Springs, TN where he remained a member and served as a deacon until his death.

In 1978, Bruce joined the South Side Lions Club. Throughout his years with

the organization, he proudly served as president and secretary, respectively. Additionally, he was obedient as Zone Chairman and Region Chairman of District 12S for 19 years. He was also the recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.

Outside of being dedicated to God and his church, family and the Lions Club, Bruce served as a coach of the Gordonsville Youth League for several years and assisted in press box announcements for the Gordonsville High School football team.

Bruce worked for the TN Farmers Management Program at the Smith County Co-op. After several years with Smith County Farmers, he then went to work for the TN Farmers Co-op in La Vergne. After retiring from the Co-op, he labored at the Dana Corporation where he formed life-long friendships with colleagues that continued well after he was unable to work.

Funeral Services for Mr. Apple are scheduled to be conducted from the Gordonsville Chapel of Bass Funeral Homes on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 1pm with Bro. Tim Bennett and Bro. Garry McBride officiating. Interment will follow in the Gordonsville Cemetery with Bro. Burl Rice officiating.

Visitation with the family will be at the Gordonsville Chapel of Bass Funeral Homes on Tuesday from 10AM until 8PM and on Wednesday from 10AM until service time at 1PM.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to Southside Lions Club or Club Springs Macedonia The Baptist Church of Christ.

# Cemetery Details

## Gordonsville Cemetery

34 Hickman Hwy  
Gordonsville, TN 38563

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 14. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Gordonsville Chapel of Bass Funeral Home  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

MF

“ *margaret ferrell lit a candle in memory of Bruce Apple*



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**margaret ferrell** - June 18, 2024 at 04:06 PM

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“ *Teresa Mcpherson purchased the Butterfly Whispers - Heaven for the family of Bruce Apple.*



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**Teresa Mcpherson** - May 14, 2024 at 04:13 PM

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“ *Kaye Fields Loftis lit a candle in memory of Bruce Apple*



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**Kaye Fields Loftis** - May 14, 2024 at 09:37 AM

KL

“ *Bruce and I were classmates at Gordonsville High School. My prayers go out to his family.*

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**Kaye Fields Loftis** - May 14, 2024 at 09:37 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce Apple.*



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May 14, 2024 at 07:12 AM



“ *Brent White & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce Apple.*

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**Brent White & Family** - May 14, 2024 at 07:12 AM