



## Bruce R. Leinen D.D.S.

September 21, 2023

Dr. Bruce R. Leinen D.D.S., 75, of Pittsgrove Twp, NJ, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on September 21, 2023. Born in Bronx, NY, May 16, 1948. He was one of three children born to William & Helen (Klosinski) Leinen. A graduate of Matawan High School, Class of 1966 he went on to further his education at Rutgers University where he earned a Bachelor's Degree. Followed by Temple University School of Dentistry as a member of Xi Phi Phe. Graduating in 1977, he opened his Dental Practice in Pennsville, NJ where he worked for 35 years with many of his staff and patients becoming lifelong friends. He truly LOVED helping people! His truest love was being a father. Throughout his life Bruce was a boat captain, deep sea wreck diver and nature lover. Halloween being his favorite holiday allowed him to use his skill as a prankster the best. He thoroughly enjoyed a good prank and his peaceful home in Palatine! Bruce was John Denver's number one fan! He played many of his songs on his Martin guitar and followed him from state to state just to see him live in concert.

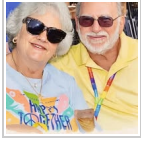
Bruce was predeceased by his parents William & Helen Leinen, brothers Stephen & Wayne Leinen, and is survived by his daughter Carly Marie and wife Karen (nee Scaffo) of 28 years, nieces Laura (Mark) Shimmons (nee Leinen) & Jeanine (Paul) Gassel (nee Leinen). Great nieces and nephews Jacob, William, Alex and Lindsay.

A Celebration of Life TBA.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested that donations be made to Atlantic Critters Rescue.

Donations can be made via venmo @atlantic\_critters\_rescue or paypal@atlanticcrittersrescue@gmail.com.

# Tribute Wall



“ Carol Molinari Monks lit a candle in memory of Bruce Leinen



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Carol Molinari Monks - November 25, 2023 at 03:23 AM

DE

“ When I heard of your passing my heart sank this morning!!! You were by far the funniest boss I ever worked for!!! Oh the times we had!!! Those days back in the 80s decorating the entire office for Halloween!!! Parties we had as an office,,,,,,dart competitions in the lab,,,,,,,not to mention you were an awesome dentist!!!! I glad I got to see you when I moved back into the area a while back!!!! My heart goes out to Karen and your daughter!!!! Oh and I miss your guitar playing and me singing!!!! Just miss those days period!!!! One of the best!!! EVER!!! You will be missed!!  
Deanna

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Deanna - October 12, 2023 at 05:36 PM

“ Bruce, Thank-you for being my friend. Friends are so special.

*A father once said to his son. "Never forget your friends," he advised, "they will become more important as you get older."*

*"Regardless of how much you love your family and the children you happen to have, you will always need friends.*

*Remember to go out with them occasionally, do activities with them, call them ..."*

*He obeyed his father. He kept in touch with his friends and annually increased their number. Over the years, he became aware that his father knew what he was talking about.*

*Inasmuch as time and nature carry out their designs and mysteries on a man, friends were the bulwarks of his life.*

*After many years of life, here is what he learned:*

*Time passes.*

*Life goes on.*

*Distance separates.*

*Children grow up and become independent; it breaks the parents' hearts, but the children become separated from the parents.*

*Jobs come and go.*

*Illusions, desires, attraction, sex ... weaken.*

*People do not do what they should do.*

*The heart breaks.*

*The parents die.*

*Colleagues forget the favors.*

*The races are over.*

*But true friends are always there, no matter how many miles away they are or for how long.*

*A friend is never more distant than the reach of a need, intervening in your favor, waiting for you with open arms or blessing your life.*

*When we started this adventure called LIFE, we did not know of the incredible joys or sorrows that were ahead. We did not know how much we would need from each other. Love your parents, take care of your children, and keep a group of good friends too.*

*Bruce, you were always a good friend to me and you were always true to your word. I respected you for that. I'm grateful for the good times you, Tony and I had at the marina and for the occasional get togethers for breakfast or lunch or just chatting on the phone.*

*May you rest in peace and may God bless and look kindly upon you.*

*Rest your oars my friend and may you have Fair Winds and Following Seas in your next adventure.*

*-- Dick Pauls*

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**Dick Pauls** - October 11, 2023 at 03:28 PM

LC

“ Was my favorite dentist. I always hated to go to the dentist, until I started there. He made everybody feel so comfortable. Loved his sense of humor. So sorry.

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Lynn Campbell - October 11, 2023 at 03:26 PM

CB

“ Dr Leinen was such a lovely person. When my in-laws moved to Pennsville, they chose Dr Leinen as their dentist based on my positive experiences. They never regretted their choice. Dr Leinen showed such compassion and care to them, especially as my mother-in-law's health began to fail. He always took time with her and also made time for me when I stopped in to update him on her current medical issues. He was one of a kind and left behind many loyal patients and employees. His example has ensured his legacy lives on in the hands of Dr. LaPolamento, Dr. Moffett, and their entire staff. He will be greatly missed.

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Cheryl Burns - October 11, 2023 at 01:48 PM

NK

“ The day we heard he passed was a really sad day.. seems he was a bright light thru our lives..the wit..the smile the " I can can help you" attitude .. I enjoyed the many E-mails he'd share with me.. they'd often leave me smiling..his heart was bigger than some.. his smile..a true one..he and I would often talk about John Denver..no one can take those memories away. You go Bruce..go play guitar with John..

Nancy Kulbacki( sister in law)

Chuck( brother in law)

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Nancy and chuck kulbacki - October 11, 2023 at 12:33 PM



“ *Carol Molinari Monks lit a candle in memory of Bruce Leinen*



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**Carol Molinari Monks** - October 11, 2023 at 08:54 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear this. Dr. Leinen was my favorite dentist and I was just thinking of him yesterday. I ALWAYS loved coming in at Halloween. I really missed him when I moved away but never forgot him or Karen and their excellent care. I am so sorry for your loss but he left many wonderful memories for others and I am sure for his family. I hope you may be comforted by them at this time.*

*Jo-Ann Murphy*

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**Jo-Ann Murphy** - October 10, 2023 at 07:29 PM

TR

*Dr Leinen was such a great dentist. He was always good for a laugh. The office just isn't the same without him. Prayers for his family and friends*

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**Terri Rush** - October 12, 2023 at 01:45 PM

BN

“ Our entire family, had the pleasure of being patients of Dr. Leinens's, for his entire career. He was one of a kind, fast witted, funny, & also, a great dentist! Whenever one of us needed some expensive dental work done, we would always tell him, " we're adding another foot, to your boat"! He always made us laugh & feel comfortable. Rest easy, Doc. You have many, many people, who will miss you. ❤️  
Dan & Becky Neu, & family.

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**Becky Neu** - October 10, 2023 at 06:00 PM