



# Bruce J. Helgeson

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## **Bruce J. Helgeson**

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**B**ruce "Fish" Helgeson, 56, Waupaca, passed away after a long battle with M.S. on Sunday October 18, 2015 at Crossroads Care Center of Crystal River.

He was born on February 20th, 1959 in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, son of Alvin and Margaret Helgeson. Bruce graduated from Waupaca High School in 1978. He then spent the next 17 years working at the Waupaca Foundry. Bruce was best known for his work in the core room. He was a hard worker and nothing would stop him.

Bruce was a gifted story and joke teller, enjoyed making people laugh. He loved the outdoors, especially the snow. He loved spending his time going out for coffee and talking with people. Bruce loved his children more than anything and was so proud of them, he would tell that to anyone who would listen.

Bruce is survived by his daughter Nicole (Murphy) Harnack of Madison, WI; son Tyler Helgeson of Waupaca, WI; brother Rodney (Kathy) Helgeson; sister Donette (Larry) Woods; nieces and nephews; and a special friend Judy Maggio.

He was preceded in death by his parents Alvin and Margaret Helgeson and a sister Karen Helgesen.

The funeral will be held on Saturday at 11 A.M. October 24th at Holly's Funeral Home in Waupaca. A visitation will be held from 9-11 A.M. at the funeral home. Pastor Jennifer DeNetz will officiate. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bruce's name can be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

The family wishes to thank all of the staff at Crossroads Care Center of Waupaca. Everyone there was a second family to Bruce and treated him as such. And also thank you to Theda Care Hospice for their wonderful care.



## Obituary

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"Where there's a will, there's a way"



# Events


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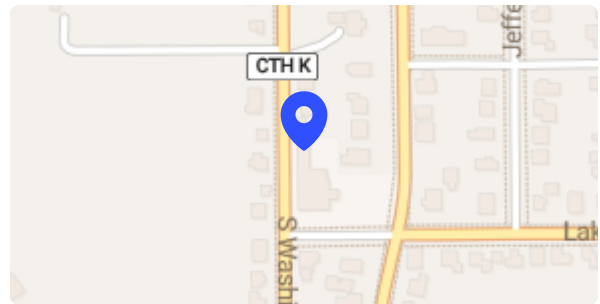
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## Memorial Visitation

 **Saturday**, October 24, 2015


 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT


 **A. J. Holly & Sons (Waupaca)**  
526 S. Main St, Waupaca WI 54981

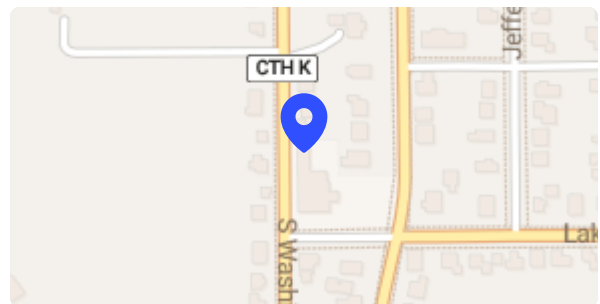


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**Raymond Morgan** posted:

My deepest sympathy to the Helgeson family. Ray MorganManitowoc,WI

October 25 at 3:10 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Helgeson family.



October 23 at 2:18 PM



**Allen Huffcutt** posted:

Sorry - I submitted this a hour or two ago but just realized that I mentioned the wrong reunion - it was our 35th not 25th. The corrected memory is below. Sincerely, Allen Huffcutt I went to high school with Bruce and we both graduated in the same year (1978 - long, long ago it seems). I have a memory from middle school actually where Bruce and another boy also of large stature were trying to push each other around. Bruce was so strong and vibrant then. Not too many years after we graduated from high school I saw him again and he was in a wheelchair, which was very sad and hard to see. I lost track of him then until our 35th high school reunion in 2013. He didn't go, but I found out where he was and visited him in the nursing home. Although still in a wheelchair, he was strong and vibrant and cheery. In fact, he was outside enjoying the sunshine and even flirting a little with the nurses. To use his own words, he considered himself "damn lucky" in life. What an example for the rest of us. I was back up to Waupaca earlier this month (I now live in Illinois - not by choice but because of work) and heard his name mentioned in the prayer roll at Trinity Lutheran Church. I stopped over and was shocked at how much he had declined from last summer. I will always treasure the association I had with Bruce. I have complete confidence that Bruce still lives and is now in a far, far better place. Till we meet again my friend. Sincerely. Allen Huffcutt

October 23 at 7:21 AM



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October 23 at 5:17 AM



**H** lit a candle in honor of Bruce .



October 23 at 4:12 AM



**Dean & Pauline Janssen Family** sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Helgeson family.



October 23 at 2:39 AM



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October 22 at 4:39 PM



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**Vicki Behle** sent a virtual gift in honor of Bruce .

My Memories of Bruce He was a great classmate and great friend in and out of High School & beyond. I and Bruce talked alot when I lived in Waupaca yet. When I drove Waupaca Taxi I enjoyed picking him up at the Old Merrimac Restaurant now Rose Garden. And taking where he needed to go. A man of great love for his Children always expressed And we both had great sons Named Tyler. RIP Bruce God Bless . A Great faithful friend of my brother Gary also before he passed. Vicki Behle.



October 22 at 1:21 PM



**Nicole Harnack** October 23 at 3:00 AM

Thank you Vicki..he sure loved your brother. Always spoke of the both of you.



**Tracy Ziehl Arellano** sent a virtual gift in honor of Bruce .



October 22 at 11:04 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Bruce by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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