



Theodore F. Bouressa

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Theodore “Ted” Francis Bouressa, age 69 of Waupaca, passed away peacefully but unexpectedly November 15 at his home. He was born on July 22, 1949, son of the late Francis Harold and Madeline (Williams) Bouressa. Ted attended St. Mary’s elementary school and St. Xavier high school, graduating in 1967.

He enlisted in the Army and served his country from 1968-1970, he was a veteran of Vietnam. Ted was a strong supporter of veterans and veterans’ causes. He was a member of the VFW. He worked as a lineman for Wisconsin Electric until his retirement. Ted was an enthusiastic Brewers and Packers fan.

Ted had many interests that included photography, fly-fishing, playing banjo and guitar, playing horseshoes, and being a good neighbor and friend. He was a skilled woodworker and spent most of his free time honing his skills in his beloved shop. He created many projects so he could learn new techniques and then gave the finished items away to family, friends, neighbors, and charitable causes to be used for raffles or to raise money for groups. Then he could start something new. Ted had a keen interest in birds and became a licensed bird bander. His birdfeeders were always full. Ted is survived by his daughter, Kathleen Bouressa (Leigh-Ann Cherny) of Appleton, son, Adrian of Waupaca; stepson, Kurt Buchholz, and stepdaughter, Heidi Buchholz-Schmidt; brother TK (Vickie); sister, Sandy (Russ)Kamine; three nephews; two nieces; great-nieces; great-nephews; his two cats, Mako and Daisy; a large contingent of friends, and two little girls who called him Papa Ted, Aspen and Elsie Hruby. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Gerald and Francis; and a niece. There will be no service for Ted at this time. A gathering of family and friends will be held at a later date. If anyone is inclined to make a memorial, it would have pleased Ted to have them sent to a Veterans’ cause, such as Old Glory Honor Flight, etc.



Tribute Wall

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JP

Jaydin Pankow posted:

My family moved to School Street a few years ago, mostly in part to the awfully mean and unfriendly neighbors we had at our previous home. I used to be afraid to go outside at our old house with my children because there was always an issue with me, my animals or my children no matter what we did.... After moving here Ted soon became more than my neighbor. He became my friend, one of my favorite people in the world and one of the biggest reasons I played outside again with my children every day as long as it wasn't too cold! He didn't complain about me, my children or my pets..matter of fact, our cat (well no longer ours, Ted's cat) liked Ted so much too that she just decided not to come home and live over there where he took her in with open arms. He would never take money to even help with her..so I had to force it in the form of fleet gift cards and banana bread! He called me over to the shop this summer and asked me if I wanted this BEAUTIFUL picnic table..I of course said YES, how much do you want for it?! He once again refused to take anything for it and my husband stained it and it has been our absolute favorite place to sit and eat in the summer! I miss Ted..He was more family to me than some blood relatives..His soul was genuine and he frikn rocked! I don't know when I'm going to be able to walk out my door and not cry or tear up looking at the garage he worked in day after day, the yard we had so many chats in..the house of a man who asked nothing of my family and gave so much to it..and he had No idea the happiness and peace he gave me back when we moved next to him...just with his kindness and realness. I will carry a piece of you in my heart forever Ted.....until we meet again my Dear friend ❤️ Rock on up there!

November 20 at 10:27 AM

EH

Ellen Bouressa Hammen posted:

Ted was my cousin-a lot younger than I. I got to know Ted better when he said he would build a bench for the Hammen family in the new Little Chute Windmill. The Windmill was built on the Hammen homestead and the bench had to be made to windmill specifications and would serve as a lasting memory for the family. Ted was an excellent craftsman and his work on the bench exceeded the family's expectations -it was beautiful! When the family tried to pay him for his work and all the beautiful wood he used in the bench, - Ted said "no!" Instead he said " please donate the money to Rock Cancer." Which they did! However on the bench , which is on the second floor of the windmill, is a plaque which says, "crafted by Ted Bouressa." His generosity, skill, and dedication to a higher cause will not be forgotten! Thank you again, Ted!Ellen "Bouressa" Hammen

November 20 at 3:01 AM

LT

Lora Tankersley posted:

Ted has become a regular at holiday gastation in waupaca. We all became very close with ted. I was shocked and heartbroken when I herd the news ;, (such an amazing man!!! Glad I got the chance to het to know him.

November 19 at 3:33 PM



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MS

Mike Schmidt posted:

Ted was a bluegrass fan. He and a group of friends went to Mole Lake for several years in a row for the huge festivals there. They started a tradition of having a "Formal Dinner" on Saturday evenings. Out in the middle of thousands of campers, they'd set up a canopy, put a bunch of card tables together, we'd all dress up, bring our specialties, and have a formal gathering. I think I even remember candles on the tables. My band played there and usually had a Saturday night set, but we made sure we got to the dinner before. It was that cool!!

November 19 at 11:01 AM

JJ

Janet A. Janssen November 22 at 2:14 PM

I wish I knew Ted better as he is my first cousin and years ago he was at our house with his dad and the rest of the family. My sister's had the good fortune to meet with him and share his love of life and anyone that knew him. God rest your soul Ted Janet Bouressa Janssen

BN

Bob Neilitz shared an album called **Memories Album**.



November 19 at 9:36 AM

LE

Lucie Erickson posted:

There is a hole in my heart! He taught me the guitar, introduced me to bluegrass music and Melissa Manchester. Enjoyed listening to the Stone Cold Sober Band and saw them in concert on their "World Tour". Great fun! I was lucky enough to receive one of his wooden pieces for the small price of batches of Chocolate Chip cookies. My prayers and hugs to the family. He was special. Lucie Thiel Erickson

November 19 at 6:30 AM

CM

Cindy Messner November 20 at 5:32 AM

Rest in peace Ted.



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Bob Neilitz shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

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