



Robert M Bruce Sr.

April 20, 1931 - January 15, 2021

ROBERT MOZELL BRUCE, SR. came into this world on April 20, 1931, the son of Kenny and Beatrice Ellerbe Bruce of Hamlet, North Carolina. He was the second born of four children. Raised in the rural South, Robert developed a strong work ethic, was a keen student and developed a strong aptitude for mathematics and analytics.

Relatively early in life, he moved to Detroit, Michigan with his mother, aunt and siblings. While in Detroit, his mother Beatrice remarried and the family relocated to Baltimore, Maryland. From Beatrice's union with Thomas Gwynn came two sisters, Jacqueline and Pamela.

As a teenager in the Boy Scouts, Robert saw General McArthur speak at a jamboree event, and was inspired to pursue military service. Almost immediately after, he joined the U.S. Air Force and served from 1950 to 1954 as a Technical Specialist 6 with the 5th U.S. Air Force in Pusan, Korea. Robert was proud of his contributions as an operator of Norden Bombsite apparatus aboard the B-29 series of Bombers. This was same technical equipment used on the Enola Gay Aircraft (A-Bomb, Hiroshima, Japan) and other strategic aircraft and required extensive training at stateside airbases including Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi and Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. While overseas in Korea, a journey that required seventeen days transport on U.S. Navy vessels, he flew on many combat missions, several of which reached

targets above the Yalu River. To this day, that river separates North Korea from China and was and is vitally important to the United Nation's mission to restore and preserve peace in the Korean Peninsula.

Upon his return to United States and having earned benefits under the G.I. Bill, Robert (Bob) entered the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, where he completed a year of Engineering Studies. He continued his college education at Morgan State College in Baltimore, Maryland. During this period, Bob was recruited into technical employment and worked at Emitron, Radocon, Raytheon and later Western Electric, which became Bell Laboratories of AT&T. In partnership with some of these companies, he developed several patents in Aerospace and Communications Engineering. Bob went on later to earn his Bachelor's degree from Morgan State University in May of 2004 at the age of 73.

In 1957, Robert met the love of his life, the former Annie Elizabeth Byrd, whom he married and shared his remaining years with. They were blessed with a full family and many friends and colleagues. Together, lovingly, they achieved a family life that, while not always smooth, was focused on the development of their children. In partnership they provided spiritual guidance, resources, educational opportunities and most importantly, love.

To his family and close friends, Bob was always known simply as "Moe", taken from his original name, "Mozell" (originally intended as "Moses L"). He added Robert to his legal name upon entry into the Air Force.

Moe enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his older brother, Odell. Over the years, they were a team of inventors and repairers of all things electrical and mechanical. He worked hard to make sure the family valued each other and stayed connected, even across distances.

Robert is survived by: Annie E. Bruce, his wife of sixty-one years; his children, James (Marion), William Michael (Annette), Renee, Robin, Robert Jr. (Jeanne), and Roslyn (Tyrone); his grandchildren, Jeffrey, Rhyannon (Jeff), James Jr., Parais, Devon, Annie, Damond, Theresa (Derrick), Michael Jr., Joshua, Carlyle, Courtence (Will) Eva, Victor, Tyra (Raphael) and Tyrone; ten great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; two sisters, Jacqueline (Steve) and Pamela (Ted); and a host of loving relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Beatrice and Thomas Gwynn; siblings, Odell, Mattie and John; his oldest son, Byron (Jeffrey); and his oldest granddaughter, Redonna. In his later years, Robert came to understand and appreciate "a Power greater than himself". It is through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior and to the Spirit Force of God that we pray and humbly ask intercession as he makes his journey home

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN **29**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
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Wake

JAN **30**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JAN **30**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Robert M Bruce, Please Click the Link below.



March Funeral Homes - January 22, 2021 at 10:55 AM



“ *Robert M Bruce Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *TAMMY DAUGHTON lit a candle in memory of Robert M Bruce Sr.*



TAMMY DAUGHTON - January 30, 2021 at 03:00 PM



Thank you Tammy

Renee Bruce Tanner - February 07, 2021 at 08:17 AM

IB

“ *To Aunt Ann and Family,*

I heard from my mother stories of my Great Uncle Mo and how he was an extraordinary soul. I know word cannot express my deep condolences for the loss of your husband, father, uncle and friend. My memory of Uncle Mo is that every time I seen him, he had a big smiles on this face. I had not seen Uncle Mo in many years, but I remember he was warm and caring. Even though I did not spend much time with him because we live in Detroit, my mother spoke very highly of Uncle Mo. May his memories bless you and help strengthen you during this time. I love you.

Your Great Niece,

Ikesha Brown

Ikesha Denise Brown - January 30, 2021 at 01:57 PM

RT

Thank you Ikesha. You are with us I know in spirit and prayer. We love you too. Hope to see you soon.

Renee and family.

Renee Bruce Tanner - February 07, 2021 at 08:11 AM



“ *RIP Poppop. I will miss you.*

Damond Lee - January 30, 2021 at 12:55 PM

RT

Thanks Damond.

Renee Bruce Tanner - February 07, 2021 at 08:12 AM

LB

“ *Rest It Peace Uncle Moe...You was a great and wonderful uncle to me. I love you. Your Niece Leslie Bruce.*

Leslie Bruce - January 30, 2021 at 12:46 PM

RT

Thank you Leslie. He was great indeed!

Renee Bruce Tanner - February 07, 2021 at 08:13 AM

SW

“ *Stacey Washington lit a candle in memory of Robert M Bruce Sr.*



Stacey Washington - January 30, 2021 at 12:27 PM

RT

Thank you Stacy.

Renee Bruce Tanner - February 07, 2021 at 08:13 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert M Bruce Sr..*



January 29, 2021 at 10:16 AM

PM

“ Patricia Miller lit a candle in memory of Robert M Bruce Sr.



Patricia Miller - January 28, 2021 at 02:21 PM

RT

Thank you Pat Miller.

Renee Bruce Tanner - February 07, 2021 at 08:16 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert M Bruce Sr..



January 28, 2021 at 12:42 PM

DL

“ To Ann Bruce & family. Our Deepest Sympathy on the passing of Mr. Bruce. Miss seeing you in the neighborhood. May you find comfort within precious memories of your time together. Your neighbor, Doris Lyle's 🙏🙏

Doris Lyles - January 26, 2021 at 01:40 PM

RT

Thank you Mrs.Lyles

Renee Bruce Tanner - February 07, 2021 at 08:16 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - January 20, 2021 at 11:02 AM

RT

Thank you

Renee Bruce Tanner - February 07, 2021 at 08:15 AM