



## Bruce L. Draper

February 4, 1922 - August 9, 2011

Indianapolis - Bruce L. Draper, 89, Indianapolis, passed away August 9, 2011 at Decatur Township Care & Rehab-Indianapolis. He was born February 4, 1922 in Wayne County, Illinois. He lived in Anderson from 1941-1972, retiring to Florida and then Alabama until moving to Indianapolis in 1995. Bruce served his country in the US Navy. He retired from Nicholson File and from Draper Auto & Trailer Sales in 1972. Bruce attended Southwest Church of the Nazarene in Indianapolis and attended New Life Church of the Nazarene while living in Anderson. He is survived by his son, Erenest Draper Barbara of Celina, Ohio; daughter, Beverly Murphy of Indianapolis; sister, Louise Collins; four grandchildren; nine great grandchildren and five great great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife whom he married April 7, 1941, Erma Draper in November 1995; parents, Cly & Effie Richardson Draper; grandchild, Keith Allen Draper; son-in-law, Jim Murphy and sister, Elaine Windish. Visitation will be from 11-1:00 PM on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at Robert D. Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory; 200 W. 53rd Street; Anderson. Services will be Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 1:00 PM, at the funeral home, with Dr. Keith Grove officiating. Burial will be in East Maplewood Cemetery, Anderson. Memorial contributions may be made to Southwest Church of the Nazarene; 4797 Tincher Road; Indianapolis, IN 46221-3779. w [www.LooseCares.com](http://www.LooseCares.com)

# Tribute Wall

NB

“ *My sympathy to Uncle Bruces family and friends for your loss. Thinking back, I only remember meeting him once although he was my mother's brother. I can sure see Grandma Effie in his face. I am sure he will be missed, but know he joins loved ones in Heaven.*  
*Nancy Barton Louise's daughter*

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**Nancy Barton** - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ *I have very few memories with Uncle Bruce due to the fact that I was very young when I was around him but the memories I do have are very strong. My favorite memory was when Uncle Bruce and Aunt Erma came to visit us in TN. When they pulled up to the house they had the Airstream and I thought it was the best "house" ever! They only stayed a few days and I was upset when they left because I thought it was cool to just walk across the yard to go see them. He also made me believe that my pinky finger was stuck on to my hand very well when I was sure that it was falling off because of a cut I had on my finger. Heaven gained a great man but I know I'll see him again!*

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**Carla Smith Lawrence** - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *It was wonderful seeing Uncle Bruce at the family homestead in Illinois at Aunt Elaine's interment, especially hearing his "tall tales." Sad to see him go, but it is comforting to know he is now with his beloved Erma, parents, and friends.*

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**Claire Colln Henry** - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Good-bye, Bruce. I think of the happy hellos when you crossed over, of reunions with Erma, Daddy and Mother, Elaine, old friends. So many memories come to me - you carrying your beloved dog, Rags, home from wherever you found him, us walking to the river to fish and never catching any, playing two-eyed-cat ball in the backyard, though I could never hit the thing, talking me into climbing on the barn roof, you and Elaine finding so many country kids adventures and brother/sister fights, me visiting you and Elaine in our country school before I was old enough to enroll and you making me giggle out loud so much I couldn't sit with you any more; you calling me on your anniversary to remind me that you and I were the only ones still living who attended your wedding to Erma in the tiny corner of Uncle Roy's front yard that was in the right Wayne County; seeing you for the last time at the site of our childhood home. Good-bye My Brother. Happy traveling. I love you.  
Louise Draper Colln

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**Louise Draper Colln** - August 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ The absence of Uncle Bruce will only be for a short time for all of us that believe in our savior Jesus Christ Our Lord. I love y'all see you in a couple months. Love y'all, Sharri Smith Arnold Dora Elaine Wisch's first grandchild

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**Sharri Smith Arnold** - August 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Uncle Bruce will certainly be missed. We were blessed to spend time with he and Beverly two years ago and he treated us to some of the marvelous rememberances of his childhood. No one could tell a story quite like Uncle Bruce. We will miss him but know he is with Aunt Erma in the presence of our Lord. Our deepest sympathy to Beverly, Ernest and their families.

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**Glenn & Sharon Cross** - August 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM