



## Bruce Tuthill

July 25, 1943 - February 12, 2020

Bruce Tuthill was born in Birmingham, England on July 26, 1943. He was born Michael Ernest Robson.

As a small child he immigrated to the United States with many other children and families who had suffered the ravages of WWII. He was adopted in Pasadena California and raised there. He became a naturalized citizen at the age of 18.

He is survived by his wife Christine, whom he met in 1984 and married in 1986. Together they have cared for and loved, in good times and in bad, their seven children: Michele Tuthill, Lisa Tuthill Rhodes (Steven), David Tuthill, Peter Tuthill, Shawn Tuthill, Jeremy Crockett (Nicole), and Amy Capuano Prigmore (Richard). Also eleven grandchildren and several great grandchildren. His three sisters, Janet, Jackie and Tricia also mourn his passing. He is also survived by his favorite pianist, Renee Hamaty.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arch and Helen Tuthill and his mother Georgina Robson.

A centerpiece of Bruce's life was music. He excelled in opera, but also loved musical theater. His music will live on beyond his death and he considered his talent a gift from God. His favorite role was Don Quixote in "The Impossible Dream". In a sense his life was like the "quest" of Don Quixote who followed

his quest to "add some measure of grace to the world". That indeed Bruce did not without error or stumbling but he did add a measure of grace and love and understanding to his friends, his family and his Church family.

He has been a cantor in the Roman Catholic Church for the last 20 years. He found the fullness of Faith and Truth in the Church and became a Catholic 20 years ago. It was the culmination of a lifetime of searching through churches and religions that he never found fulfilling.

In this last year he was lovingly and professionally cared for by many members of Elara Hospice Care who made the difficulties bearable and put him in his place when needed. Their contribution to his life was short in duration but timeless in the memory of his family. He shared his sense of humor in dying with them.

Bruce carried his native British humor throughout his life with its strong sense of satire. If he made a barbed comment to you he liked you a lot. All the notes he hit in his life, the high notes and the low notes, will remain with his friends and family. He indeed added a measure of grace to our lives and we are better for it.

To you Bruce, from Chris. OFF YOU GO!

Rosary Service will be at 5:30 on Thursday, February 20th, 2020 at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church in Talihina, Oklahoma.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00AM Friday, February 21st, 2020 at the St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church in Talihina, Oklahoma with Father Jim Caldwell, Father Hrudaye Gade, and Fr. Khiet Nguyen officiating. Interment will follow at the New Talihina City Cemetery in Talihina, Oklahoma. Services have been entrusted to McCarn Funeral Service of Talihina, Oklahoma.



# Tribute Wall

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“ For whatever reason, the song "Oklahoma!" and Bruce came to mind today. I wondered what had ever happened to him since I last saw him in 1979. I knew him in the late 70s when he was a regular star on the stage in Carmel. He was bigger than life at the time, but also a very kind and gentle man. It looks like his life was rich with loved ones. Rest in Peace, Bruce.

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**Giulietta Garland** - February 19, 2023 at 02:48 PM

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“ Hello Christine:

Oh my, what a shock to hear of Bruce's passing. Our deepest sympathy and condolence to you and your family. We had no idea. Life indeed takes us on many paths. The mention of Arch and Hellens names bring back many memories of Christmas Day meals at their house when growing up. We all raised just a little cain in the downstairs of their house. Bruce was right in the mix. Yes, we remember is musical talents also. We are still here in Redding. Presently recovering from losing our home in the Carr Fire in 2018. Fortunately Louise was able to save our genealogy records and we have been able to trace the roots both or our families to time of immigration and further. Your help with the Tuthill clan has been in valuable. There is some notation of the Tuthill name mentioned with the Templar's in the 12Th Century. We hope you are doing well. We had never seen the photos of your lovely family. They must be of great support for you. Wishing you all the blessings.

*Doc and Louise Tuthill*

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**Clark Tuthill** - April 23, 2020 at 10:47 PM

RP

“ Dear Christine and family,

*We are so sorry for your loss and we pray that God will comfort you and give you peace at this time. We remember Bruce from St. Peter's and the Knights of Columbus as kind and always willing to lend a hand May Bruce Rest In Peace and may he live in eternal light and love. God bless you all.*

*Roger & Yvonne Perreault*

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**Roger & Yvonne Perreault** - February 21, 2020 at 11:27 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce Tuthill.



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February 20, 2020 at 05:23 PM

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“ 5 files added to the album Bruce



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**Christine Tuthill** - February 15, 2020 at 10:51 AM

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“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



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**Amy Prigmore** - February 15, 2020 at 12:10 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Bruce Tuthill.



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February 14, 2020 at 08:52 PM

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“ I remember as a small child, watching him perform on stage into such characters as Don Quixote or Billy Bigelow from Carousel. I was always mesmerized by his transformation from dad, into these characters. I remember when he would be killed on stage I would start shouting and crying in the audience. I would have to be taken back stage and shown he was ok before I would calm down, even though I had seen the same performance several times. I wish I had shared this memory with him last time I saw him. I know we would have both gotten a big laugh!

Though our relationship had its ups and downs over the past decades, I feel truly blessed that I was able to spend some time with him before he passed, that we were able to just be in each other's presence as father and son, and tell each other that we love each other.

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**Shawn Tuthill** - February 14, 2020 at 07:24 PM

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**Christine Tuthill** - February 14, 2020 at 06:29 PM

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**Christine Tuthill** - February 14, 2020 at 06:26 PM

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*RIP my Man of LaMancha.*

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**Stacy Lininger** - February 28, 2020 at 01:01 AM

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**Christine Tuthill** - February 14, 2020 at 06:26 PM

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**Christine Tuthill** - February 14, 2020 at 06:25 PM