



## Bruce P. Teittinen

November 9, 1947 - May 31, 2024

FITCHBURG: Bruce P. Teittinen, 76, of Fitchburg, passed away Friday, May 31, 2024, at Health Alliance – Leominster, surrounded by his loving wife and family.

Bruce was born in Gardner on November 9, 1947, the son of the late Paul R. and Alice (Young) Teittinen and has resided in Fitchburg for over 40 years.

Bruce was a 1965 graduate of Narragansett Regional High School in Templeton. He continued his education at Northeastern University and Fitchburg State University before receiving his Master's Degree in Business Administration from Anna Maria College in 1987.

From 1970-1974, Bruce served his country in the United States Army and was stationed in Furth, West Germany. His title was the Personnel Management Specialist at the base. Bruce enjoyed many memorable European excursions when he had time off from his Army duties. He loved to tell stories of his ski days all over Europe. He especially cherished running with the bulls in Pamplona, Spain, going to the Grand Prix in Monaco twice, seeing American Frank Shorter win the gold medal in the marathon at the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich, and going on a week trip to Russia.

Upon returning to the States in 1974, after honorable discharge from the

Army, Bruce became involved in the Montachusett Ski and Snowboard Club, of which he was an officer for many years. At the meetings, he was smitten with a certain woman and finally got the courage to ask her out on a date. Surprisingly, Linda's parents met at the same place years before, the Lion D'or Club in Cleghorn, as it was called. The rest is history.

In 1985, Bruce formed C & B Sports Tours, Inc. and then the Central Mass Ski and Snowboard Group with his partner and long-time friend, Charlie Phaneuf. Over the next 37 years, they successfully provided affordable ski trips throughout the United States and Canada.

For 30 years, Bruce worked for the Department of the Treasury as an Internal Revenue Agent for the Internal Revenue Service before retiring in 2013.

Bruce led a full and active life. He loved to downhill ski, fish, hike, cross-country ski, talk about cars, "them Red Sox" and spend quality time with family and friends. Bruce and Linda traveled extensively throughout the US and Italy. He loved his many trips to Disney World and looked forward to the yearly trip to Maine.

Bruce is survived by the love of his life, his wife of 42 years, Linda L. (Lincourt) Teittinen; his two sisters, Linda Johnson and her husband, Andrew, and their son Eric; Paula Fruit and her children, Matthew Fruit and Sarah Clark. He leaves his niece "like a daughter," Kara David, and her husband, Dennis Comeau; grandniece, "The Treasure," as he lovingly called her, Amaya LaFrance; and grandnephew, "the little boy he couldn't get enough of," Austin Comeau. His beloved extended family, The Lincourt's: Joan David and daughter, Jill David; Donna and Frank Hiatt and children Adam, Ross and Jessica; Barbara and Michael Couture; Larry Lincourt; Paula Lincourt; Sandra Charpentier and children Matthew and Danielle; a very close family friend, Denise Loumis. Also, his sweet canine friend, Maggie Mae.

The past 18 months have been a real challenge for Bruce. He suffered a spinal cord injury. He spent six months away from his home at Whittier Rehabilitation Hospital and came home in May 2023 to continue a grueling Physical Therapy regimen. He exhibited the unique Finnish concept of "Sisu": strength of will, determination, and perseverance. He never complained between Physical Therapy visits and Doctor's appointments. He made significant gains.

Bruce's family would like to thank all the dedicated staff at the Whittier Rehabilitation Hospital, Westborough, who made his stay rewarding and productive, as well as the Outpatient Center there. Also, thank you to Tammy Moses at Complete Physical Therapy & Wellness, Fitchburg, and his private in-home Physical Therapist, Kaitlin Coumas, who both played an irreplaceable role in Bruce's gains. Their dedication and love for Bruce kept him going.

Although Bruce's heart has stopped beating, a heart that has touched so many lives can't help but live on in those it loved. He will be sorely missed.

Bruce's family will receive relatives and friends at calling hours 4-7 PM Friday, June 21, 2024, at the Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home, 316 Clarendon Street, Fitchburg. [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com)

His funeral service, A Celebration of Life, will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, June 22, 2024, in the funeral home, followed by prayers of committal at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Fitchburg.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Appalachian Mountain Club, 10 City Square, Boston, MA 02129, or via their website: <https://www.outdoors.or>

[g/donate/tribute-gifts/](#)

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# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph's Cemetery

Fitchburg, MA

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JUN **21**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home  
316 Clarendon St  
Fitchburg, MA

## Funeral Service

JUN **22**. 11:00 AM.

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# Tribute Wall

MC

“ Mike & Debbie Chapdelaine planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce P. Teittinen.

Mike & Debbie Chapdelaine - June 23, 2024 at 02:02 PM

DA

“ My deepest condolences to Linda and Bruce's extended family. I will always remember Bruce as such a down to earth guy. I have many memories of CMSG trips that he organized. I will always remember him Deb Allen

Deb Allen - June 22, 2024 at 12:40 PM

JH

“ Joe Fanelli and Jessica Hiatt purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Bruce P. Teittinen.



Joe Fanelli and Jessica Hiatt - June 20, 2024 at 01:12 PM

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Joe Fanelli and Jessica Hiatt - June 20, 2024 at 01:12 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce P. Teittinen.*



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June 20, 2024 at 09:05 AM



“ *Carolyn C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce P. Teittinen.*

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**Carolyn C.** - June 20, 2024 at 09:05 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce P. Teittinen.*



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June 20, 2024 at 06:19 AM



“ *With sympathy for your family Mike Dolan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce P. Teittinen.*

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**With sympathy for your family Mike Dolan** - June 20, 2024 at 06:19 AM

LT

“ Love, Carol & Thelma purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bruce P. Teittinen.



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**Love, Carol & Thelma** - June 19, 2024 at 01:56 PM

LT

“ Love, Carol & Thelma planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce P. Teittinen.

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**Love, Carol & Thelma** - June 19, 2024 at 01:56 PM

AS

“ It has been wonderful to reconnect again with Bruce at our class reunions and be allowed to join the occasional get-togethers of the "guys" in the summer. Bruce's enthusiasm for skiing, adventure travel, his fulfilling career, and his family came through bright and clear. He will be greatly missed.  
With deep condolences, Anne Schelzig (Starkey)

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**Anne Schelzig** - June 18, 2024 at 08:31 AM



“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



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**Rena Nelson** - June 15, 2024 at 06:40 AM



“ *Chrissy Maglio & Tina Burak and family.*  
*purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of*  
*Bruce P. Teittinen.*



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**Chrissy Maglio & Tina Burak and family.** - June 13, 2024 at 10:44 PM

FH

“ It is said that, each person that crosses our path carries a purpose, a lesson, or a blessing that we are meant to receive. Bruce was one of those people.

Bruce loved to share his love of skiing and his love of the great outdoors with everyone. He introduced me to skiing 🎿 many years ago and for that I will be forever grateful. The skiing world has lost one of its greatest ambassadors. 🇺🇸🇪🇵🇮🇸🇪🇵

It was a pleasure and an honor to call Bruce my friend. 🇺🇸🇪🇵🇮🇸🇪🇵

During these past 18 months, Bruce was truly blessed with having such a dedicated, compassionate, and loving wife and caretaker. My thoughts and prayers go out to my sister-in-law Linda!

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**Frank Hiatt** - June 13, 2024 at 08:28 PM

AG

“ Bruce has left quite a legacy. He brought so many people together forging life long friendships. An incredible amount of memories over countless trips to ski country. He will be in our hearts forever. Very grateful to have been part of the Central Mass Ski Group.

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**Andy Geanacopoulos** - June 05, 2024 at 09:20 AM

CP

I was his business partner, We did not always agree , but we always worked it out, total of many great years together. He will be missed . May he be able to Rest In Peace, Charles Phaneuf his friend and business partner.

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**charles phaneuf** - June 09, 2024 at 11:34 AM

AR

*Bruce was instrumental in the hundreds if not thousands of people meeting socializing and enjoying life. I can recall so many great story's of ski*

*Trips we had . Not only enjoyable but at an affordable price. I found this artical in the Worcester Telegraph that describes Bruce and what a good natured person he was.*

*He will be severely missed !*

*<https://www.telegram.com/story/sports/columns/2019/11/28/snow-sports-central-mass-ski-and-snowboard-tour-group-carries-wake-of-corporate-takeovers-on-slopes/2178043007/>*

*They quote him But he still loves skiing.It's just the camaraderie and adventure of it. You get out and get some fresh air," he said. "It's not a sport, it's a way of life. It's got the mountains, the physical aspect of it, the equipment. It's got everything rolled into one. It's like a microcosm of life."*

*Linda my heart goes out to you and your family*

*Xoxo Angel*

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**angel Richmond** - June 09, 2024 at 08:44 PM

KB

*I am so sorry to hear of Bruce's passing. It was a pleasure working with him on his Sunday River trips. I recall fond memories of dinners at the mountain and visits to Troy's camp on the lake with Linda. He touched so many lives over the years and he will be greatly missed. My thoughts are with you and your family Linda.*

*Kerry Baron*

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**Kerry Baron** - June 12, 2024 at 11:59 AM

NE


*I wish I could post pictures here, I have Bruce at a very young age our walk to first day of school, some birthday parties. Plays in a barn!! Pleasant st was the best place to grow up. Everyone was uncle and aunt and cousin . Rena Bouthot*

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**nelsonr88@comcast.net** - June 12, 2024 at 07:11 PM

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*My thoughts and prayers go out to Linda!*

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**Frank Hiatt** - June 13, 2024 at 05:10 PM