



## Robert Martin Bruker

August 8, 1929 - June 5, 2015

Born August 8, 1929 Louisville, KY; Died June 5, 2015 Godfrey, IL  
Son of Martin Bruker and Myrtle Hoskins Snyder Bruker. Husband of Jane (Adams) Bruker, father of seven children: Sarah Kirschner (Craig Westerhold), Susan Bruker (Jeff Brown), Nancy Bruker, John Bruker, Mark Bruker (Alicia Lisowski), Harold Benjamin Bruker (Kyle Henderson), and James Bruker. Grandfather of seven children: Henry and Ella Brown, Benjamin and Madeline Kirschner, Rohana and Jonas Bruker, and Jane Marie Estelle Bruker.

Bob had an incredible story. He was a world traveler who took his family on cross-country driving trips and camping expeditions. He visited the Soviet Union well before it was easy or commonplace to do so; he set foot in every state in the U.S. With Jane, he explored Europe and Alaska by small boat and container ship. He didn't just travel – he learned and made friends everywhere he went.

Bob served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict and taught in the Alton School district and at Monticello College before joining SIU-Edwardsville. He retired in 1987 after over 20 years with the university and then spent time at Bakersfield College in Bakersfield CA and at the University of New Mexico - Gallup. He helped so many people access education - from around the area and around the world.

As a volunteer, Bob was involved with many organizations including: Alton area Meals on Wheels, the governance of the Presbyterian Church, the educational testing service ACT, and was a committed friend of the Morris Fork arts community in Breathitt County, Kentucky. Although a graduate of Murray State University, he was a lifelong Kentucky Wildcats basketball fan.

A memorial service will be held Monday, June 29, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Edwardsville, IL. In honor of his late wife and her commitment to nursing education, donations in Bob's memory may be made to the Jane Bruker Endowment Fund c/o The Lewis and Clark Community College Foundation, 5800 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, IL 62035. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements.

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“ *My most sincere condolences go out to my friend John, and the entire Bruker family.  
R.I.P Dr. Bruker*

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**S. Reid** - June 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM