



## Bruce Burrill Schreffler

June 17, 1943 - April 12, 2026

Bruce Burrill Schreffler, 82, passed away April 12, 2026, in the arms of his wife and children following an extended illness. Bruce married the love of his life, Susan Hall, on April 13, 1968. He left behind a legacy of faith in his Savior Jesus Christ, service, and care of others and a love for music.

Bruce was born June 17, 1943, in Kankakee Illinois to Marion Lucille (Burrill) and John Schreffler. He grew into a significant role as the leader and owner of the Schreffler Funeral Homes. Learning at his father's side at the tender age of 16, he completed his education and licensing as a Funeral Director and Embalmer by attending Olivet Nazarene University and Worsham School of Mortuary Science.

Bruce grew up in a family of faith attending Asbury United Methodist Church, College Church of the Nazarene, and is a current member of Summerville Methodist Church, Summerville, South Carolina. Having a love for music, he grew into a beautiful tenor voice through participating in many church choirs, performances, and music education. Bruce credits Kenneth Bade, the former music director and choir master at Asbury United Methodist Church for his love for the organ. At the age of 16, Kenneth Bade asked him if he had interest in learning the pipe organ which led Bruce into assisting with the building of the current organ and a lifetime of love for the instrument.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Susan and two children, Amy (Brian) Fenton and Sean (Virginia) Schreffler. He is also survived by one brother, Larry (Jeanette) Schreffler, two sisters, Mary Grimes and Barbara (Clyde) Mansburger. In addition, he has five grandchildren, Bess, JP, John, Ava Rose, and Max along with three great-grandchildren, Nolan, Amyiah, and Robert. He is preceded in death by one brother-in-law, James Grimes.

Bruce leaves a legacy of love and commitment to his family and community. Bruce and his wife Susan worked tirelessly to build the Schreffler Funeral Homes and through their hard work they were recognized with the Pursuit of Excellence Award. Bruce and his family cared and supported the families of the greater Kankakee area for 3 generations. He retired from owning and operating the funeral homes after 66 years of devoted professionalism.

Over the years, Bruce was a great supporter of many organizations throughout the community including Riverside Medical Center serving on the Foundation Board for 8 years, Hospice of Kankakee Valley assisting in the acquisition of the location on Main St. in Bourbonnais, member of Masonic Lodge #389, a 32nd Degree Mason, past member of the Bradley Elementary school board, past KVTC Board member, and the Kankakee Symphony Board. In addition, he was a member of the Kankakee Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club of Kankakee, National Funeral Directors Association, Illinois Funeral Directors Association, and past President of the Preferred Funeral Directors International. Because of his years of committed service to the Kankakee area and Riverside Medical Center, Bruce and his wife Susan received one of their greatest honors, being named the Riverside Samaritan of the Year Award in 2010.

A gathering for family and friends will be held Sunday, April 26 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Schreffler Funeral Home; 1900 West Court in Kankakee. There will be a funeral service on Monday, April 27 at College Church of the

Nazarene in Bourbonnais located at 200 University Ave. at 11 a.m. with a one-hour visitation prior to service.

Burial will immediately follow the funeral service at Mound Grove Cemetery in Kankakee. Memorials may be made to the Summerville Methodist Church, P.O. Box 839, Summerville, SC, 29485 or to the Riverside Healthcare Foundation Samaritan Society, 350 N. Wall Kankakee, Illinois 60901.

# Cemetery Details

## Mound Grove Gardens of Memory

1000 N Greenwood  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 26. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel  
1900 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-2421  
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

## Visitation

APR 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

College Church of the Nazarene  
200 University Ave  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 933-7749

## Funeral Service

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APR 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

College Church of the Nazarene  
200 University Ave  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 933-7749

# Tribute Wall

DR

“ Bruce was a wonderful man and I am honored to have known him!  
Thank you for helping my family and all families in our time of need!  
God bless.

Deena Rabideau - May 15 at 09:53 PM

JJ

“ My condolences to the Schreffler family on Bruce's passing and  
especially to Mary a fellow classmate. A fine family.

James P Horchem Jr - May 11 at 09:54 PM

JP

“ Condolences to Susan and family. What a wonderful obituary that  
shows a man with a live well lived. Rest in Peace friend and  
classmate.

Jim & Judy Palzer  
Omaha, NE

Jim & Judy (Wilmott) Palzer - May 03 at 09:40 AM

BF

“ Bruce was my father-in-law and a dear friend. He was always there  
for his friends and family, and he will be deeply missed by all of us.  
Rest in peace!

Brian T Fenton - April 26 at 12:31 PM



“ *My sincerest condolences and love to the Schreffler family. Amy, please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers.*



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**Marcia Powley Sayler** - April 26 at 12:13 PM

CS

“ *CAROL (ROBERT) S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Bruce Burrill Schreffler.*



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**CAROL (ROBERT) S.** - April 25 at 10:37 PM

SK

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Bruce's passing. Such a loving and generous man. My sympathy goes especially to you, Susan.*

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**Sister Lori Kirchman** - April 23 at 12:32 PM

CH

“ *Carole Hall lit a candle in memory of Bruce Burrill Schreffler*



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**Carole Hall** - April 21 at 07:30 PM

CH

*I am so sorry for the family and all those who knew Bruce and who experienced the quality of his life. He was a true role model of how to live life! Prayers and hugs!*

Carole Hall - April 21 at 07:32 PM

CB

“*Bruce, The Bescos is Iowa will always remember and cherish our times with you. We will always remember and love you. Go Hawkeyes.*

claudia besco - April 20 at 11:05 PM

CO

“*Coy's lit a candle in memory of Bruce Burrill Schreffler*



Coy's - April 15 at 07:31 PM

KY

“*I'm sorry for the Schreffler family loss. I grew up at Asbury, younger, but the Schrefflers were a very respectable and just a pretty neat family. I remember Bruce singing solos and his powerful voice. His family was involved.*

*He operated his business like "we were family". He dealt with my grandparents services. When my brother died, the family support and the way they cared for us was so much appreciated. He even helped write Kevin's story. He was in the right business for providing compassion to those in need. Well done Bruce.*

Kim Yohnka - April 15 at 06:03 PM

JH

“ So sorry for your loss. He was always friendly and kind. You could tell he had a beautiful soul.

*From  
Janelle Hindmand*

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**Janelle Hindmand** - April 15 at 11:53 AM

BD

“ So Sorry for your loss, but we were blessed to meet Bruce as he and Susan helped set up the choir at the new Summerville Methodist Church. What an amazing life to impact so many people.  
*Brad and Deb Davis*

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**Bradley R Davis** - April 14 at 09:50 PM

NM

“ *Nora Mehrer lit a candle in memory of Bruce Burrill Schreffler*



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**Nora Mehrer** - April 14 at 07:21 PM

DK

“ *Darcy & Donn Kane lit a candle in memory of Bruce Burrill Schreffler*



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**Darcy & Donn Kane** - April 14 at 06:40 PM

TA

“ Thomas Anthony lit a candle in memory of  
Bruce Burrill Schreffler



Thomas Anthony - April 14 at 06:10 PM

MZ

“ MaDonna Zasada lit a candle in memory of  
Bruce Burrill Schreffler



MaDonna Zasada - April 14 at 06:02 PM

JG

“ Joseph Giacchino lit a candle in memory of  
Bruce Burrill Schreffler



Joseph Giacchino - April 14 at 02:54 PM



Lit candle in memory of Bruce Burrill Schreffler

Val Burrow - April 14 at 04:56 PM

SV

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sheila Vakselis - April 14 at 02:35 PM

SV

*Visiting with the Schrefflers in 2025.. so glad we were able to spend this time together... our love and condolences to Susan and the whole family... Paul and Sheila Vakselis*

Sheila Vakselis - April 14 at 02:37 PM

CM

“ *Condolences to Susan & family. May he rest in eternal peace. Prayers for all.*

*Cathie (Sederstrand-Bergan) Miedema*



Catherine Miedema - April 14 at 01:39 PM

KS

“ *Dear Susan, Mary, Barbara, Larry and families .. it's a new beginning for all of you! One that you have graciously and lovingly guided so many other families through. I sit here pondering the past and the years that my dad Harold and husband Phil worked side by side with John and Bruce at Philips, Friday & Schreffler Funeral Home. Dad and Phil and John and Bruce are gone now, but the memories linger. I share your grief and I hope you will take a minute to share the joy of memories past. Lots of laughs, lots of stories and lots of hard work. My condolences and love, Kathy Siegle*

kathryn Siegle - April 14 at 11:59 AM