



## Obituary

**Born:** Sunday, April 20, 1930

**Died:** Thursday, February 16, 2017

Bruce Keck passed into the waiting arms of his savior on Thursday, February 16, 2017, at 1:30 a.m., in his home, with his loving wife and family at his side.

Bruce was born in the Goin community of Claiborne County, Tennessee, on April 20, 1930, to Curtis and Linnie (Johnson) Keck. He grew up in those beautiful foothills of east Tennessee, and he never forgot the joy of his childhood and the many friends who helped weave the fabric of his life.

His father passed away when Bruce was one, and he and his brother, Emery, were taken in by their paternal grandmother, Alice Keck, and their aunt, Gladys Keck, who loved and raised them as their own.

## Service Summary

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### Visitation

4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Tue Feb 21, 2017  
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Wed Feb 22, 2017

### Faith Church of Christ

1701 S. Michigan Road  
Burlington, Indiana 46915

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### Funeral Service

11:00 AM Wed Feb 22, 2017

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On June 30, 1951, Bruce married the love of his life, Margie Sherlock Keck. They were happily married for 65 years, and their marriage was a wonderful example of love, friendship and fidelity. They were blessed with three children.

While serving as a mechanic in the U. S. Army, Bruce was stationed in Newport News, Virginia, and Goose Bay, Labrador in Newfoundland. Upon his honorable discharge, he and several friends moved north to Kokomo, Indiana, seeking work in one of the many factories that were hiring. Bruce hired on at Continental Steel where he worked for 31 years. In 1964, Bruce and Margie bought a farm in western Howard County where, in addition to working at the factory, he farmed his own acreage and several rented properties, and raised cattle, hogs and horses. In retirement, Bruce also worked at NAPA parts in Galveston and Burlington, and Big R on U.S. 31 in Kokomo.

Bruce became a Christian in 1960, and was baptized at Macedonia Christian Church, in Kokomo. When he and Margie moved to the farm in 1964, they became members of the Burlington Church of Christ, and they later became charter members of Faith Church of Christ in Burlington, where he served as an elder. Bruce actively shared his faith with others, wanting to make sure that everyone had a chance to know Jesus as their savior and heaven as their eternal

home.

Bruce was a talented musician and loved playing guitar, especially bluegrass and gospel music. He played guitar and sang with "The Cornpickers," a successful local bluegrass band consisting of Brad Bahler, Donna Brown, Emery Cupp, Paul Johnson, Jim Sisson and himself. He also truly enjoyed playing music and singing with his children.

Bruce was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents and his Aunt Gladys, as well as his brother and sister-in-law, Emery and Ella Keck; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Arnold Tay and Betty Keck; a niece, Kemah Keck; a special cousin, Susie Mae Atkins; half-brothers and sisters-in-law, Wade and Jennilee Maddox and Joe and Jessie Maddox; and half-sister, Betty Maddox-Carrico.

He is survived by his wife, Margie, and children, Vickie (Rod) Mason, LaDonna Brown (David Brown), and Jeff (Michelle) Keck; his grandchildren, Karen Mason, Jarrod (Becky) Mason, Curtis (Kayla) Keck, Crystal (Matt) Dieter, Clinton Brown and Caisey Brown, as well as two great-grandchildren who were his pride and joy: Kohlton Jones and Finley Ann Keck, and three step-great grandchildren, Kaylynn and Mason Schaffer, and Madix Miller.

Bruce's funeral will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 2017, at the Faith Church of Christ, 1701 S. Michigan St., Burlington, with Rod Mason and Steve Cole officiating. Burial will follow in South Union Cemetery with military rites provided by the United States Army and the Kokomo VFW Military Rites Team. Friends may call at the church on Tuesday evening from 4 to 8 p.m and one hour prior to the service on Wednesday. Memorial contributions may be made to the Burlington Food Pantry. Messages of condolence may be expressed online at [www.stoutandson.com](http://www.stoutandson.com). Stout & Son Funeral Home in Burlington is assisting the family with arrangements.