



Bruce Jaco

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Bruce Jerome Jaco, 60, of Columbia, Missouri, passed away peacefully on March 31, 2026.

Bruce (Big Jake) was born August 25, 1965 in Moberly, Missouri to Charles and Lena Jaco. Bruce graduated from Salisbury High School where he was an athlete in football, basketball and track. After graduation, Bruce received his Bachelor's Degree in Education at Central Methodist University. He was a member of Alpha Phi Gamma Fraternity and played football while attending Central Methodist. He was known for his kindness, humor, strength, generosity, and faith, while leaving a lasting impression on everyone who knew him.

Bruce was a devoted brother, uncle, and friend who cherished time with his family. He especially enjoyed fishing, any card game (especially spades), music, pro wrestling, and his beloved Kansas City Chiefs. Bruce had a gift for making people laugh, offering help in any way he could. His presence and smile brought comfort and joy to many.




Bruce is survived by his siblings, Carl Lewis (Myra), Faye Heidari (Masood), Valerie Jaco, Tina Jaco, Tony Jaco (Lori) along with his nieces and nephews, Brandon (Amanda), Ruby, BreAnna, Michael, Robert, Markasia, Markya, Aubrey, and Lauryn. His great nieces and nephew Elexus, Isabelle, Sy'Mari, Se'Nyra, A'mara, Sy'Vanna, and Kyson. He was preceded in death by his parents Charles and Lena Jaco, and by both maternal and paternal grandparents.

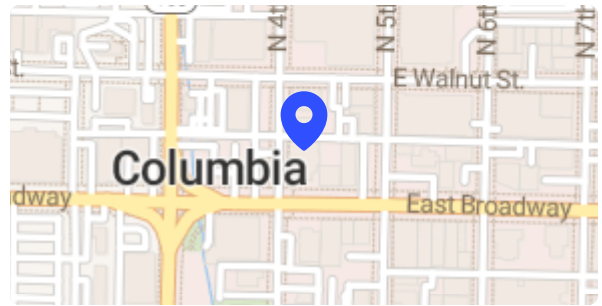
A memorial service for Bruce will be held on Friday, April 10. Visitation 12 - 1 pm, Funeral Service 1 - 2 pm at Second Baptist Church, at 407 East Broadway, Columbia, MO. Services will be live streamed at 1:00 PM through the HT May & Son Funeral Home Facebook page and can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/htmayfuneralhome>.

Bruce will be deeply missed but forever remembered for the love he gave and the lives he touched.






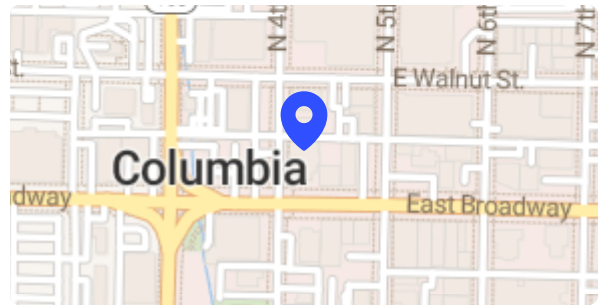
Visitation

-  **Friday, April 10, 2026**
-  12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT
-  **Second Baptist Church**
407 E Broadway, Columbia MO 65201



Memorial Service

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Tina Jaco lit a candle in honor of Bruce.

You will forever be in my heart, never ever forgotten. i will miss you so much my brother. Love you always and forever, blood in blood out

April 13 at 11:19 AM



Vicki Freelon lit a candle in honor of Bruce.

So sorry for your loss 🙏

April 10 at 11:30 AM



Wendy Woodard lit a candle in honor of Bruce.

Rev. Carl and Rev. Myra;We're praying for the Comforter to surround your families with strength, love and solace at this time. Rest in His peace Bruce. Psalm 34:18With caring thoughts,Wendy and your godson Fabian

April 9 at 8:00 PM



Anonymous sent a Bountiful Rose Basket to the Jaco family.

April 9 at 7:10 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Bruce.

April 9 at 7:10 AM



Phyliss Golden lit a candle in honor of Bruce.

We continue to hold the Jaco and Lewis Families in our prayers. God be with you and strengthen you during this challenging time of transition in your lives.Prayerfully, Phyliss

April 8 at 8:33 PM





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Bob Fuka posted:

Bruce was one of my high school students at Salisbury High School. He was such a caring person who was such a great roll model to those around him and such an "awesome " athlete. Bruce will be missed by all who knew him. RIP BRUCEBOB FUKA, Former High School Principal

April 8 at 9:13 AM



Bob Fuka posted:

Bruce was one of my high school students at Salisbury High School. He was such a caring person with leadership qualities that made him an excellent roll model and oh what an Athlete! Bruce will be missed by all who knew him. RIP BRUCEBOB FUKA Former High School Principal

April 8 at 9:05 AM



Angie Nickerson sent a Serene Retreat to the Jaco family.



April 7 at 9:56 PM



Donna Ford posted:

Bruce taught me the correct way to shoot a free one year. It helped alot! We were Courtwarming King and Queen our Senior year together. I am sure many will say something about his smile but it could light up the room. God bless Bruce and his family.

April 7 at 9:06 PM



Donna Ford posted:

Bruce taught me how to correctly shoot a free throw. We were Courtwarming King and Queen our Senior year and I still have the photo. He was a good friend throughout. Probably the last time I saw him was late 80's at By George's. His smile is one I will always remember. Much sympathy to the family. Donna Bailey Ford

April 7 at 9:03 PM



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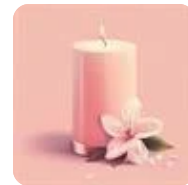
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Angelica White lit a candle in honor of Bruce.

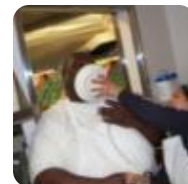
Sending love and prayers to the family! Bruce you will be missed. You had a smile that wld light up the entire room. A voice smooth and comfy. Get your rest cousin.

April 7 at 5:23 PM



Kellie Dennis shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

April 7 at 2:58 PM



Kellie Dennis shared 8 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

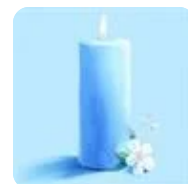
March 31 at 1:55 PM



Prince Drummond-Lewis lit a candle in honor of Bruce.

In loving memory of a beautiful person whose smile and love will be missed by family and friends. Rest in Heaven and peace with God, Bruce!We will miss you, but remember your love and kindness forever!Myra Drummond-Lewis

April 7 at 10:31 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Jaco family.

April 6 at 3:33 PM



Kevin Anderson posted:

One of the realest neighborhood

April 6 at 11:46 AM



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Dana Carter posted:

My sincere condolences to the Lewis and Jaco family during this difficult time. My prayers and thoughts are with the entire family. May the peace of God comfort you and sustain you. Rev Dana Carter

April 6 at 10:55 AM



Valerie Shaw lit a candle in honor of Bruce.

Rev Carl and Rev Myra, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Unfortunately I know this sorrow personally. I am praying for your strength and peace during this time of loss. God bless your family. Sister Shaw

April 5 at 11:03 PM



Ramona Paige lit a candle in honor of Bruce.

CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY. PRAYERS.

April 5 at 10:24 PM



Gay Litteken posted:

Most beautiful soul. Best smile. Most kind heart. Contagious spirit. You will be missed.

April 4 at 8:25 PM



Tim Rawlings lit a candle in honor of Bruce.

April 4 at 8:21 PM



Janet Jackson lit a candle in honor of Bruce.

Sending Prayers for the family, so sorry for your loss! ❤️

April 4 at 11:00 AM





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Sharon Coats lit a candle in honor of Bruce.

April 3 at 4:15 PM



MJ

Mary Johnson lit a candle in honor of Bruce.

We all grew up in Salisbury mo. I was shocked when I got the news that you had gained your wings now you can rest in eternal peace no more pain your beautiful smile will always be remembered get your rest in heaven until we meet again sending my condolences to Faye and the rest of the family may God wrap his arms around you all during your time of bereavement god bless you all definitely in my thoughts and prayers

April 3 at 9:49 AM



CF

Connie Forrest lit a candle in honor of Bruce.

Pastor Carl and Rev Myra. You Have My Sincere Condolence On The Passing of Your Brother Bruce. 🙏🙏🙏

April 2 at 2:57 PM



BT

Beverly Thompson lit a candle in honor of Bruce.

April 1 at 1:02 PM



RH

Richard Hardiman lit a candle in honor of Bruce.

April 1 at 7:20 AM



JK

Joyce Kennedy posted:

You will truly be missed you were a friend to many and you will hold a place in my heart always dear friend. Get your rest ❤️

March 31 at 7:31 PM



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Scharlett Gravitt lit a candle in honor of Bruce.

My neighbor and friend I will truly miss you and our talks to all your family sending my sincere heartfelt condolences and prayers

March 31 at 1:55 PM





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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bruce by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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