



## Claude Cruce

June 1, 1940 - June 5, 2017

Cruce, Claude E., 77 of Altamonte Springs, FL passed from this life on June 5th, 2017 as a result of complications following an automobile accident on March 7, 2017. Claude was born on June 1, 1940 in Ocala, FL as a third generation Marion County resident. Claude dedicated his life to protecting the citizens of the State of Florida, serving as a career law enforcement officer. He served 4 ½ years with the Florida Highway Patrol before joining the Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco Agency for 39 years. Claude was a dedicated family man, he believed in the importance of a strong family bond. He made certain to keep in contact with not only his siblings and their children, but their children's children as well as cousins. He especially loved spending time with his great-grandchildren, they became the light in his eyes whenever they entered the room and the first person they wanted to be with was their beloved PaPa. He was an avid bowler and golfer having rolled numerous 300 games. Claude organized monthly lunches with his old classmates as well putting together the Ocala High Schools Class of 1959's memory book; and worked diligently to locate and make contact with any missing classmates. Claude was predeceased by his parents James Rufus and Pearl C. Wade Cruce, siblings Ella Mae Modlin, James E. Cruce, Leona P. Jennings, Delsie P. Harlow and Arthur H. "Buddy" Cruce. He is survived by his wife of 56 years Dianne Campbell Cruce, daughter Debra "Debbie" Simpkins (Steve), Grandchildren, Justin Sheffield (Annie) of Charlotte, NC, Erik Quanme (Brittany) of LaCrosse, WI, Matthew Sheffield (Deanna Rankin) of

Altamonte Springs, Stephanie Sheffield (Tyler Lesage) of Winter Springs, brother Joseph M. Cruce (Dot) as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services for Mr. Cruce will be held on Saturday, June 10th, 2017 in the Roberts Funeral Homes Downtown Chapel at 3:00pm. The family will receive friends starting one hour prior at 2:00pm. Interment will be private in Highlands Memorial Park.

# Tribute Wall

PA

“ Dianne & Debbie, I am sorry that Claude had to leave this world but glad that he is no longer in pain and will be waiting for all of you in Heaven. He was a wonderful person and very kind. He was a quiet and smart man who loved to bowl and play golf and was great at both. He was a good friend who was always ready to help others. We will miss him and he will always be in my heart.

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**Pat & Tom Alderson** - June 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ Dianne & Debbie, I am so sorry for your loss and know that it will be sad to go on with out Claude but he wouldn't want you to be sad for long. We all have to remember him smiling and the happy positive thinking person that he was. He was also a quiet spoken person and a very smart person. I have wonderful memories of all the times we went dancing with friends and we all loved music. He will always be in my heart. Pat

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DB

“ Dear family, I've been holding you all up in my prayers, as well as my church family and we all continue, that you will be comforted by Jesus during this season of separation. Love in Jesus, Dottie & Brian Beauchesne

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**Dottie Beauchesne** - June 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ A final salute to you Claude. Thank you for your years of service in law enforcement. Enjoy never leaving another 10 pin--God speed.

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**Bill Pocius** - June 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ I worked with Claude when I was with the Orlando Police Department. We would get together and go to lunch about once a month. He was one of the friendliest persons that I have ever met. I am sure he will be missed by his family and friends. He was a great man. I will sure miss him. Condolences to the family and friends.

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**Charles Rahn** - June 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Diane so sorry for your loss he was a good man had much fun with him at bowlamerica take care love ya debbie

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**debbie markiewicz** - June 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

FU

“ Dianne, I will miss Claude also and you have my heartfelt condolences. If you need anything, call me. Foy

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**Foy Underwood** - June 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ We've know Claude for many years and are sadden by his earthly departure. Our prayers are with Diane and family members at this difficult time. Heaven is rejoicing!for another soul has return home.God bless,Big hug,Scott&Peggy

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**Scott & Peggy Peterson** - June 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ I had the pleasure to visit with Claude in his home when I was in Orlando and we both worked for the DABT. He was always kind spoken and flashing that beautiful smile. He seem that he was always happy and enjoying his life to the fullest. My wife Patsy and my send our sincere condolences and respect to the family of a good and decent man. May god bless the family of Claude Cruse.

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**AI WHITFIELD** - June 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Diane, we are so sorry for your loss. Claude was an amazing man, always a smile and kind word. My girls still talk about the trip to the zoo in New Orleans with you and Claude. Glad they will always have that memory. Love you all,Patty

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**The Harps** - June 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Dianne I am so very sorry. I have such great memories of the times spent together at DRS. Claude was a wonderful person and I know his passing will leave a huge hole in your family.

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**Roxanne Davis** - June 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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MN

“ Claude cruce was a very nice man. He will be missed by many your family and friends will never forget you we will make sure of that you are now your daughter and wife and grandkids Guardian angle rest in peace !!! Sorry for your loss Debbie he was a great guy...

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**Mary newman** - June 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM