



Bruce Teasdale Myers (1945–2025)

Bruce Teasdale Myers, a man whose heart was as big as his smile, passed away peacefully on June 11, 2025, in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, at the age of 80. Born on May 17, 1945, in Sydney, Australia, to Major John Humbird Myers, a U.S. Army officer, and Phyllis Teasdale, an Australian nurse whom he met while John recovered from wartime injuries. Bruce's life was a tapestry of love, service, and joy. His warmth and selflessness touched everyone he met, from the students he mentored to the strangers he'd give the shirt off his back.

Raised in St. Paul, Minnesota, alongside his younger brother, Peter, who survives him, Bruce graduated from St. Paul Academy and Hobart College. He attended Virginia Theological Seminary, but a fateful summer meeting with Anne Sanders, the love of his life, at Maine Medical Center in the summer of 1969 steered him away from the clergy. Married in December 1969, Bruce and Anne built a life filled with adventure and devotion, raising two sons, Andrew (born 1979) and Bradford (born 1981), in Yarmouth, Maine.

Bruce's early career included working at Maine National Bank and Brown Ship Chandlery, though Anne grew weary of his midnight runs to Portland harbor to receive ships. His true calling emerged at North Yarmouth Academy (NYA), where he served from 1984 to 2018 as a coach, mentor, and pillar of the community. He held various positions at NYA, including Assistant Director of Development, Alumni Relations Director, and Assistant Athletic Director, but spent most of his time serving as a coach.

Bruce believed coaching was about more than sports; it was about life. He championed experiential education, leading annual student trips to Mount Katahdin and Outward Bound programs on Hurricane Island. His home was a haven for NYA students, who flocked there for mentorship, a dip in the pool on hot summer days, or, occasionally, a bit of mischief – much to Anne's chagrin.

Beyond NYA, Bruce served as Rotary Club President from 2017 to 2018 and as a blue and gold officer for the state of Maine for 15 years, guiding candidates to the U.S. Naval Academy. Summers found him on MacMahan Island in Georgetown, Maine, savoring time with family and friends. His hobbies included classic cars, coaching sports, and, as those close to him knew, a collection of guns that would've made John Rambo proud.

Bruce is survived by his beloved wife, Anne; sons, Andrew (Kierstan) and Bradford (Christie); brother, Peter (Karla); and five grandchildren. His legacy lives on in the countless lives he uplifted with his kindness, humor, and generosity. A celebration of Bruce's life will be held at a later date. Instead of flowers, the family suggests donations to US Lacrosse Foundation (<https://www.usalacrosse.com/foundation>), reflecting Bruce's commitment to youth and adventure.