



### **Vernon R. "Pete" Bruffey**

Vernon R. "Pete" Bruffey, 75, of Martin's Point, NC passed this life on Monday, May 23, 2016 at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital.

Pete was raised in Kinston, NC and was the son of the late Vernon J. and Martha M. Bruffey. Shortly after graduating from The University of North Carolina, he moved to Fairfax, Virginia where he worked and raised a family. He had a long career in computer programming and project management. Passionate about his faith, he obtained a Master of Arts in Religion from Liberty University and was involved in multiple ministries at Immanuel Bible Church in Springfield, Virginia. Pete retired in 2004 and obtained a teaching certificate, teaching high school math in Fairfax County schools until 2010.

After moving to Kitty Hawk, NC in 2011, he enjoyed spending time with family, traveling, golf, kayaking, and reading his Bible. He was a member and deacon of Kitty Hawk Baptist Church, where he was active in their music and discipleship ministries. A lifelong lover of bluegrass music, he played the banjo, guitar, and harmonica.

He frequently hosted groups of other musicians, family and friends for an evening of pickin' and grinnin'. He also helped to start a band called the Fret Knots with other members of his church family.

Mr. Bruffey was preceded in death by his first wife, Hazel Haggerty Bruffey; his daughter, Christina M. Bruffey; and his sisters Susan Vestal and Cheryl Baker.

He is survived by his loving wife, Carol Monacell Bruffey; his children, Michael Bruffey, Melody (Vernon) Harris, Matthew Bruffey; and step-daughters Valerie (Joseph) Hadeed and Pamela (Michael) O'Steen; 9 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind three brothers, Leonard, Bill, and Thurman Bruffey; one sister, Mildred Bryant; numerous nieces and nephews; and many friends.

A graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, June 4, 2016 at Elijah High Cemetery, Purgitsville, West Virginia with Leroy Sions officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to Kitty Hawk Baptist Church, 3946 N Croatan Hwy, Kitty Hawk, NC 27949.

Arrangements are under the direction of Elmore Funeral Home.