



Bruce E. Pickering

February 21, 1943 - June 11, 2026

Bruce E. Pickering, MAI, passed away at Dublin Retirement Village on June 11, 2026, due to complications of Parkinson's Disease and a stroke.

Born on February 21, 1943, and raised on Honey Acre Farm in Jamestown, Ohio, Bruce adapted to industrious farm life at a very early age learning to drive the family's Allis-Chalmers tractor at age five. Through the years, he was very active in 4-H and FFA where he won numerous awards at the Greene County, Fayette County, and Ohio State fairs.

After graduating from Greeneview High School in Jamestown, he followed in the footsteps of his father and brother to The Ohio State University where he majored in Agricultural Engineering. Eventually, he pivoted to real estate appraising which had begun to pique his interest. Following his graduation from OSU in 1966, and his service in the US Air Force Reserves, he was employed by the Appraisal Division of the Ohio Highway Department before working for Donald Casey Hambleton and Real Property Analysts while also earning his M.A.I. designation. Eventually he started Pickering Valuation Group which specialized in appraisals of large manufacturing plants in the Eastern United States.

When Bruce wasn't appraising, he was involved in traveling to sporting events as spectator or participant. This included 40 years of OSU football games and

tailgating, OSU basketball games and traveling to his son's high school and college lacrosse games. Summers brought joy as he cruised Buckeye Lake in "Liebchen," his vintage Chris+Craft. He was competitive by nature and was at his best when behind the wheel of a Porsche – on a racetrack, a parking lot autocross or on the street. As a 50-year member of Porsche Club of America, Bruce served as Mid-Ohio Region President, National Zone 4 (Ohio, Michigan, WVA, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin) Representative, 1993 Parade Protest Chairperson and as Co-Chair of the 1st PCA Club Race at Mid-Ohio Race Car Course. He took great pride in the fact that his wife, Emily, competed successfully in her own class with his well-prepared cars and that his son, Eric, was an equally successful driver and mechanic. Most recently, he found great joy attending his grandson Blaise's soccer games and cheering him on.

Bruce belonged to the New Hope Reformed Church in Powell, and over 37 years, he served New Hope as a Deacon, an Elder, and was involved in the building of the current NHRC, aka The Church by the Zoo.

Bruce is survived by his wife of 60 years (Emily), his son Eric (Lucy) and grandson, Blaise, sisters-in-law, Evalind and Juleah, brother-in-law, Ron and numerous nieces, two nephews and many cousins. He was predeceased by his daughter, Amy, his siblings, Carol, Ed and Ford, nephew, Rick, and his parents, Bonnie Lynn and Carl E. Pickering.

Friends are invited to visit with the family at Rutherford Funeral Home, 450 West Olentangy Street, Powell 43065 from 4 – 7 pm on Friday, June 19 with a service to follow at 7 pm. A private burial will take place at Flint Cemetery, 8187 Flint Road, Worthington, on Saturday, June 20 where Bruce will be laid to rest beside his daughter, Amy.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Bruce's memory to aid

agriculture students at Greene County Career Center to:

Greene Giving, 941 W. 2nd St. Xenia, OH 45385

or

Ohio Wildlife Center, 6131 Cook Rd., Powell, Ohio 43065 or www.Ohiowildlifecenter.org

Cemetery Details

Flint Cemetery

8187 Flint Rd.
Columbus, OH 43235
(614) 885-5033

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN 19. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell
450 West Olentangy Street
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Funeral Service

JUN 19. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KC

“ *Dear Emily. So sorry to hear of Bruce's passing. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. May he rest in peace. Kay Cooke*

Kay Cooke - 2 hours ago

DM

“ *So sorry to lose a lifelong and important friend. He was an inspiration since we met at Ohio State. Bruce was one of the finest men I have known and we will miss him.*

Daniel Mainzer - 4 hours ago

RP

“ *May the Lord wrap His Arms around you .
Love , Bud & Gitta*

Ralph Parish - 7 hours ago

RD

“ *Ralph D. purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Bruce E. Pickering.*



Ralph D. - 7 hours ago