

# Bruce H. Boyle

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Suffolk , VA

06.26.1958 - 05.09.2020

**Served in the :** Navy

CAPT Bruce H. Boyle was born in Lexington, NE on June 26, 1958. He was called home unexpectedly by our Lord on May 9, 2020 in Suffolk, VA. He is survived by his beloved wife and best friend, Jane, who were blessed by 38 years of marriage. Bruce was preceded in death by his father, Dale Franklin Boyle, and mother, Harriet Cleland Boyle.

Bruce was a graduate of the University of Nebraska, North American Baptist Seminary, and Princeton Theological Seminary. He was ordained a minister by the Baptist General Conference on December 10, 1989.

CAPT Boyle served God and Country 34 years as a United States Military Chaplain; 1986-1991 in the U.S. Army Reserve and Nebraska Army National Guard. In September 1991 Bruce was commissioned into the United States Navy (USN) as an active duty Chaplain. As a Navy Chaplain, CAPT Boyle served aboard ships, overseas, and at various Naval installations. Additionally, as a USN Chaplain, Bruce served the United States Marine Corps and United States Coast Guard. Most notably, CAPT Boyle was a combat veteran, having served as the Command Chaplain for Marine Aircraft Group - 40 in Afghanistan from April 2009-May 2010. His last tour of duty was as the Atlantic Area Chaplain for the United States Coast Guard. In this capacity, Bruce served as the Senior Supervisory Chaplain for 2/3rds of all the personnel in the United States Coast Guard.

CAPT Boyle's personal military awards include the Legion of Merit (Two Gold Stars), Meritorious Service Medal (Two Gold Stars), Navy Commendation Medal (Three Gold Stars), Navy Achievement Medal (One Gold Star), Army Achievement Medal, as well as numerous campaign medals and unit ribbons.

Bruce loved riding his Harleys, all things NASCAR, and helping others. Most of all, his favorite pastime was just spending time with Ms. Jane, the love of his life. CAPT Boyle leaves a lasting legacy of service to others. Bruce always put others first, serving as a mentor to countless young Chaplains, touching the lives of 1,000's of Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guard personnel. In essence, Bruce changed our world for the better. He will be missed!

A funeral service will be held at Arlington National Cemetery on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 3 PM. Baker-Foster Funeral Home, 5685 Lee Farm Lane, Suffolk is serving the family. Concolences may be registered at [RWBakerFH.com](http://RWBakerFH.com). In lieu of flowers, you may donate to some of Bruce's passions: "Gimme Shelter" (supports rescued animals) [www.gimmeshelterofsmithfield.com](http://www.gimmeshelterofsmithfield.com) (<http://www.gimmeshelterofsmithfield.com>); Shriners Hospital for Children [www.donate.lovetotherescue.org](http://www.donate.lovetotherescue.org) (<http://www.donate.lovetotherescue.org>); Vetshouse, Inc. (serving homeless veterans in Hampton Roads, VA) [www.vetshouseinc.org](http://www.vetshouseinc.org) (<http://www.vetshouseinc.org>)

**Cemetery**

**Start Time:** Thursday, August 27, 2020 - 03:00pm

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA 22211

United States

**Google Maps Link**

Directions to Arlington National Cemetery

(<https://www.google.com/maps/search/Arlington+National+Cemetery,+Arlington+National+Cemetery,+Arlington,+VA+22211,+US/@17z>)

