

WE REMEMBER

We are sorry to report that Bruce Rogers (Class of 1975) passed away in his sleep on June 28, 2011, at his home in Riga, Latvia. Bruce was the Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Latvia. Bruce is survived by his wife Gale and children, Ann and Chris.

Many of us remember Bruce from New Delhi. He and his family, including his brother Barry (Class of '73) and sister Carol (Class of '77), arrived in India in 1968 and left in 1973. His father was the country director for the Peace Corps in India.



Bruce and his father
in India

Bruce was a career Foreign Service officer. He joined the Department of State in 1985 and served in Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Kingdom, Belgium, Afghanistan and Latvia. His friend and classmate, Andy McCord, shared some of his memories of Bruce with us:

“We were good friends in the year we overlapped at AIS. He chose to spend his spring break in Dhaka, staying with my mom and little sister while my dad and Mary were on a trek in Nepal. Dhaka even now isn't a holiday destination, but Bruce came back doing a perfect impression of my mother's southern accent and my mom remembered the week for years afterwards. I only saw him twice post-AIS --in 1988 or so in D.C. and then in Kabul in 2008. I used to hear about him from Jeff Gallagher (Class of 1974), who kept up with both Bruce and Barry Rogers.



Bruce (left) and Andy (right)

When I saw him for an afternoon in Kabul in 2008 he was full of life and enthusiasm, sharp as a tack and optimistic. He seemed really well liked by his colleagues, who were mostly younger and were all living in pretty close quarters in the embassy compound. He said he wished he could have kept his family in Delhi and his kids at AES during his year-long solo posting to Afghanistan. He was really looking forward to getting back with his family, but he seemed in general to be having a ball. In a war zone!”

More information about Bruce's illustrious career can be found on the in the July 28, 2011 [State Department press release](#).

A memorial will be planned for Bruce in the Washington DC area when arrangements can be made. If you would like to be included in updates on arrangements, you may contact his wife at gale.rogers@denkifuro.com.

In lieu of flowers, people are asked to make donations in his honor to either of these organizations.

- Fisher House (www.fisherhouse.org) - an organization that provides home-away-from-home for military families during hospitalization of military personnel
- San Francisco State University (www.sfsu.edu/~develop/makeagift.htm), Bruce's alma mater.

Bruce, we will miss you.