

Bruce Brabec is the stepfather of Liam Wood, who was killed in Olympic Pipe Line Company's pipeline rupture and explosion in Bellingham, Washington in June 1999. Bruce was formerly the Executive Director of Northwest Youth Services in Bellingham. He and Liam's mother, Marlene Robinson, were founding members of the Pipeline Safety Trust and have testified several times to Congressional committees in support of stronger regulation regarding pipeline safety. Bruce is the Treasurer of the Board of the Pipeline Safety Trust and is involved with the Liam Wood Flyfishers and River Guardians program, which was set up in memory and tribute to his stepson. He and Marlene live on the island of Bonaire in the southern Caribbean and both serve on the board of Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire.