



## Bruce Troupe

May 18, 1962 - July 17, 2023

Bruce Kevin Troupe, 61, of Waterloo, died on Monday, July 17, 2023, at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home.

He was born on May 18, 1962, in Waterloo, the son of Ross and Amy (Hicks) Troupe. He served in the Navy from 1979 to 1983. On November 5, 1998, he was united in marriage to Lori Spidell in Bronson, IA. He owned Telecommunication Tech, installing phone systems for businesses in and around the Cedar Valley for over 20 years. He was a man of the hour for every receptionist he did work for. His customers were more friends than anything.

Bruce wasn't a man of worldly things. Belongings, money, and titles meant nothing to him. He lived for his family, which extended far beyond blood lines. He was a brother to so many, a neighborhood dad to a whole passel of teenage hoodlums, loved his grandchildren who would tell you he was the most grandpa-y of all the grandpas. Nature was his church. He ministered to people's hearts on his boat. He loved his dogs, going metal detecting and fishing. He was an LGBTQIA ally and advocate in his final years, even performing in drag. He left an indelible mark on this world and every person he came into contact with and he will be greatly missed.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Lori; daughters, Nadea Van Pelt of Waterloo and Nikaila "Niki" Troupe of Charleston, SC; sons, Trevor Troupe and Wesley

Quint, both of Waterloo; grandchildren, Syilehst, Chase, Kirayla, Breyanna, Michael, Alayna, Tristen, Cooper, and Andrew; great-grandchildren, Lucas, Izrayya, and Estella.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Kay; brother, George; and stepson, Brian.

Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m. Saturday, July 22, 2023, at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls with visitation two hours prior to the service.

Memorials may be directed to Cedar Valley Hospice or the CAAP (Community Aids Assistance Project).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **22.** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service  
615 Main Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 266-3525  
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com  
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Bruce Troupe Service



Richardson Funeral Service - July 24, 2023 at 10:49 AM

YF

“ YOUR CURBTENDER, INC FAMILY purchased the Garden Accent - "Perhaps the stars..." for the family of Bruce Troupe.



YOUR CURBTENDER, INC FAMILY - July 21, 2023 at 10:05 AM

YF

“ YOUR CURBTENDER, INC FAMILY planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce Troupe.

YOUR CURBTENDER, INC FAMILY - July 21, 2023 at 10:05 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Bruce Troupe.



July 20, 2023 at 10:01 PM

MC

“ Blessings and love to you, Lori, and all who loved Bruce! That is a lot!  
May the Holy Comforter be with you in this tender season. My sincere condolences, dear. Such a great man, who loved large, and was kind beyond measure; I am so blessed to have known him, and have him ever in my heart. Love you, dear, sorry I can not be there. Sending my love, Marie Camille.

Marie Camille - July 20, 2023 at 08:17 PM

LT

Marie, thank you for your words . It's so good to hear from you.

Lori Troupe - July 22, 2023 at 09:38 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bruce Troupe.



July 20, 2023 at 08:07 PM

JB

“ Janet & Steve Bergan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce Troupe.

Janet & Steve Bergan - July 20, 2023 at 12:48 AM



“ I’ve been sitting here staring at this empty box thinking of what to say. There are so many thoughts , memories and emotions that are going through me right now about the loss of someone , it would seem to take more than a few moments to put everything in writing and share with everyone. The only conclusion to all of this is , there are no words for what Uncle Bruce means and has meant to me from childhood throughout my life. The memories and stories that I’ve shared with my own children, I hope to someday share with grandchildren. Sharing memories is what I believe keeps what you love alive in your heart and will never be forgotten. What I have learned from him and experienced with him from such a young age has a very large role in the man I am today, but it goes much deeper than that. Uncle Bruce and Aunt Lori have given me more than anyone could possibly ask for. They have given me unconditional love , friendship, respect, understanding, direction, guidance, encouragement, support , wisdom and much much more. If you could for a moment and I mean really sit back and really think about what it would mean to be have a place where you could talk about anything, share anything without holding anything back whatsoever and the response, no matter what you’ve said or what you’ve done may just be a hug and understanding , wouldn’t that be the most amazing place on earth? That’s what having them in my life and being a part of their life and their family has given me. I love you Uncle Bruce and thank you for everything you’ve given and done for me. You the Man !!!

Cliff Ackerman

“ Claven”

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Cliff Ackerman - July 19, 2023 at 01:56 PM

LT

You may not have known what to say, but you spoke it so well. Thank you Cliff for your beautiful words.

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Lori Troupe - July 24, 2023 at 10:29 AM

CW

“ Deep sympathy to the Troupe family. Especially my Expo kids. Bruce was gentleman and loving Dad. Chip Wood

Chip Wood - July 19, 2023 at 01:32 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce Troupe.



July 18, 2023 at 05:15 PM

ZP

“ I'll never forget meeting Bruce and Lori for the first time in 2010. I'd heard so much about Bruce from my husband, Robert. They were childhood besties and were adventurous boys about town. When they reconnected, those little boys and the giggles were back. What a beautiful friendship. Beautiful to the end, and the memories will live on in our hearts.



Zena Perkins - July 18, 2023 at 04:28 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bruce Troupe.



July 18, 2023 at 04:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bruce Troupe.

July 18, 2023 at 04:25 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Bruce Troupe.



July 18, 2023 at 04:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bruce Troupe.


July 18, 2023 at 04:21 PM




“ Lori Bruce and I were camping overnight and while we were camping in the middle of the night it started pouring down raining. It rained hard for hours. Soon as it's light out Bruce is up and outside doing something and it's still raining but not really hard. The next thing Lori and I know here comes Bruce with hot mocha coffee for us to drink. No one can top that. Hot mocha in the middle of the rain.

Linda Fox - July 18, 2023 at 04:08 PM

“ Burt the Bee  
“ the story”

*Bruce, Lori and myself were traveling together, driving from Waterloo, Iowa to Charleston South Carolina. Along our travels, we would stop, stretch our legs and take a walk. One day we stopped at a beautiful place and decided to have lunch. (Lori and Bruce, are always so prepared, went to the grocery store before our trip for sandwiches and snacks). As we were making our sandwich, there was a little bee buzzing around. And I said “Bruce I’m going to share a little bit of my honey ham with this bee, and put it on the opposite side of the table so he won’t bother us.” I tore off a very small piece of ham, it was small to me, and I put it on the other side of the table; then along came the . The Bee was investigating the small piece of ham and decided he really liked it. Apparently that piece was too big, so he proceeded to saw off an ultra small piece and then he flew away. Not more than two minutes he came back and cut another piece off. Well, that’s all it took for me, Bruce & Lori to be all up in that bees business. So we examined and follow the Bee very closely. We were all talking super nice to the bee. We welcomed him to our little picnic together and told him how happy we are to meet him. And then we told him, that he is a very beautiful bee. He must’ve came back-and-forth at least eight times. Bruce followed the bee to the tree. We wanted to know where the bee is going with that piece of ham; and why isn’t he eating it right here in front of us? We followed the bee to a particular tree and couldn’t find out exactly where on the tree he was going; but then he would buzz over back to the table empty-handed to get another piece. I will never forget watching Burt the bee saw off a piece of ham with his leg. It was pretty wild to see that. I will forever hold the adventure of Burt the bee with my besties; Bruce and Lori, in my heart . I’m sure the other “rest stoppers” thought we were crazy. I really felt like we were connecting with this Bee. And that will always stay with me.*

*BTW, there was a wasp by my windowsill yesterday. He buzzed a little bit and then left. *

**Roxanna Anderson** - July 18, 2023 at 02:10 PM

DG

“ Dawn G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce Troupe.

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**Dawn G.** - July 18, 2023 at 01:28 PM