



Clair Bruce

November 26, 1926 - April 23, 2024

CEDAR FALLS – Clair S. Bruce, 97, died on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home.

He was born on November 26, 1926, in Waterloo, IA, the son of James and Ellen (Hansen) Bruce. After the death of both of his parents in 1933, Clair and his brother, Doug, made their home with Anders and Ingeborg Iverson in Cedar Falls. Clair graduated from Cedar Falls High school and then joined the Army in 1945, honorably discharging in 1946. On April 30, 1949, he was united in marriage to Marilyn Kelley at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Cedar Falls. He was employed with the Plant Services at UNI, retiring in 1988.

Clair was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church. He was also a lifetime member of the Cedar Falls AMVETS Post #49 and serviced as post commander from 1982 to 1983. He was proud to be a part of the Honor Guard helping with many military funerals and was honored to join an Honor Flight to Washington D.C. in 2010. Clair especially loved all his visits and time spent with his family. He and Marilyn spent part of their married lives caring for older family members. He also enjoyed golfing and watching any sports.

Clair is survived by his wife of 75 years, Marilyn; sons, Douglas G. (Roxanne Stone) and James (Kathy) Bruce, both of Cedar Falls, and Steven (Nan Rogers) Bruce of Spokane, WA; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren;

and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Ellen Bruce and Anders and Ingeborg Iversen; brothers, Elvin and Douglas J. Bruce and Hubert and Guy Iverson; sisters, Hazel Cherry, Gladys Bruce, Frances Benitte, and Merle Iversen Heath; and daughters-in-law, Becky Bruce and Liz Sinclair.

Funeral mass will be 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Cedar Falls. Visitation will be 4:00-6:00 p.m. Monday, April 29th at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls and one hour prior to the service at church. A private family burial will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to St. Patrick Catholic Church, Cedar Falls AMVETS Post #49, or Cedar Valley Hospice.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **29**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

APR **30**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Saint Patrick Catholic Church
705 Main St
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Funeral Mass

APR **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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705 Main St
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Tribute Wall

MI

“ My husband, Judd would want to be there for Uncle Clair's funeral if he could. We have wonderful memories of the family celebrations he and Aunt Marilyn hosted whenever we visited Iowa. Our condolences to all the family. Judd and Mimi Iversen

Mimi Iversen - April 29, 2024 at 01:53 PM

LS

“ Love Brady & Shannon purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Clair Bruce.



Love Brady & Shannon - April 27, 2024 at 03:41 PM

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“ Love Brady & Shannon purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Clair Bruce.



Love Brady & Shannon - April 27, 2024 at 03:21 PM

SB

“ My grandpa, my everything. Rest In Peace, you'll always be right here with me in my heart.



Shannon Bruce - April 27, 2024 at 03:10 PM

TH

“ Clair as a great mentor and friend. He got me involved in the AMVETS post by running for office. Clair will be at Peace when he knows his family is at Peace. Thanks for your service Clair.

Tom Hagarty

Tom Hagarty - April 26, 2024 at 08:43 AM

FS

“ Dear Marilyn and Family,

My sympathy to you at the news of Clair's death. I have fond memories of him from my time as pastor at St. Patrick's. I especially remember his fondness for that blue (I think 1968) Chevrolet Malibu that he restored.



I am keeping him, and all of you, in my prayers. God grant him eternal rest.

Fr. Jim

Fr. Jim Secora - April 25, 2024 at 10:12 AM

LK

“ Old fashioned as in polite and courteous, upbeat and free. With Clair you were the attended. He provided the fun. Clair was the best there is to be. He will always be with me. Grateful for our Michigan Rummies too! from Kay Kofoed

Linda Kay Kofoed - April 25, 2024 at 09:18 AM