



David C. Bruns

March 23, 1954 - January 25, 2021

On Monday, January 25th, 2021, long time Cedar Falls resident, David C. Bruns, loving husband, father of two sons and grandfather of 8 children, entered into eternal life at the age of 66.

Dave was born on March 23rd, 1954 in Belmond, Iowa to Curtis and Bonnie (Larsen) Bruns. On May 5th, 1972 he married Barbara JoAnn Schmidt. They raised two sons, Nicholas and Daniel. He attended Hawkeye Technical College until 1973, studying mechanical design and machining. He was hired as a wage employee at John Deere in 1974 and retired as a machinist in 2012. Over the past year he worked part time at Ace Hardware in Cedar Falls. He was an active member of Jordan Crossing church, helping prepare and serve community meals on Friday nights, which helped support his gift of gab. Not only did Dave love spending time with his family, he had a passion for the outdoors and was an avid fisherman and hunter. He also enjoyed playing pool, card games, swimming, giving people a hard time, travelling, giving any dog around him treats, and trying to sing his favorite classic rock songs. When he wasn't busy working around his yard, helping neighbors (or anyone who needed a helping hand), he was attending his grandchildren's events (swim meets, trapshooting meets, volleyball, softball, baseball, basketball, or concerts) with a big smile. If you drove with Dave, you better have held on tight. He would spend more time looking at deer and pheasants in the field or sharing stories of how he caught this big fish while giving you hand motions with his right (sometimes both) hand(s). He didn't pay much attention to the

road, but he got to where he was going. It was rare to go anywhere with him and not run into someone he knew which turned into catch-up conversations. Not only did he give a lot, he never took anything from you besides some work. He lived by his values and always tried to do the right thing and be the best embodiment of a husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, neighbor, or friend.

His caring heart, loud laugh, one-word texts, building numerous birdhouses, ability to fix about anything with a couple well placed screws, and his zest for life will be greatly missed.

Dave was preceded in death by his father, Curtis, his mother, Bonnie, and three brothers, Leland, Dennis, and Douglas.

"Only one life, 'twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last".

He is survived by his wife Barbara, his brother Scott, his sister Becky, several extended family members, his two sons Nick (Stacy), Dan (Hailey), and 8 grandchildren; Kaleigh, Brody, Anna, Benjamin, Emily, Ellie, Claire and Robert.

A celebration of Dave's life will be held later this year.

Condolences may be sent to bjbruns321@gmail.com or brunsnd@gmail.com.

If desired, friends can direct contributions to the family in support of a memorial fund, which will be established at a later date.

Tribute Wall

JW

“ So sorry for your loss Barb. And family. You have our deepest sympathies. His journey is over. And now has gone HOME to be with our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen! You and your family are in our 🙏s!! RIP Dave❤️

James Wahner - February 02, 2021 at 01:45 PM



“ Absolutely great man. Worked with him a short time at Deere. Will still miss him.

Shane Babinat - January 30, 2021 at 02:57 AM

AL

“ Alan, Cristie, Johnathan, & Jordan Larsen purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of David C. Bruns.



Alan, Cristie, Johnathan, & Jordan Larsen - January 28, 2021 at 06:41 PM

TL

“ Our deepest condolence to Barb and the family. A big hole is in our hearts with the loss of Dave. A great friend and person. We will miss him more that words can say. Barb we hope the Lord wraps you and the family in his arms until you all find peace. We know he has Dave already. Rest now Dave your work is done. Just go fishing and catch the big one. Our love and sympathy to all,
Tom and Lorista

Tom and Lorista - January 28, 2021 at 08:46 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David C. Bruns.*



January 27, 2021 at 05:50 PM



“ *Only one life it will soon be passed only what's done for Christ will last. Dave turned his life around back to the Lord a couple of years ago. He became a faithful follower and got very involved back into the church. When he was diagnosed with Myasthenia gravis, an auto immune disease, it really humbled him and took him down to his knees and he rededicated his life to the Lord. Praise God, may God be glorified!*

Barb - January 27, 2021 at 12:00 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Family Pictures*



brunsnd - January 27, 2021 at 11:42 AM



“ *Our condolences to the entire Bruns family on the passing of Dave. Prayers to Nick and Stacy during this difficult time.
~ the Cawelti's*

Ryan & Kim Cawelti - January 27, 2021 at 11:38 AM

KL

“ Thoughts and prayers to the Bruns Family from the Luke Family.

Keith Luke - January 27, 2021 at 11:30 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of David C. Bruns.



January 27, 2021 at 10:26 AM

DL

“ There was nothing better than a Bruns Gathering! Dave was "head of the tribe"...teaching us all tons, always joining in the fun, & making sure we were always smiling. Barb, our deepest thoughts and prayers are with you. Hugs those grandbabies!



Dani Lamb - January 26, 2021 at 09:56 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of David C. Bruns.



January 26, 2021 at 08:02 PM

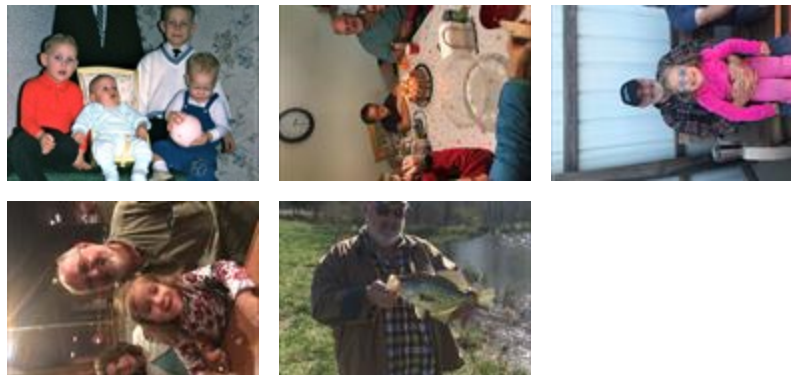


“ David was just 6 months old when I first met him. He was a happy baby and that carried thru his life...I don't recall a time when he didn't have a smile and a calming greeting. He was so proud of his grandkids and loved to share their accomplishments. I will miss our lengthy conversations, even though they weren't often, it was always fun to "catch up". It was an honor to be his Aunt. My love and sympathy to you, Barb, Nick and Dan

Shirley B. Strong - January 26, 2021 at 07:14 PM



“ 12 files added to the album Family Pictures



brunsnd - January 26, 2021 at 07:04 PM

CS

“ I remember Dave’s love for Bruce lee movies. If Barb was working, Dave would pop a brown grocery bag full of buttered popcorn, Pick me up and off to the drive end with Nick and Christopher we would go for the night. I took care of the little ones while he watched the movies.

carol kern sisterinlaw - January 26, 2021 at 06:56 PM

NI

I remember watching the 'Game of Death' and 'Enter the Dragon' one of those times!

Nick - January 26, 2021 at 07:27 PM

JE

My condolences to the Bruns family. Nick, Stacy and family my heart, thoughts and prayers go out to each of you.

Aunt JoAnn Muckey Erdman

JoAnn Erdman - January 27, 2021 at 04:04 PM

TM

Our thoughts are prayers are with you and your family Barb. Terrie Miller and Family

Terrie Miller - January 28, 2021 at 11:51 AM

RG

Me Tom & Dave were like the three Musketers of the swim buddy world twice a week. Its family loss to me also. Russell Gaede.

Russell Gaede - January 28, 2021 at 02:09 PM

RG

Barb, We didn't know each other. We met at your church's Friday night community meals. You have my sincere sympathies in the loss of Dave. I am one of many who he loved to give a had time to. May your love of God bring you peace and joy. I know he will be in your heart for ever. Avis Gaede

Russell Gaede - January 28, 2021 at 02:14 PM

SB

Our prayers to you Barb, Nick and Dan and your families. I know these past few weeks have been gut-wretched. Dave was a wonderful husband, father, grandpa, cousin and friend. I'm going to miss his e-mails and calls. May God give you some comfort. Steve and Karen Bruns

Steve Bruns - January 29, 2021 at 10:52 AM