



Dr Robert N. Bremner

April 13, 1928 - March 25, 2016

Dr. Robert (Bob) Bremner, 87, was promoted to Heaven on March 25, 2016, in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Dr. Bob was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on April 13, 1928. He married Myrna Russell on June 9, 1951.

He graduated from the University of Iowa Medical School in 1954 and began his practice as a family physician in Steamboat Rock. In 1957 he moved his family to Cedar Falls, where he joined Dr. Martin Erickson as a founding partner of Cedar Falls Medical Associates. He practiced there until his retirement in 1995. He was a founding member of Trinity Wesleyan Church, today known as Trinity Bible Church, since its beginning in 1968. He also loved making disciples and helped launch the Navigators collegiate ministry on the UNI campus in 1961.

Dr. Bob faithfully loved his wife of almost 65 years, loved his children and loved to practice medicine, but his greatest passion was knowing Christ and making Him known. To that end, God granted him much fruit.

Survived by: his wife, Myrna Bremner; his daughter, Cindy Bremner Howard of Brno, Czech Republic; his three sons, Ron (Diane) Bremner of Cedar Falls, Dr. Randy (Denise) Bremner of Decorah, Dr. Rick (Tracie) Bremner of Cedar Falls; his twelve grandchildren, Major Ryan (Julie) Howard, Sean (Leah) Howard, Tina (Seth) Unruh, Steph (Danny) Whipple, Ben Bremner, Rob Bremner, Dustin (Lauren) Bremner, Brian Bremner, Katie Bremner, Dawson

Bremner, Ellie Bremner Graham Bremner; as well as his eight great grandchildren; a brother, Retired Rear Admiral Bruce (Treva) Bremner of Colorado Springs, Co; and a sister Dora Elizabeth (Bremner) Isaac of New Virginia.

Preceded in Death by: a sister, Patty Jeanne Bremner in 1931; and two brothers, Dr. George W. "Bill" Bremner in 2007, and John Barron Bremner in 2012.

Memorial Service: 3:00 p.m., Saturday, April 2nd, at Trinity Bible Church. Visitation from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on April 1st, at Richardson Funeral Service, as well as one hour before the service on April 2nd at the church. There will be a private burial at Fairview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Bible Church or The Navigators (navigators.org).

With heartfelt appreciation to Cedar Valley Hospice, the Western Home Communities, and the nursing staff at the South Cottage, your selfless acts of lovingkindness brought us immeasurable comfort.

Condolences may be left at www.richardsonfuneralservice.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

12th and Division Streets
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 273-8628

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

APR 2. 3:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Bible Church
125 Orchard Drive
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 277-1377
<http://cedarfallstrinity.org>

Tribute Wall

CL

“ My mom's doctor, and Christian mentors to our family(Myrna was my Sunday school teacher in Cedar Falls, Iowa. My Mom Phyllis Madsen entered heaven's gates on June 5,2016. I'm forever grateful to this family. I am an RN in BURNSVILLE, Mn, and was delighted to find out(though one of our patients) that Dr Randy Bremner was her MD in Decorah, Iowa. Praise God for that blessing. Blessings to all of you, Sincerely, Claudia Madsen Lucas

Claudia Lucas - January 27, 2017 at 10:29 AM

RA

“ 2 files added to the album Funeral Folder details - Favorite verses and sayings of Dr Bob Bremner



Randy - April 23, 2016 at 11:06 PM

SC

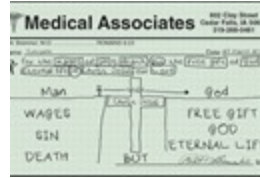
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Sean Conklin - April 23, 2016 at 10:00 PM



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Ronald Bremner - April 17, 2016 at 05:43 PM



Dad's ultimate prescription...

Ronald Bremner - April 17, 2016 at 05:46 PM



“ Upon hearing of Dr. Bob's promotion to heaven I was taken back to Oct. 17, 1969 when as a sophomore at UNI I first entered Dr. Bob and Myrna's basement for a Navigator event. Later that very night back in my dorm room I prayed a simple prayer and entered the Kingdom. It is a wonderful thing to contemplate the amazing transformation of countless lives because of one man's (couple's) vision, commitment, and obedience to God's call. Dr. Bob poured out his life to see generations of men and women faithfully following the One he loved best. I am so thankful to have known him. My heartfelt sympathy to Myrna, Cindy, Ron, Randy, Rick and their families.

Cindy Rice Redlinger

Cindy Redlinger - April 13, 2016 at 09:03 PM

RI

“ From David Vaagen

As a young Christian who was involved with the Navigator ministry from 1966-1970, I had a chance to see Dr. Bob work out 2Tim. 2:2 in action. That was a pivotal point in my life, I could have chosen life or death but it was the influence of Dr. Bob and the Navigator ministry that made me choose life. It made all the difference. God bless the memory of Dr. Bob.

Rick - April 07, 2016 at 09:03 AM

RI

“ Dr. Bremner delivered me, and was my family's Dr. his entire time at Medical Associates. It was always re-assuring to see him and receive his wise counsel. Our family thought a great deal of him. I went back to see him as an adult, many years later, when I lived away. It was a trying time in my life. I will never forget the time he spent with me during that visit, and still have the Bible verses and drawing he made for me on a Medical Associates notepad to encourage me. My condolences to his family.

Rick - April 07, 2016 at 09:03 AM

CA

“ My first remembered visit to a doctor was with "Doc" in sixth grade. He was my family doctor until retirement, and also assisted in Bible studies when I was involved with the church. He was a very compassionate, caring, devoted doctor who spent as much time with each patient as they needed, and I know the community was his spiritual playground that he encouraged everyone to play in the sandbox with him.

carol aswegen - April 07, 2016 at 03:44 AM

BR

“ As an ISU student in the mid 70s, when Dr. Bob was overseeing the Navs work in several states, I remember my classmate, Dr. Bob's son Ron, looking forward to going home for the break because he "could spend time talking with his Dad". As a young believer at the time, somehow that concept just wasn't in my life. He touched many in various ways. -Bruce Eichman

Bruce - April 06, 2016 at 04:39 AM



“ It is impossible to put into words what Dad put into my life. People have said that Dad loved to practice medicine, but I think the truth is that Dad loved people, and practicing medicine was one way that he could do that. But he also spent a lot of time with people individually, talking to them about their spiritual needs, or their medical needs, or simply talking about whatever they wanted to talk about.

I would have considered Dad to be a spiritual giant, but Dad never considered himself that way. He thought of himself as a sinner, who Jesus had washed. He often said that he was "just one beggar showing another beggar where to find bread".

Dad figured that he was trying to live the life that all of us should live, and Dad often commented on areas where he fell short. He wasn't perfect, but he knew that God's love covered those imperfections. I didn't see him compare himself with others, but he did try to help others become more like Jesus.

And the motivation for all of that was because he knew that Jesus loved him. He prayed because he knew that Jesus wanted to hear him pray, that He was actually listening. He spent time in the Word because he considered that God was speaking to him through those words, and he often came away with understanding that was just deep.

So what Dad put into my life, was his life. I miss him a lot.

Ronald Bremner - April 05, 2016 at 06:25 PM

CH

“ We are so sorry for your loss, Myrna, Ron, Randy, Rick, and Cindy-- but so happy for Doc's eternal home with his beloved saviour. Thanks to all of you for sharing him with me as a young Christian at UNI in the early '70's. As a college freshman some of us went to the Bremner home to dig out a spot for an egress window. I managed to have my foot pierced by a potato fork and got to experience Doc's medical skill as well! The exit window was being installed so young guys like me who had the privilege to live there would have a fire escape. What an experience. Doc was always encouraging and positive and believed in the worth of the individual in Christ. I can't imagine my life without the difference that was made during those few years absorbing Doc's love for scripture memory, prayer, and discipleship. I am very sorry I was unable to be there today, but will pray God's peace on you, Myrna, and family.

*Carroll and Kathy Hardy
Prole, Iowa*

Carroll Hardy - April 02, 2016 at 02:18 PM

DC

“ Todd and I are so sorry for your loss. We loved being in 2:7 with Dr. Bob and Myrna oh so many years ago , he truly cared about people following Jesus with all their heart. He taught us what discipleship was. What a great man of God who will be missed dearly by many. Todd and Debbie Christian

Debbie Christian - April 01, 2016 at 07:30 PM

PV

“ *What a blessing to have this kind, Christian doctor caring for my family for more than 30 years! Our children loved him and he never failed to find an answer for us. As time passed, our lives changed and my husband was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis; again we depended on Dr. Bremner to guide us, He stopped to check on George regularly and was always available to answer any questions. So with God's help and the care and concern of a loyal family doctor my husband was able to stay at home until he died in 2003. My prayers and my sympathy to Myrna and all of his family. My thanks to you for the sacrifices you made as you shared your husband and father with so many. God bless you! Pat Vogensen*

Pat Vogensen - April 01, 2016 at 05:22 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr Robert N. Bremner.*



April 01, 2016 at 02:21 PM

TM

“ *Thom and Teri McCumber, who once served as Nav reps under Dr. Bob's leadership at Drake University, remember Dr. Bob as a loving, kind and compassionate person, who passionately loved his Lord. We send our deepest condolences to Myrna and the family.*

Thom McCumber - April 01, 2016 at 11:18 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr Robert N. Bremner.*



April 01, 2016 at 10:56 AM



“ *My parents and I became patients of Dr. Bremner shortly after he moved to Cedar Falls and remained so until his retirement. He encouraged me when I chose to become a nurse. When I got married, he took on my husband as a patient and went on to care for our three children until they went off to college. I was so glad he delivered our oldest child and was disappointed when he no longer did deliveries. He was an awesome, wonderful Christian man and doctor. May God sustain you during this time and grant you His peace.*

Darlys Wiese

Darlys Wiese - April 01, 2016 at 10:36 AM



“ *I remember going to Dr. Bremner as a young boy. What a cool guy I thought he was. So friendly and dynamic (although I didn't know the word dynamic at that time). Sure was disappointed when he wasn't my doctor anymore. He was always a presence in our family though it seems. Then he and his wife became customers and he was still that guy I thought so much of. He was always almost larger than life. Definitely one of the good guys. What a huge presence he was. What a legacy. Jeff Koch*

Jeff Koch - April 01, 2016 at 08:37 AM

RI

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Rick - April 01, 2016 at 08:15 AM

PB

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Patty Bremner Brubaker - April 01, 2016 at 01:25 AM

PB

My introduction to "Apples to Apples". (and btw, Randy cheats! Ü)

Patty Bremner Brubaker - April 01, 2016 at 01:31 AM

PB

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Patty Bremner Brubaker - March 31, 2016 at 11:57 PM

PB

Uncle Bob Bremner, Aunt Patty Jean Bremner, and my dad, Bill Bremner are reunited in Heaven!

Patty Bremner Brubaker - April 01, 2016 at 01:30 AM

RB

Amazing picture. Don't think I've seen that one before. Wonder what they're up to now?

Rick Bremner - April 01, 2016 at 07:49 AM

PB

“ *Too many grand memories of my Uncle Bob to begin to be specific. He was SO faithful to my dad, his older brother, while my dad pre-journeyed the road Uncle Bob had to eventually go down. I can only thank Grandpa and Grandma Bremner for investing SO much of themselves. as they had no "money" to invest, in their kids, and bringing them up in the way of the Lord!*

LOVED Uncle Bob's "detours", as they always meant a trip to Dairy Queen, or Frosty Freeze, or the like! Ü I am consoled by the knowledge that I will be reunited with Uncle Bob, my dad, Grandma, Grandpa and meet my Aunt Patty Jean in Heaven some day - - and THEY have finished their journey here on earth, and were welcomed as "Good and faithful servants" into the place He went to prepare for us, and was Uncle Bob's, and the rests', ultimate destination. I will forever hear his voice and laughter in my mind. And oh yes, the "twinkle in his eye" that someone else mentioned. I love you Uncle Bob - - see you in "a blink of an eye", in eternity terms. <3

Patty Bremner Brubaker - March 31, 2016 at 11:52 PM

“ I first met Dr. Bob as a very young Christian while a junior in high school. At that time my older brother, who was involved in the Navigators at UNI, would invite me to travel up from La Porte City as much as I could to be a part of the Friday night Nav "rallies" hosted by Dr. Bob and Myrna in their spacious rec room in their basement. So, when I didn't have a conflict with my athletic events I took my brother up on his offer as much as I could. While attending those Nav "rallies" it was a rather common thing at some time during the night for Dr. Bob to make his way to me, wrap his arm around my shoulders and offer words of encouragement. It meant the world to me and very much fueled me to be a faithful Christ follower in a high school where Christ followers were rather rare.

Then the time came when I was in the Bremner household for those Nav "rallies" every Friday because I became an UNI student and a committed part of the Nav ministry there. During my four years at UNI there were countless times when I sought Dr. Bob's counsel and advice. He never turned me down or disappointed me. His help to me is impossible to measure. I was always amazed that a busy physician, husband and father would take time to encourage and love on a lowly college student like me.

In addition to Dr. Bob's personal time with me, I was very blessed during my UNI years (actually, blessed to this day) with a couple of other things I experienced from him. First, I remember seeing in his life a deep, deep love for God and His word. That was so contagious! And what blessed me then and now about that love for God and His word he demonstrated is that it always seemed to flow out of a sincere enjoyment of God. Not canned, Not forced. Not tacked on. Not fake. Not out of raw, emotionless obedience. But out of enjoyment of God's gracious fellowship. He loved his God and His eternal word.

The second blessing gleaned from Dr. Bob's life was his repeated reference to God's sovereignty in the lives of his people. God's in control. He governs all things. He's never asleep. He's never

surprised. He is using all things in my life for His glory and my good. What a contribution that made to my Christian foundation! I wasn't hearing or reading that theological/biblical truth at that time in my Christian life. But i heard it from Dr. Bob over and over again. And it worked! God drilled that conviction deep into my soul and my soul thanks God for it!

So, Myrna, Cindy, Ron, Randy and Rick thanks for the sacrifice you made to share your husband and father with me! I would not be the Christian man I am today had Dr. Bob not invested the immeasurable hours he did into my life.

*Tom Darnell
Nashville, TN*

Tom Darnell - March 31, 2016 at 04:48 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dr Robert N. Bremner.*



March 31, 2016 at 01:28 PM

RH

“ *What a godly man who loved Jesus, loved people, and loved to laugh (I will always remember that twinkle in his eyes!)*

Dr. Bob invested deeply in my parents' lives when they were a young married couple, my dad was starting out in his medical practice, and they were raising us kids. His investment in them greatly impacted my life and walk with Jesus. Then I was so blessed by my time at UNI getting to know him and Myrna (and their sons and families) even more. I can still remember when I first went in their home as a college student and saw their map of the world in the basement, with photos of individuals and families they prayed for all around it. It was touching to see there was my family when I was little (on there twice, actually!)

I so appreciated his heart to pour into college students, at that point, in his lat 60s, and I remember one night so many packed into their basement we barely had room to sit. The topic that night was aptly on the importance of God's Word in our lives - that was such a passion of Dr. Bob.

I deeply respected his walk with the Lord, and am thankful for when he and Myrna took time with me after my first term ministering in Japan, and was wrestling with a difficult situation in my life. His counsel, based on a strong view of God's sovereignty, enabled me to walk in faith and trust in God, and pass that on to others.

*Such a life well-lived. So thankful for his legacy.
Ruth Ann Hurd*

Ruth Ann Hurd - March 31, 2016 at 12:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr Robert N. Bremner.*



March 31, 2016 at 12:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr Robert N. Bremner.*



March 31, 2016 at 11:38 AM



“ *Dr Bremner was a model to me of Christlikeness from the first time I met him in the 60's until now. He was my mentor, supervisor and friend. His quiet, consistent Christ-centered demeanor was what I needed in my early years. Plus, he had a great sense of humor and we laughed--a lot! Thank you, Lord for bringing Dr Bremner into Alma's and my lives and so many others. Scott Morton, Colorado.*

Scott Morton - March 31, 2016 at 10:49 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dr Robert N. Bremner.*



March 31, 2016 at 10:40 AM

JS

“ I have had the privilege of knowing Bob for almost 40 years. To me, he embodied the essence of a loving and kind husband, Dad, and servant. As my family experienced some personal hardships a few years back, Bob imparted wise and loving balm to our souls. And while I appreciate so much of the family - and have heard so many great stories!- my special love, affection, and tribute goes to Cindy and her family. Like Cindy, I truly love and adore my earthly Dad, who went to be with the Lord almost 8 years ago. I had the privilege of giving both Ryan and Sean voice lessons during their high school years. And I will be forever grateful to Cindy for walking along side me as lived through the battle of cancer. What a forever, faithful friend!

Thank you, Bob! You have lived a legacy that continues into the second, third, and now the fourth generation! And I have been privileged to live in your realm of God's glory!

Praying for your family and praising Jesus!

All our love and prayers,

June Schmidt

June Schmidt - March 31, 2016 at 10:30 AM

AM

“ sorry to hear of my long time Doctor home going Our condolences to All the family He was a special person with a God given gift

Al and Shirley Meester - March 31, 2016 at 09:52 AM

RB

“ from Wendy Van Gorp -
Yesterday at 07:41 AM

My prayers are with you all at this difficult time. The first day I came to the clinic I felt this was different from any place I had worked, such a Christian caring atmosphere. I was to find out this was the seed of your dad. He was an amazing man. I always enjoyed seeing him and your mom at Panera. He never failed to ask how work was and thank me for working there even though he was long retired. You have a great legacy.

Rick Bremner - March 30, 2016 at 09:20 PM

RB

“ From Curtis Archer - Yesterday at 09:29 PM

There are not words that could really say what Dr. Bob gave to me. Four years of inspiration during college, challenge to make the Word Of God my guide. Having to be in it every day, has served to keep me pursuing Jesus. The only thing I know for sure is that he and Myrna gave me the start I needed (even an art major) We can all praise God for the vision that gave fruit for his life, as he sacrificed for others. His legacy is people who have come to Christ and made Christ Lord.

Rick Bremner - March 30, 2016 at 09:19 PM

RB

“ From Jim Levitt
March 28, 9:01 PM

I'll always be grateful for how Jesus used Dr. Bob and Myrna's hospitality in my life. I had the privilege of living in their home as a young student converted under the Navigators, sharing meals around the table with Cindy, Ron, Randy, and Rick. It was a great insight into the dynamics of a family shaped by Jesus and the Bible. I experienced 1 Thessalonians 2:8 in action and will never forget those days. They were very formative for me and critical in my journey to Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and my service as a pastor from 1977 to the present. I thank Jesus for what he gave me through the whole Bremner family!

Rick Bremner - March 30, 2016 at 09:18 PM

RB

“ From Kimberly Miller

3 days ago

"My thoughts and prayers to the family. He was my doctor for several years until he retired. Dr. Bremner was a very compassionate kind and patient doctor who took the time to listen. Always greeted you with a smile."

Rick Bremner - March 30, 2016 at 09:15 PM

RB

“ From Richard & Inge Huston

3 days ago

"Early in our ministry and at the beginning of our marriage we met Dr. Bob and Myrna. Their love, example and godly counsel was much appreciated and I had never met a doctor with so much Biblical wisdom. Even though I was part of the pastoral staff at Dr. Bob's church, I learned far more Biblical truth from Dr. Bob than I imparted to him or others. I am so grateful to the Bremner family that they were so willing to take time and share their lives with so many."

Rick Bremner - March 30, 2016 at 09:13 PM

RB

“ From Thelma Jones

3 days ago

"You all are in my thoughts & prayers at this very difficult time. I had the privilege of working at the hospital in the 70's & 80's with Dr. Bremner. What a wonderful, caring Dr. Always had a smile & a good word for us all. May you all feeling God's Loving arms around you."

Rick Bremner - March 30, 2016 at 09:11 PM

RB

“ From Dr. Jonathan L. Lu

"What a sad news to learn the passing away of our beloved Dr. Bob! I am still in China, teaching and preaching, the circumstances prevented me from being there in person; although I am pretty much wishing to be there to see my beloved Christian saint at Richardson 's. I will forward the sad news to my wife who is alone in Taiwan. Am sure that she will suffer the same feeling."

Rick Bremner - March 30, 2016 at 09:09 PM

LM

“ Dr. Bremner was our doctor for many years and he was the best, always caring and helpful with our medical needs. If he didn't have an answer, he always looked the medical problem up in a book to find the answer. We appreciated the fact that he was a Christian also. Our sympathies are extended to the whole family.

*Larry and Connie Mullins
Waterloo*

Larry & Connie Mullins - March 30, 2016 at 03:30 PM

LF

“ Dr Bremner was my family doctor and delivered three of my four children. One of them he went home for supper and missed the whole delivery. When my son was born and was a blue as the blanket around him, he come to the hospital before leaving for conference to make sure my son was taken care of. When he retired it took my a long time to find a doctor I would just say my doctor retired. His prayers and love will never be forgotten in my family. My prayers and sympathy are with the family.

Lynda Figi

Lynda Figi - March 30, 2016 at 12:28 PM

BL

“ When I began work at MACF, it was a part time fill-in position and Dr. Bob was the first physician I worked with. From that first moment I experienced his kindness and wisdom. Later, as nursing supervisor I always told newly hired nurses how unique MACF was because the providers lived their faith each day in the way they treated both their patients and their staff. And I gave Dr. Bob the credit for fostering that. When my husband retired as fire chief, Dr. Bob and Myrna came to his retirement party. It meant so much that they took time out of their busy lives to join us, I have always had the utmost respect and affection for Dr. Bob, a wise and gentle man. We share your grif in his loss and your joy that he is with God.

Bev and Art Lupkes

Bev and Art Lupkes - March 30, 2016 at 10:47 AM

GT

“ I, too, lived with the Bremners in 1970 and enjoyed Bob's fatherly leadership while on staff here in the Midwest. My favorite memory is reviewing verses together when he was called to the ER. He chatted with me all the way and told me to wait in the hallway. When he returned, he continued our conversation at the precise point that he had left! I had to ask for a summary of what he had just done. He said he had "patched up an accident victim" and continued the prior discussion. Here is a man of focus, totally in the now. He told me at one time, you can work harder, longer, or faster; or work smarter.

Thank you for sharing your Dr. Bob and family with us!

Gene & Leellyn Tuel, KU Navs ISM

Gene Tuel - March 30, 2016 at 10:35 AM

RB

Gene, Thanks for sharing your memories. As you are well aware, dad rarely did anything without finding a buddy to bring along, so he could invest in such relationships whenever the opportunity arose.

He treasured the time with guys such as yourself, and I'm sure he benefited as much from you, as he tried to be of encouragement. He often reminisced about the funs times in their home, as well as the one-on-one times. Thanks for being a significant part of his journey.

Randy Bremner - March 30, 2016 at 11:47 AM

JN

“ *Jim and Beth Luebe and the Collegiate Navigators purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Dr Robert N. Bremner.*



Jim and Beth Luebe and the Collegiate Navigators - March 29, 2016 at 05:16 PM



“ You may recall that I spent a month in the Spring of 1970 with Dr. Bob as a senior medical student. It was a memorable month in experiencing his enthusiasm for his work and the Lord. We spent almost every hour together that month and his affirmation and confidence in me to do what otherwise I would not have done was amazing. Subsequently, I trained in Pediatrics in the US Army and have never forgotten that I can do more than I ever thought possible. Dr. Bob's classical statement was that, "I would be happy even if all I ever did was be a big toenail doctor." His enthusiasm was contagious as was yours, Myrna, when Pat (my first wife who passed away from complications of Parkinson's and I have been blessed beyond belief to be remarried to Gail for the past 10 years) and I spent that month with you living in the house with Alice VanZante. Thank you for your generous sharing of Dr. Bob with me for that month. You have been an amazing wonderful couple together and a great light for our Lord. I will truly miss Dr. Bob as you both have come to my thoughts many times these past 46 years. Bless you in this time of loss.

Dave & Gail Simon

Ronald Bremner - March 29, 2016 at 04:19 PM

RB

“ *Your dad was a man of faith, a man of the Word and a man who walked deeply with God. Truly a hero to myself and so many others. He was a tremendous encourager who pointed me towards Jesus. You, Tracie, Bob and Myrna were the primary people God used to have us join Nav staff in 1998. Beth and I are forever grateful. We both remember your dad teaching us to ladder our own Bibles! May the God of all comfort grant you His peace and His strength as you grieve the loss of your dad. We grieve but not as those who have no hope. Hallelujah*

(Written by Jim Luebe, US Navigators)

Rick Bremner - March 29, 2016 at 03:33 PM

“ *Dr. Bob Bremner, Influencer of Men and Women for Life-long Laboring,*
(written by Bob Trautman)

As a high school senior preparing to enter the university I was concerned that my life would be drawn closer to the Lord at the university. I had heard many stories about students who had gone to college and their lives and faith had been destroyed.

I prayed that my faith in Jesus Christ would grow as a result of my time spent at the university. God answered my prayers in a way that I had never dreamed. I met a fellow student who impressed me with his practical knowledge of the Scriptures. His name was Chuck Strittmatter. It was through him that I was introduced to Dr. Bob Bremner and his wife, Myrna. They invited students over to their home on Sunday nights for pizza and ping pong in their basement.

During my freshman year I was invited to meet with Dr. Bob at his office at his medical clinic. I walked into the waiting area and noticed that there were twenty to thirty patients waiting to see Dr. Bremner. I thought to myself, “why would a medical doctor want to spend time with a freshman student like me when he has all these patients waiting to see him?” It wasn’t more than 5 minutes before Dr. Bob came out to the waiting area and said, “Bob, come with me back to my office.” I followed him back to his office. We talked for some time. I don’t remember all that we talked about but one statement that he made to me stayed with me over the years. He said, “Bob, I want you to know that if you have any need or any questions, I am available to you 24-7. Don’t hesitate to call me.”

I remember Dr. Bob would stop by my dorm room in the evenings to see how I was doing and to chat. He invited me to be in a Bible study with him, some businessmen and students at 6:00 a.m. once a week in his basement. I remember many times when Dr. Bob would show up for the Bible study when he had been up all night delivering a baby. This showed he was willing to sacrifice his life to invest in the lives of men.

Dr. Bob would spend weekends driving us students to conferences where we could meet and fellowship with other men who were committed to reaching men for Christ, helping them become disciple and makers of disciples.

As a young Christian when I arrived at the university I didn't know how to lead a person to Christ or how to lead a Bible study. God used Dr. Bob to equip me so that I was able to lead students to Christ, help them grow in their spiritual walk, and train them in equipping others. Dr. Bob's life and investment in me changed my life from a struggling young Christian to a victorious and fruit bearing maker of disciples. And now after more than 47 years of ministry, I continue to pass on the things that Dr. Bob taught me. I give God thanks, praise and glory for placing Dr. Bob and Myrna Bremner in my life. What an example and blessing they have been to me as well as to my family!

*Bob & Connie Trautman
Navigator Staff, Colorado Springs, CO*

Rick Bremner - March 29, 2016 at 03:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr Robert N. Bremner.*



March 29, 2016 at 10:07 AM

TF

“ Dr. Bob was great, he was so easy to talk to. I will never forget him rushing into the delivery room at Sartory when my second daughter was born, he asked the nurse if he had time to change and she said no the baby was coming right now, after he delivered Danielle he told me and my wife that if we would have waited until noon he could not have delivered her, I asked him why and he said that he had decided to give up delivering babies and noon was when his insurance ran out. It had to feel good to him that he had delivered my wife and then both our girls. God bless him and his Family

Tony French

Tony French - March 29, 2016 at 07:03 AM

SH

“ What a testimony to the grace and power of Christ in the life of one of His servants. I thank God He used Dr. Bob in my life during the formative years in my walk with Him. Thank God for His indescribable gift! And Bob's testimony to that gift. Steve Havener MD Mission, Texas.

Steve and Janine Havener - March 29, 2016 at 06:27 AM

RB

Steve, I appreciate your investment in my life while you were in medical school. Still not sure how you did that but am grateful

Rick Bremner - March 29, 2016 at 07:43 AM

SP

“ Words can not express the joy that Linda and I have because of our short seven years of sharing life and ministry with this wonderful man of God. We are better servants because of his wisdom, instruction, and love. We love and miss all of you and we know that God is wrapping His arms of love around each of you during these days. What a grand reunion we have to look forward to in heaven one of these days. Steve and Linda Packer

Steve and Linda Packer - March 29, 2016 at 05:42 AM

RB

“ For the past 8 months I would go over to the South Cottage (dementia unit) and have lunch with my dad. Many days he would greet me with a smile from ear to ear. Some days I needed to help feed him. Almost everyday dad fed me spiritually. We would read a devotion together and if I was patient enough he would give me something to think about for the day.

Dad didn't teach me to how fish, hunt, play sports (my brother did that), or change the oil in my car. What he did was taught me how to have a personal relationship with Jesus and for that I will be eternally grateful.

Rick Bremner - March 28, 2016 at 10:08 PM

WR

Rick, you were taught how to be a blessing from the times I remember you as just a little tyke. Your Mom and Dad were the guiding light not only in your life, but in many of us who came to know and love them. Walt Rice

walt Rice - March 30, 2016 at 08:28 AM

LP

“ Dr. Bob was influential in my life when I was in college in Cedar Falls. I came to know Christ in college and I can still remember Dr. Bob and Myrna opening up their home to college kids in the Navigators...and I remember the impact he had on me 40 years ago. His love of God's word and his passion to share it with others continues to challenge me today. My thoughts and prayers are with Myrna and the family! LeAnn

LeAnn Paulsen - March 28, 2016 at 04:46 PM

NS

“ The memories I have with Bob are something that I will treasure for the rest of my life.

I only knew Bob for a short time, but I am happy that I was able to meet him.

I don't think Bob was able to appreciate the positive impact he made on the Cedar Valley. He was too darn humble. Bob is still making a positive impact on the Cedar Valley and the world at large through the doctors and nurses he inspired. Just being around him would inspire you to be a better person.

Bob set out to do good in this world and he did it. That is the thing that I think I will remember most about Bob. "...You shall love your neighbor as yourself"-Matthew 22:39, Bob took this as a challenge. And I don't think Bob ever met someone who he didn't believe to be his neighbor.

Bob had a gift, anyone who ever met him could see it. But I think those of us who had the privilege to have this man in our life received the greater gift.

Ill see you again some day my friend

Nathan Studnicka - March 28, 2016 at 04:45 PM

RB

Thank you for spending the late evening with our family. It meant a great deal to all of us and sharing your connection to dad.

Rick Bremner - March 28, 2016 at 08:10 PM

RB

Nate, You were the just right man at just the right time to play a significant role in my dad's life when he needed it the most. In 1 Samuel 23:16 (New Living Translation), it describes a similar relationship between two other men, when it says...

"Jonathan went to find David and encouraged him to stay strong in his faith in God..." Thanks so much for being such an encouraging friend to our dad in his final days.

Randy Bremner - March 28, 2016 at 08:35 PM



Nate, what Randy and Rick said above are true. The stories you told us about Dad we really appreciated, and I've told some of them to my kids. I'm praying that God will bless your life, as you have blessed ours.

*Thanks again,
Ron*

Ronald Bremner - March 28, 2016 at 11:37 PM

Jl

“ *Jill lit a candle in memory of Dr Robert N. Bremner*



Jill - March 28, 2016 at 04:01 PM

Jl

“ *Jill lit a candle in memory of Dr Robert N. Bremner*



Jill - March 28, 2016 at 03:39 PM

BT

“ *I took care of Dr. Bob while working as a nurse in South Cottage. I've never met someone who's had such a huge impact in my life; he battled such a heartbreaking disease but he never lost his Faith. His smile brightened my day and he was such a kind hearted human being. He helped me find myself in my Fauth and for that I'm forever grateful. I'm blessed to call you my friend; fly high Dr. Bob, I'll be seeing you again some day.*

brooke taylor - March 28, 2016 at 12:27 PM

RB

Thank you Brooke for showing my dad the unconditional love of Christ!

Rick Bremner - March 28, 2016 at 01:01 PM

ME

“ *To the family of Dr. Bremner ... He was our family doctor for years. He made a house call to my Grandma Eastman shortly after he arrived in Cedar Falls. He remained my family doctor until I moved to Saint Louis in 1988. He was also with me and my family at Sartori Hospital when my father passed away at the young age of 59. He level of compassion was unmeasurable. He was a great man who helped hundreds of patients during his career. Godspeed to you Dr. Bremner! - Michael Eastman Saint Louis, MO*

Michael Eastman - March 28, 2016 at 10:13 AM

GD

“ I got the honor of meeting Dr. Bremner when I first started at Medical Assoc. in Cedar Falls. Every day he would greet you by name and "ask how is your day going?" If he seen you outside of work he did the same making sure he made your day brighter. Those were great days working at Medical Assoc. with the 3 Dr. Bremner's . I am very sorry for your loss he was a very kind and gentle man and touched so many in so many ways.

Gina & Bryan Destival

Gina & Bryan Destival - March 28, 2016 at 09:21 AM

DD

“ To the family of Dr. Bremner, I am so sorry for your loss. He was my doctor as a little girl. I will always remember how gentle and kind he was. He will be forever in my heart. Diana (Ackerson) Duitsman.



Diana Duitsman - March 28, 2016 at 08:32 AM

JS

“ His medical ministry was the most gentle, and constant of anyone we knew, both in office, and in care centers where he served!

Jean Sackett - March 28, 2016 at 08:24 AM

MG

“ Such heartbreaking news to hear of the passing of our dear friend and neighbor Dr. Bremner. Its hard to imagine the countless number of lives he touched in so many positively wonderful ways. One of our favorite recollections is of Dr. Bremner and my father sitting on their John Deere lawn tractors under a shade tree, like two wise old farmers, solving the problems of the world. His name comes up frequently in the halls and operating rooms of Sartori Hospital as a most kind, gentle, caring, competent, and beloved physician who was universally admired and respected. I hope there is comfort in the pure knowledge that heaven's rejoicing will ease the sorrow of our loss. His was a life well-lived and his great earthly works will never be forgotten.

With much love and most heartfelt condolences to the Bremner family,

Matt Glascock

matt glascock - March 28, 2016 at 01:03 AM

RB

Thank you Matt....

Rick Bremner - March 28, 2016 at 08:24 AM



Thanks Matt, really appreciate your comments. I think they did enjoy their times 'farming' together.

Ronald Bremner - March 28, 2016 at 11:40 PM

BB

“ *Bev Carney Bahlmann lit a candle in memory of Dr Robert N. Bremner*



Bev Carney Bahlmann - March 27, 2016 at 10:07 PM

BB

“ *What a wonderful Man ! He was my doctor growing up, until he retired. He was very kind and caring . Heaven has gained a wonderful angel . My family all went to him . Blessings and prayers to your family.*

Bev Carney Bahlmann - March 27, 2016 at 10:07 PM

DB

“ *De Bremner lit a candle in memory of Dr Robert N. Bremner*



De Bremner - March 27, 2016 at 09:36 PM

RB

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. We all know that he will be rejoicing in heaven. He was a great man of God. Who taught many about the love of God. Prayers for the family at this sad moment , but also a happy one, knowing he's gone on to the best place ever. God Bless*

Rose Burt - March 27, 2016 at 08:48 PM

RB

He had a lot of Jesus in him...thanks Rose.

Rick Bremner - March 27, 2016 at 08:56 PM

JD

“ My heart goes out to all of your family during this time. I remember when I first started at Medical Associates how unbelievably kind he was. If I met him in the hall he would ask how long I had been at the clinic. It didn't matter if it had been 3 months or 2 years, but he would express his appreciation and say how glad he was that I worked there. He had no idea how much that meant to me. He was an example of grace and humbleness and a true reflection of Christ to others. Our prayers are with you that He will give you peace that passes all understanding today and in the days ahead.

Joy and Jim Dale

Joy Dale - March 27, 2016 at 08:36 PM

JC

“ Very few doctors like him any more. He was a very compassionate and giving person He will be greatly missed and remembered with love <3

Jodi Clark - March 27, 2016 at 07:51 PM

Teri
Lynn

“ *Dr Robert Bremner brought me into this world in February of 1965. I was premature and later diagnosed with Spina Bifida. My Mom thought very highly of Dr. Bremner for his guidance and care of raising a child with a birth defect. At the age of 23 I had to make a few very hard decisions on the care of my 48 year old Mother that was battling ovarian cancer. I never would have been able to make these difficult choices without the guidance and care of Dr. Robert Bremner!! Thank you for letting her pass with dignity..I receive that same "Bremner" guidance and care from his son Rick . You will be greatly missed Dr. Robert Bremner.*



Teresa Jorgensen

Teri Lynn - March 27, 2016 at 07:18 PM

RF

“ *Dr. Bremner was our favorite family doctor for many years. We began seeing him when he opened his practice in Cedar Falls. Unfortunately we had to switch when JD changed insurance plans. We was admired by all and will be missed. Bob Hansen and Mike Hansen*

Roxanne Fuller - March 27, 2016 at 06:34 PM

DC

“ To the family and friends of Dr. Bob Bremner. Dr. Bob, as most of us called him, encouraged so many of us with his words of spiritual wisdom. He was a walking Commentary on the Bible. Oh yes, he knew the Medical side of life. but to him, the Jesus part was always more important. He was the Dr. to my own Father. Dr. Bob served on the Iowa Mn. District Board of Administration when I was elected District Supt., In that capacity, he was faithful to the Lord, to the Church, and to the District. He was kind and patient with those he ministered to. There are dozens of people that are in the Ministry today because of his influence. Knowing Dr. Bob, he would now say, go easy on the accolades and give God all the Glory. Donald and Hazel Calhoun, Brooksville, FL.

Donald Calhoun - March 27, 2016 at 06:25 PM

RB

My father had great admiration and respect for your leadership as a DS.

Rick Bremner - March 27, 2016 at 06:40 PM

RB

Probably not theologically correct, however I have been telling people Dad had a lot of Jesus in him.

Rick Bremner - March 27, 2016 at 08:06 PM

DO

“ Dr Bremner was not only a great Dr, but a very compassionate person. When my oldest child was 5 she needed her tonsils out. I was divorced with no health insurance. He told me not to worry about it, scheduled and preformed the procedure.. When the bill came, he had done his part for free. All I had to pay was the hospital for use of the operating room. Sympathies to all of his family.

Donna - March 27, 2016 at 05:55 PM

PN

“ *My deepest Sympathy to you all. Dr. Bob was my dr. for many years and when he retired I was not a happy camper, but I was glad he was able to retire and enjoy it. May God keep you all in his loving arms now and always.
Love and Hugs, Pat Nieman*



Pat Nieman - March 27, 2016 at 04:57 PM

SC

“ *FYI - Just found link to podcasts of 14 messages preached by "Dr Bob" Bremner over the years via his involvement with the Navigator ministry. May God reproduce many more people willing to pursue a personal relationship with God like he faithfully did for so many years - http://www.discipleshiplibrary.com/search.php?a=0&e=1&m=0&n=0&p=0&s=last_name&t=LAST%20NAME*

Sean Conklin - March 27, 2016 at 04:30 PM

SC

Correction - > Link to the podcasts of 14 messages preached by "Dr Bob" Bremner is the following - <http://www.discipleshiplibrary.com> , and insert 'bremner' under search engine in upper right corner of the website.

Sean Conklin - March 27, 2016 at 04:34 PM

CP

“ *Dr. Bob Bremner was an anchor to the Navigator work at UNI when I got saved. I have found memories of him, his family and the meetings we had at his house near campus. The earth is poorer now but heaven is far richer with this GEM of God.*

Carl Possehl - March 27, 2016 at 04:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr Robert N. Bremner.*



March 27, 2016 at 04:09 PM



“ *I saw Dr. Bremner often as a child and then I got to renew a friendship with him when I worked at the Western Home Communities. He was usually the first one awake in the building and you could find him most mornings in the exercise room, getting his 10,000 daily steps done before anyone else was starting their day. He told me some stories about his practice over the years, and he had a very unique sense of humor.*

My condolences go out to his family during this time. Dr. Bremner was definitely one of a kind, and he'll be missed by many, many people in the Cedar Valley.

Barbara Overmann - March 27, 2016 at 03:01 PM



“ *Thanks "Doc" for being Jesus with skin on. Your friendship and guidance through the years is without compare. You were truly one of a kind. Godspeed. Mark & Joyce Peterson*

mark peterson - March 27, 2016 at 02:37 PM

KL

“ Our hearts go out to Myrna and family in the passing of Dr. Bob. We will always remember his warm and caring spirit, his love for people, and his treasured wisdom. Hebrews 13:7 comes to mind and fully applies as we think of Dr. Bob, "Remember those who led you, who spoke the Word of God to you, and considering the outcome of their way of life, imitate their faith." We were so blessed to know and be mentored by him and will continue to carry his teaching and the example of his life with us. We are praying for your comfort and encouragement in Christ.

Keith and Sue Lindaman

Keith and Sue Lindaman - March 27, 2016 at 01:31 PM

RB

Love that verse Keith! We've been challenged as a family thinking about imitating Dad's faith. As you know, he loved spending time with Jesus. Thank you.

Rick Bremner - March 27, 2016 at 03:43 PM

WR

Am reminded of Psalms 116:15, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Our loss is heaven's gain. Could never tell the depth of gratitude I have for the guidance and challenge to be in the Word, in Prayer, in Fellowship, and in Witnessing. You may recognize the Wheel there. My love and prayers are with all of you Bremners; May God give you strength for this hour. My best to Myrna, Cindy and the boys,

Walt Rice

Walt Rice - March 27, 2016 at 06:02 PM



Keith, thanks for your comments, they're an encouragement ! God has been incredibly faithful to our family through this entire journey. He has also brought so many verses to mind that seem appropriate. One of them was John 13:1

'Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.'

Dad did the same, as long as he was able. He loved people, and he loved Jesus, until the end.

Thanks again for your encouragement,

Ron

Ronald Bremner - March 27, 2016 at 10:49 PM

CC

“ *We share our condolences with the Bremner family. We met Bob's brother Barron years ago while an athlete at Cornell College. Later, Randy delivered two of our sons and we later met Rick as well. The reflection of the wonderful impact Bob had on his family was seen each and every day. We are comforted knowing that Bob is with our Father in heaven. May God comfort you all in this difficult time.*

Chris and Beth Champ and family

Chris Champ - March 27, 2016 at 11:21 AM

MH

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of your dad, husband, and grandfather. He was a wonderful man and I know you will miss him. I know you have great memories also that will help you as you grieve. You are in my thoughts. Love from Mary Howard*

Mary Howard - March 27, 2016 at 09:34 AM

LS

I remember the pure joy on his face and twinkle in his eyes when he learned Terry had accepted Jesus as his Savior, he said to me "Lori, do you know that all the angels in heaven are rejoicing?!!!" And hugged me. Thanks for sharing your husband/dad with my family and !!! Love, Lori Schoppe

lori schoppe - March 27, 2016 at 08:25 PM

AJ

Dr. Jonathan L. Lu asked me (Alice J.) to forward his condolence and good wishes to Myrna and the family.

"What a sad news to learn the passing away of our beloved Dr. Bob! I am still in China, teaching and preaching, the circumstances prevented me from being there in person; although I am pretty much wishing to be there to see my beloved Christian saint at Richardson 's. I will forward the sad news to my wife who is alone in Taiwan. Am sure that she will suffer the same feeling."

Alice Janssen - March 27, 2016 at 10:21 PM

TJ

You all are in my thoughts & prayers at this very difficult time. I had the privilege of working at the hospital in the 70's & 80's with Dr. Bremner. What a wonderful, caring Dr. Always had a smile & a good word for us all. May you all feeling God's Loving arms around you.

Thelma Jones - March 27, 2016 at 10:57 PM

RH

Early in our ministry and at the beginning of our marriage we met Dr. Bob and Myrna. Their love, example and godly counsel was much appreciated and I had never met a doctor with so much Biblical wisdom. Even though I was part of the pastoral staff at Dr. Bob's church, I learned far more Biblical truth from Dr. Bob than I imparted to him or others. I am so grateful to the Bremner family that they were so willing to take time and share their lives with so many.

Richard & Inge Huston - March 28, 2016 at 07:04 AM

KM

My thoughts and prayers to the family. He was my doctor for several years until he retired. Dr. Bremner was a very compassionate kind and patient doctor who took the time to listen. Always greeted you with a smile.

Kimberly Miller - March 28, 2016 at 08:28 AM

JL

I'll always be grateful for how Jesus used Dr. Bob and Myrna's hospitality in my life. I had the privilege of living in their home as a young student converted under the Navigators, sharing meals around the table with Cindy, Ron, Randy, and Rick. It was a great insight into the dynamics of a family shaped by Jesus and the Bible. I experienced 1 Thessalonians 2:8 in action and will never forget those days. They were very formative for me and critical in my journey to Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and my service as a pastor from 1977 to the present. I thank Jesus for what he gave me through the whole Bremner family!

Jim Levitt - March 28, 2016 at 09:01 PM

CA

There are not words that could really say what Dr. Bob gave to me. Four years of inspiration during college, challenge to make the Word Of God my guide. Having to be in it every day, has served to keep me pursuing Jesus. The only thing I know for sure is that he and Myrna gave me the start I needed (even an art major) We can all praise God for the vision that gave fruit for his life, as he sacrificed for others. His legacy is people who have come to Christ and made Christ Lord.

Curtis Archer - March 28, 2016 at 09:29 PM

WG

My prayers are with you all at this difficult time. The first day I came to the clinic I felt this was different from any place I had worked, such a Christian caring atmosphere. I was to find out this was the seed of your dad. He was an amazing man. I always enjoyed seeing him and your mon at Panera. He never failed to ask how work was and thank me for working there even though he was long retired. You have a great legacy.

Wendy Van Gorp - March 29, 2016 at 07:41 AM

RB

Wendy, Thanks for your kind words. I frequently teased dad after his retirement that he should open a coffee shop, so that he would have an excuse to interact with patients again, as so many had become dear friends that he missed seeing after his retirement. He loved people, and he loved God like few have known.

Randy Bremner - March 29, 2016 at 07:50 PM



Dr. Bremner delivered me, and was my family's Dr. his entire time at Medical Associates. It was always re-assuring to see him and receive his wise counsel. Our family thought a great deal of him. I went back to see him as an adult, many years later, when I lived away. It was a trying time in my life. I will never forget the time he spent with me during that visit, and still have the Bible verses and drawing he made for me on a Medical Associates notepad to encourage me. My condolences to his family.

D - April 01, 2016 at 06:15 AM



As a young Christian who was involved with the Navigator ministry from 1966-1970, I had a chance to see Dr. Bob work out 2Tim. 2:2 in action. That was a pivotal point in my life, I could have chosen life or death but it was the influence of Dr. Bob and the Navigator ministry that made me choose life. It made all the difference. God bless the memory of Dr. Bob.

David Vaagen - April 04, 2016 at 03:46 PM

RP

I have the fondest of memories of Dr. Bob whom I knew when I was a student at SCI in the mid 60's. Dr. Bob was always kind and had a warm smile, and he once loaned me his car for a weekend when I was going to hitchhike home. What a pleasant and generous person he was!

Russell Pokorny - February 11, 2017 at 04:45 PM