



Bruce Brinkman

October 1, 1951 - November 1, 2009

Bruce Brinkman, age 58, of Carroll, Iowa, died early Sunday, November 1, 2009, at his residence following a 4 ½ year battle with cancer. Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 A.M., Wednesday, November 4, 2009, at St. Lawrence Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Father Timothy Schott, assisted by Deacon Gary Schon. Homilist will be Deacon Gary Schon. Lector will be Donna Goeman. Gift Bearers will be his sister, Renee Kramer, and brother, Perry Brinkman. Soloist will be Joan Sweeney. Eucharistic Ministers will be Jerri Rogers and Larry Kahnke. Honorary Pallbearer will be Brad Coulter. Casket Bearers will be Al Ausborn, Ralph Bock, Ed Dewey, Bruce Jones, Kraig Klopfenstein, and Tom Quandt. Burial will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll. Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 3:30 P.M. Tuesday. A rosary will be prayed at 4 P.M. Tuesday by the Carroll Knights of Columbus. There will be a Christian wake service at 7 P.M. Tuesday by St. Lawrence Parish. Mr. Brinkman was born on October 1, 1951, at Mason City, Iowa, the son of Ronald and Alice (Meyer) Brinkman. He graduated from Klemme High School and then received a two year degree at Iowa Central Community College in Eagle Grove where he played basketball. He then graduated from Wayne State University in Wayne, Nebraska, where he played football and participated in Golden Gloves. He then taught and coached at Bancroft, Nebraska, where he met his wife, Jeanette Kahnke. They were married on June 14, 1975, at Blessed Sacrament Church in Florence, South Dakota. The couple moved to Iowa in 1978 where he taught

and coached at Sheffield-Chapin High School for four years. He then became an insurance salesman and manager for Farm Bureau Insurance Company in Garner, Iowa. The family moved to Carroll in 1990 where Bruce worked for Farm Bureau Insurance and later for Auto Owners Insurance. He also coached football at Glidden-Ralston High School and taught and coached at Carroll High School. He was a member of St. Lawrence Parish, Knights of Columbus, Pheasants Forever, Whitetails Unlimited, Ducks Unlimited, Carroll Booster Club, and several professional insurance organizations. Bruce was an avid fisherman and hunter. He made yearly fishing trips to Canada, and hunted in South Dakota, Montana, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Nebraska, South Carolina, and Iowa. Survivors include his wife, Jeanette Brinkman of Carroll; his sons, Brian Brinkman and his wife Karman of Fairmont, Minn., Nick Brinkman and his wife Amanda of St. Paul Park, Minn., and Baron Brinkman of Carroll; three granddaughters, Kally, Karly, and Madison Brinkman; his mother, Alice Brinkman of Klemme; sister, Renee Kramer and her husband Ron of Iowa City; brother, Perry Brinkman and his fiancé Carol Main of Klemme; his mother-in-law, Delores Kahnke of Florence, South Dakota; brothers and sisters-in-law, Larry and Rose Kahnke of Florence, South Dakota, Jerri and Alan Rogers of Brookings, South Dakota, Donna and David Goeman of Glen Burnie, Maryland, Georgia Kahnke of Florence, South Dakota, and Cindy Heald of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Ronald Brinkman; his father-in-law, Lawrence Kahnke; and brothers-in-law, James and Charles Kahnke.

Tribute Wall

ND

“ *My sympathies to Bruce's family. As our Auto Owners field rep, we always enjoyed seeing him on his regular visits to the office and the photos of his grandchildren. He was an inspiration as he fought his battle and witnessed his faith in God. May your days be filled with memories and the reassurance that he is at peace. Nancy Danielson and the staff at Blum & Leonard Agency, Inc. - Estherville, Iowa.*

Nancy Danielson - November 09, 2009 at 12:00 PM

BB

“ *We were only lucky enough to get to know Bruce when he FINALLY drew an elk tag and came and stayed with us in Montana last fall. Bruce touched many lives in our community with his big smile and personality to match!! Bruce.... Bill is thinking of you in the mountains this fall as he hunts for HIS big elk like yours!!*

Bill & Sandi Bourgeois - November 05, 2009 at 12:48 AM

DH

“ *Dear Jeanette,
We enjoyed some great years in Sheffield and created a ton of memories during that brief time. Whenever I recall the Brinkmans from back in those days, it's always with a smile and with a sense of gratitude that you were a part of our lives.
You and your sons are in our thoughts and prayers.
-Dick Heimer & family*

Dick Heimer - November 04, 2009 at 08:32 AM

DB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in deepest sympathy in the loss of Bruce.

Dale & Nancy Buysse - November 02, 2009 at 09:15 PM

BE

“ Jeanette & family: I have lost one of my closest "guy" friends from the Class of 1969. We had many good laughs which continued on especially the past 4-4 1/2 yrs. Bruce was the most positive & most driven person I have ever known. He was so proud of his family. Especially of those precious little granddaughters. I loved & use his saying alot: "It's all about making memories for those grandbabies". RIP peace Good Friend. Barb

Barb (Kaduce) Eenhuis - November 02, 2009 at 08:35 PM

TA

“ Bruces family, I grew up in Klemme and was a year ahead of Bruce in high school. He was my paperboy! Also caught up again with Bruce and Jeanette when you lived in Garner. Kept in touch with Alice when she was at the Hardware store but have lost track the last few years. Sorry for your loss and everything everyone has had to go through. Bruce was one of the best! Thinking of all of you and keeping you in my prayers. Tally Albertson

Tally Albertson - November 02, 2009 at 06:49 PM

AM

“ Just wanted to let you know that you have our deepest sympathy and our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Angela Kluckhohn and Carol Marchant - November 02, 2009 at 03:19 PM

LB

“ To the Bruce Brinkman Family, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss of Bruce. Bruce and I played slow-pitch softball together in Sheffield. He was a great individual to be around, and you should be proud of what he did. He will be missed, but the memories will live forever!!

Lynn Brady - November 02, 2009 at 01:12 PM

SG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We enjoyed the opportunities we had to meet and visit with Bruce here in Fairmont. (Of course, what we liked best is that he was usually wearing Hawkeye attire.) You are all in our thoughts and prayers. May your memories of his smiles, enthusiasm and energy bring you peace and comfort.

Scott and Stephani Geerdes - November 02, 2009 at 11:44 AM

JL

“ Please accept my sympathies to your entire family for your loss. I knew Bruce during the years he was with Farm Bureau. Most recently was able to visit with him a couple of years back at Brad Coulter's place and have kept up with his battle somewhat through Brad and Bruce Jones. I think Bruce certainly put up a heck of fight but really believe that he is now at peace.

John Leonard - November 02, 2009 at 11:38 AM

JP

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. We will always remember Bruce when we look at our back deck. He will be remembered often. We are praying for you.

Jeff and Jacque Portz - November 02, 2009 at 10:16 AM

VG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. I was Bruce's teacher and coach at Klemme and remember him as one of the best football receivers that I have coached. He was always giving his best efforts as I am sure he did during his struggle with cancer. Peace be with you.
Coach Goodrich

Virgil Goodrich - November 02, 2009 at 08:43 AM

CS

“ Our sincere sympathy. We will miss his laugh and good humor. Every time we talked to him, he was so positive. We know how he so appreciated all his family. Time goes so fast for those of us healthy, we forget how slow time must have been for you and sad we didn't get to come see him in person since Curt's fall. You've been in our prayer and thoughts always!!! Diane and Curt

Curt and Diane Stadlander - November 01, 2009 at 11:32 PM

VR

“ Brinkman family and friends - I cannot express my sorrow to hear of Bruce's death. He was a great friend and high school colleague - a lot of very fond memories! Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Bruce will be deeply missed. Jeff and VaDonna (Goodrich) Rivera.

VaDonna (Goodrich) Rivera - November 01, 2009 at 11:04 PM

MB

“ Jeanette, Brian, Nick and Baron & families: We are thinking of you guys and are so saddened at Bruce's passing. We will miss him dearly! We love you all and we will see you soon! Mike, Carla, Jake and Jared

Mike and Carla Brinkman - November 01, 2009 at 06:26 PM