



Bruce Allen Schmitt

April 19, 1955 - March 1, 2015

Bruce Allen Schmitt age 59, of Knoxville and formerly of Dubuque, passed away Sunday, March 1, 2015, at Knoxville Hospital and Clinics.

Funeral services for Bruce will be held at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at the Celebrate Community Church of Knoxville, with Pastor Andrew Schmidt officiating. Military Honors will follow services.

Bruce's family will be greeting friends on Wednesday at the church from 9:30 A.M. until service time.

Bruce was born in Dubuque, Iowa on April 19, 1955, the oldest son of 12 children born to David Merlin and Joan Fay (Rouser) Schmitt. Bruce was raised in Dubuque and graduated from Hempstead High School, Class of 1973.

After high school Bruce joined the United States Marine Corp. He served his country for 26 years being stationed at Camp Pendleton, California, Washington, D.C., Camp Lejeune, North Carolina and twice in Okinawa, Japan. In 1991 he served in Operation Desert Storm in the Gulf War. He retired from the Marine Corp in 1999 and began working for the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. He was currently employed with the Corp of Engineers, at the Red Rock Dam, as an Administrative Clerk.

On February 15, 1992 in Dubuque, Iowa, Bruce and Jane Ellen McLaughlin were united in marriage. They shared 23 years of marriage and were blessed with two daughters, Shauna and Christiana.

Bruce enjoyed Sprint Car Racing, watching the Chicago Cubs and an annual fishing trip with his closest friends.

Bruce is survived by his wife of 23 years Jane Schmitt of Knoxville; his two daughters, Shauna Schmitt and Christiana Schmitt both of Knoxville; his parents, David and Joan Schmitt of Peosta; and his mother and father-in-law, Roger and Helen McLaughlin of Dubuque. Bruce is also survived by nine siblings, Susan (Dennis) Fury, Sharon (Paul) Smith, Lance Schmitt, Lori Leslein, Mark (Sherri) Schmitt, Julie (Jeff) Ruganis, Linda Schmitt, Diane (Jim) Tschida, Darryl (Brandy) Schmitt, and his sister-in-law, Bonnie Schmitt; Jane's siblings, Jeff (Janice) McLaughlin, Tom (Kathy) McLaughlin, Lynn (Jim) Hochberger, Ted (Penny) McLaughlin, Doug (Beth) McLaughlin, and Jim (Wendy) McLaughlin; and many nieces and nephews.

Bruce was preceded in death by two brothers, Brian in infancy and Kyle Schmitt.

A memorial in Bruce's memory has been established for his two daughters' education.

Condolences may be sent to www.winfieldfh.com. The Winfield Funeral Home of Knoxville is helping Bruce's family with services.

Events

MAR 4 **Visitation** 09:30AM - 12:00PM

Celebrate Community Church
1005 N. Lincoln St., Knoxville, IA, US

MAR 4 **Service** 12:00PM

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Comments



“ Jane, Shauna, and Christiana
I just learned of your loss and I and my family are deeply saddened of the sudden passing of Bruce. Please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers. May God's Peace enter your hearts as you mourn the loss of a husband and Father. Our little block here in Knoxville has lost a special person. I will miss his friendly smile and Hello when we would speak every so often in passing. An to you Shauna and Christiana; your Dad is a part of you, and you will hold his memories close to your heart forever and that is a beautiful testament of Gods Love. May you both find comfort in knowing this to be true. God Bless you all.

Jeff Hileman - Yesterday at 02:29 PM



“ I worked with Bruce at Lake Red Rock. He was the perfect administrative officer; knowledable, dependable and flawless with his accounting. Okay, his manners could have been a little more refined, but beneath the gruff exterior was a very kind heart. We all depended on him for so many things. Every day, he made a point to let me know what he would be doing from 4:00 - 5:00 while I finished my shift. May your sorrow be softened by joyful memories of a wonderful man.

Mark Pollastrini

Mark Pollastrini - Yesterday at 06:26 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you! Jim and Diane



Diane Tschida - Yesterday at 09:50 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers to Jane, Shauna and Christa during this difficult time. Bruce will be missed and I know Lou will miss his fishing buddy.

Cindy Hearrell - March 03 at 07:36 PM



“ Cindy Hearrell lit a candle in memory of Bruce Allen Schmitt



Cindy Hearrell - March 03 at 07:34 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the Schmitt family. I knew Bruce Allen Schmitt when he was a Gunnery Sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps, he was the Ammunition Supply Point Staff Noncommissioned Officer at Camp Pendleton, CA. I also served in Desert Storm/Desert Shield with Bruce. It was a pleasure serving alongside with Bruce; but now...may he rest in peace and God bless his soul.
Maria G. Santy, MSgt USMC (Retired)

Maria G. Santy - March 03 at 06:14 PM



“ My dear brother u will be surely missed and u were taken too soon. God has taken u and has a mission for u and making sure u look over Jane Shauna and Christa I am proud u r my brother and also proud u served our country as a very proud marine. I will certainly cherish all the memories and will be thinking of u especially on Sundays during race time and in the coming months when the cubbies start to play. Love you and miss you dearly brother. Lots of hugs. Your sister Sharon and Paul smith and family

sharon smith - March 03 at 04:40 PM



“ " I will miss you dearly brother." You were my closest friend growing up since you were 2nd after me. To my sister-in-law Jane and nieces Shauna and Christa my thoughts and prayers are with you. You will always have family to help comfort you thru this truly sad time. Bruce now you are in heaven with our other two brothers and they will take care of you. We love you.

Love Sue, Dennis, Corey and Arthur

Sue Fury - March 03 at 04:10 PM



“ Lacey B. purchased the Sacred Cross Bouquet for the family of Bruce Allen Schmitt.



Lacey B. - March 03 at 04:04 PM



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



March 03 at 02:22 PM



“ We'll miss his monotone radio voice calls and non smiles in the office proceeds. Our deepest condolences to you and yours, may Bruce rest in Peace. Rich and Alta Gajdan

Richard/Alta Gajdan - March 03 at 01:40 PM



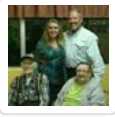
“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you!!
Lori, Justine,Alex & Abby

Lori Leslein - March 03 at 01:14 PM



“ I have known Bruce for many years, we were stationed together while in the Marine Corps, both 2311 Ammo Techs. Bruce replaced me at Rock Island Arsenal, IL as an Item Manager for DOD Ammunition for all Services. We were in Desert Shield/Desert Storm at the same time. We started fishing together in Genoa Wisconsin and fished last year and I was looking forward in fishing with him this October. I will miss seeing him. Semper Fi Bruce.

Louis Hearrell - 7 hours ago



“ Jeff-Julie Ruganis lit a candle in memory of Bruce Allen Schmitt



Jeff-Julie Ruganis - March 03 at 12:23 PM



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



March 03 at 12:14 PM



“ While I did not know Bruce I do know his girl's.I would like to send prayers for God's Strength and Healing for their family at this time.I am so very sorry for your loss.Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Teresa Stittsworth

Teresa Stittsworth - March 03 at 09:56 AM



“ Sending payers for healing during this difficult time.
Malinda (Engling) Ahmann

Malinda Ahmann - March 03 at 09:16 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you ?
Weiner and Kim

Kim Boxleiter - March 03 at 08:40 AM



“ Ladies, our deepest sympathy goes to you.
Know you r in our thoughts & prayers.

David & Jean Schmitt

David Schmitt - March 03 at 07:07 PM