



Bruce K. Beitler

September 5, 1928 - May 3, 2020

Bruce K. Beitler, age 91, of Kearney, passed away Sunday, May 3, 2020, at CHI Health Good Samaritan Hospital. A celebration of life will be at 2:00 p.m., Friday, October 8, 2021 at the First United Methodist Church in Kearney. Memorials are suggested to the Shrine Hospital or St. Jude's. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Bruce was born September 5, 1928 to William E. "Mike" and F. Gladys (Keeney) Beitler and grew up on a farm between Blue Hill and Red Cloud, NE. Bruce married Barbara (Shadle) on December 23, 1950 at the United Methodist Church in Hemingford, NE. They were blessed with three children and made their home in Hastings and Kearney.

Education was an important part of his life. Bruce graduated from Hastings High School and received his Bachelor's degree from Hastings College, a Master's degree from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, CO, and a Specialist in Education from UNK. He was a teacher in the Hastings Public Schools and Assistant Principal at Kearney Junior High. In his retirement, Bruce worked 13 years as the official greeter at Good Samaritan Hospital.

Bruce was a member of the Kearney Elks Lodge, the First United Methodist

Church, and he was a founding member of the Kearney Area 1733 Barbershop Chorus. He was active in the Tehama Temple of Hastings, the Rob Morris Lodge #46 of Kearney, and multiple Shrine Club groups.

Bruce is survived by his wife Barb, sons Bob of Hesston, KS and Dave (Joanna) of Sandy, OR., daughter Deb (Jan) Jensen of Kearney, six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and extended family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents and brother Robert H. Beitler.

Since we are unable to gather at this time to celebrate Bruce, we ask that you share a joke, greet a new friend, warble a tune, smile and find joy in each day.

In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the Shriners Hospitals for Children and the Nebraska Children's Home.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 8. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
4500 Linden Drive
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Bruce K. Beitler*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Bruce K. Beitler.*



October 07, 2021 at 10:11 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy for your loss of Bruce. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Bonnie Guthrie*

Bonnie Guthrie - May 10, 2020 at 08:48 PM



“ *Sending my deepest sympathies to Mr Beitler,s family. He was at the Hastings Jr high when I got to know him. Yes he always had a joke, he was so much fun in the halls we all just thought he was a hoot. Blessings to all of you, Susan Elliott Klatt*

susan klatt - May 09, 2020 at 05:40 PM



“ *When I worked at GSH Bruce always had a song, a joke and made me laugh. I enjoyed listening to the Barbershop singing and he was a kind soul. He will be missed by so many.*

Shana - May 07, 2020 at 11:52 AM

RK

“ So many fond memories of him at Good Sam! Just a great man, happy to talk with and help anyone he could. I'm his family and friends have many great memories to cherish.

Ryan Kohtz - May 06, 2020 at 10:53 PM

LA

“ I am a former Student of his when he taught at Hastings High. I graduated in 1968. I married in 1972, and at my new Church at Axtell had the Kearney Men's Chorus come to sing. I was so excited to see that he was there. I was able to visit with him after the program. He remembered me. A great teacher that you could also call Friend. Linda Bartlett Anderson

Linda Bartlett Anderson - May 06, 2020 at 06:42 PM

LW

I remember Mr. Beitler from when I was in Jr High in Hastings. I saw him in the hallways and he always made me smile. I was so surprised to meet him again when I needed engraving done in Kearney. He was such a nice man and always had a friendly greeting.
Linda Waldron

Linda Waldron - May 09, 2020 at 11:28 AM

SM

I had Bruce for Spanish at the old HJH in 1959-60 and did my student-teaching with Bruce in 1965-He was an excellent teacher,I thought, and that is a great tribute to any man. Bruce was a good man and I feel that I am much better for having known and worked with him. Steve Martin-Arapahoe

Steve Martin - May 11, 2020 at 11:17 AM

RM

“ 8 files added to the album Memories Album



Ron Morris - May 06, 2020 at 02:01 PM

WH

“ We are sad to hear this. Jim just drove by your house last week thinking of you. You will be missed by so many, Remembering Your smile, your jokes & the way you greeted Everyone that entered Good Sam.

Jim remembered how the Principal persona kicked in when 2 boys were skate boarding outside the circle doors-nope not here!

Jim says Bruce was like EF Hutton “when Bruce Spoke People Listened!”

We send our prayers to you Barb & your family.

Wanda & Jim Hunt - May 06, 2020 at 01:35 PM

BR

“ He was a fantastic teacher I had him when I went to school in Hastings. The first time I saw him in Kearney it was like wow he used to live in Hastings I really enjoyed listening to him sing with the barbershop crew they will miss him. Prayers for the family

Barbara Dombrowski Rasmussen - May 06, 2020 at 10:37 AM

DD

“ I worked at Good Sam for almost 30 years and always enjoyed a visit with Bruce. I had surgery and he parked my care every day so I didn't have to walk so far on crutches. He was a great guy!!

Diana Dodd - May 05, 2020 at 11:20 PM

KB

“ Bruce was an amazing man and friend to anyone that crossed his path. He could strike up a conversation with anyone and always would bring about a smile or laugh. We are going to miss you at GSH! He was such a blessing to our GSH family. 💕💕

Kimber Bonner - May 05, 2020 at 11:10 PM

VA

“ Oh this breaks my heart! I've known Beitly for over 40 years since he was friends with my Uncle Don and Aunt Ruth. I always enjoyed visiting with Beitly wherever I saw him, usually at the hospital. I will surely miss that man!!! Prayers to the family, truly a great loss!!!! I'm sure he's chatting up his friends in heaven!

Vicki Aten - May 05, 2020 at 09:10 PM