



Bruce W. Stewart

October 23, 1934 - June 1, 2023

Bruce W. Stewart, 88, of Kearney, passed away June 1, 2023 while in route to Kearney from his Mesa, Arizona winter home at Socorro General Hospital in Socorro, New Mexico. Memorial services will be held 10:30 am, June 23, 2023 at the First United Methodist Church with Pastor Seungli You officiating. Inurnment with Military Rites provided by the United States Air Force Funeral Honors Team, Kearney American Legion Post #52, and Kearney V.F.W. Post #759 will follow the service at Kearney Cemetery. The memorial service will be live streamed at: <http://www.kearneyfirstumc.org> Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church. There will not be any visitation.

Bruce Weston Stewart was born in Chadron, Nebraska on October 23, 1934 to Robert E. Stewart and Sybil A. (Fleming) Stewart.

Bruce attended elementary school in Chadron, NE, junior high in Jacksonville, Oregon and high school in Chadron graduating with the Class of 1952. Upon graduation Bruce enlisted in the United States Air Force and served his country from 1952-1956. He spent 21 months in North Africa and ended his military career at Hulbert Field in Florida where he was honorably discharged from the service.

Bruce attended Chadron State Teachers College studying Mathematics, Chemistry and English and received his Bachelor of Science in Education Degree in 1959. He was a member of Blue Key National Honor Fraternity.

Bruce and Marsha K. (Planck) Rogers were married on July 30, 1960 in Sidney, NE. Bruce was the loving father to Jolynn Jay, Kim Kathleen and David Weston.

Bruce taught in western Nebraska for 4 years. He completed a Master of Science Degree at Oklahoma State University in August, 1965. Upon graduation from OSU Bruce and his family moved to Kearney, NE. Bruce started a new career teaching college level Mathematics at Kearney State College (UNK). He was an active member of NEA and NSEA. He taught at the college for 35 years and retired January 1, 2000.

Upon retirement Bruce and Marsha enjoyed traveling. They spent 23 years in their Crescent Run Mesa, AZ home during the winter months. He belonged to the CR Veteran's Club. Bruce enjoyed a competitive game when participating in tennis, shuffleboard, billiards and bridge. He loved dancing, reading, crossword puzzles, visiting, making new friends and watching a variety of sports.

Bruce was a true legend of knowledge with a fabulous vocabulary, unbelievable memory and quick witted humor. His epic stories and questions always stimulated anyone in the room to want to sit down and visit with him. He loved his family and was a stoic figure and magnificent role model for all.

Bruce was a member of the Kearney First United Methodist Church and also attended Velda Rose United Methodist Church in Mesa, AZ.

Bruce is survived by his wife Marsha (62 years), daughter Kim Kathleen Sorensen (Jeffrey Woodall), son David Weston Stewart and sister Joan E. Stewart, five grandchildren: Heather (Dave) Lyman, Nathan Nichols, Nicole (Philip) Tomlinson, Tyler (Jillian) Sorensen, Trenton (Paige) Sorensen and nine greatgrandchildren: Jakob Nichols, Lawson Nichols, Noah Nichols, Landry Nichols, Mackenzie Tomlinson, Harper Lyman, Jackson Tomlinson, Benjamin Lyman and Evren Sorensen; sisters-in-law Myrna R. Bowman , Natha J. Wilkinson and numerous nieces and nephews.

Family members preceding Bruce in death are father, Robert E. Stewart, mother Sybil A. Gay, daughter Jolynn Jay Nichols, brother and sister-in-law Robert R. and Maxine Stewart, father and mother-in-law Forrest and Elsie Planck, brothers-in-law Donald E. Wilkinson and Robert D. Bowman.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **23**. 10:30 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
4500 Linden Drive
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall

LL

“ I was saddened to hear of Mr. Stewart's passing. I was a math student of his at then Kearney State College. He was one of my favorite professors. My deepest sympathy to Marsha and his family. Linda Liebig

Linda Liebig - June 25, 2023 at 05:28 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce W. Stewart.



June 22, 2023 at 12:47 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Bruce W. Stewart.



June 22, 2023 at 04:49 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bruce W. Stewart.



June 17, 2023 at 08:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bruce W. Stewart.

June 17, 2023 at 08:43 PM

CS

“ My life is divided into two segments: Before I attended Bruce Stewart's calculus class and afterwards. For every epsilon greater than zero, there exists a delta such that absolute value of the $F(x)$ -delta is less than epsilon. I will never forget the passion and involvement of Mr. Stewart in educating his students. Mr. Stewart was the delta that changed my life.
Charles Sizer

Charles Sizer - June 17, 2023 at 08:16 AM

AA

“ Im so sorry to hear of Bruce's passing. I have many memories of him growing up across the street. Please know we are thinking of you all.

Amy Albrecht - June 16, 2023 at 07:43 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bruce W. Stewart.

June 15, 2023 at 12:03 PM

CW

“ Our deepest sympathies to Marsha, Kim, Dave and all the family. Bruce's perpetual light will always shine upon us and we will never forget his great love of his family and friends. When ever Bruce entered the room everyone smiled, he was certainly entertaining and terrific to be with. Cheers to you Bruce!
Our love, Cyndi, Mason and Jeff Walters.

Cyndi Walters - June 14, 2023 at 02:49 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce W. Stewart.



June 14, 2023 at 02:44 PM

BT

“ We were saddened to hear of the passing of our Bruce. Such fond memories of happy times with Marsha and Bruce in Crescent Run. A very educated individual who loved to keep up with the news of his Canadian friends. Our love to Marsha and family. We have lost a very special individual.

Barb & Jim

Barb Jim Tutton - June 12, 2023 at 05:49 PM

TR

“ Marsha and David - So sorry to read of Bruce's passing. He was a good friend. I know you will miss him greatly. I have many good memories- over coffee, and on the tennis court. Terry and Charlotte Renner

Terry Renner - June 10, 2023 at 06:44 PM

KO

“ Our thoughts and sympathy for your family's loss.

Kathryn Olsufka - June 10, 2023 at 11:26 AM