



Bruce E. Welty

May 7, 1944 - August 27, 2024

Bruce E. Welty, 80, of Kearney, died Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at Broadwell Senior Living in Kearney. Services will be on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney. Burial will follow at the Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be on Monday, September 2, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Kearney Volunteer Fire Department or Nebraska Kidney Foundation. 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 on May 7, 1944 in Kearney, NE to George and Leona (Matzner) Welty. He attended Kearney High School and graduated with the class of 1962. He married Ruth Ann Beezley on October 18, 1964 in Kearney. Bruce worked in maintenance at Baldwin Filters for 46 years, retiring in 2009. He was a past member of the Kearney Volunteer Fire Department 1971 to 1983 and also the Kearney Eagles Arie 2722.

Bruce loved to fly and earned his pilots license in the early 70's. He enjoyed flying Cessna's and stopping at small airports around the Kearney area. He enjoyed fishing and also working on small engines. He had a love for John Deere tractors, old stem engine trains and spending time with his family.

Bruce had a big heart and was always willing to lend a helping hand.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Ruth of Kearney; daughters, Kim Panowicz and her husband Mark, and Peggy Brown, of Kearney, 7 grandchildren Alex Panowicz of Kearney, Nicholas Schommer III and wife Krisondra of Nebraska City, Sierra Hernandez, Katy Wiemers and husband Christian, and Jessica Brown all of Kearney; 10 great grandchildren, Stetson Schommer of Lincoln and Colt Schommer of Nebraska City, Maleigha, Brantley, Maia, & Brady Burzine, Mia & Ezra Hernandez, Seras Wiemers & Ahren Brown all of Kearney; brothers, Gary Welty and his wife Connie and Dan Welty; numerous other extended family members and friends.

Bruce was preceded in death by his parents; a miscarriage in 1971, and son in law, Tim Brown.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl
2421 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 237-2259
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Funeral Service

SEP 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GB

“ Sorry to Learn About This, Took a lot of Lunch Breaks with Bruce at Baldwin He was A Good Guy Gerald Barnes

Gerald Barnes - October 09, 2024 at 10:42 AM

LB

“ Sending our deepest sympathies, prayers and comfort to the Welty family. Cousin Bruce, rest in peace. We will remember the good times together. Gloria (Welty) Thege, Robert & Linda (Thege) Bendig of Fremont.

Linda Bendig - August 30, 2024 at 11:17 PM

JA

“ Sending love and prayers to the family, from all in the Kearney First UMC family. Pastor Jo Ellen

Jo Ellen Axthelm - August 29, 2024 at 12:40 PM

PP

“ Worked many years at Baldwin Filter where Bruce worked maintenance. He was always kind and polite. Prayers for his family.

Patricia J Pennington - August 29, 2024 at 09:51 AM

PA

“ The biggest thing I remember about Bruce was is the impact he had on people. He was the kindest man. He had a lot of love for his family and my o my this guy has a lot of friends. He liked everybody. Working at Baldwins all those years he was like the plant cool guy. So sorry for your loss.

Patty - August 29, 2024 at 01:42 AM

LD

*It's been awhile but I so remember Bruce who could fix just about anything and was so fun to work with way back in the 80's
Praying for peace and comfort for his family. Linda Thayer Dunlay*

Linda Dunlay - August 29, 2024 at 10:09 PM

SW

“ I have so many memories and good times with Bruce and Gary. We grew up together. His momma was like a second mother to me. We worked and played together in the early days. You will never be forgotten my friend.

Sam Welty

Sam Welty - August 28, 2024 at 01:46 PM