



## Arthur "Bud" Bruch Jr.

April 23, 1938 - May 14, 2025

Arthur L. "Bud" Bruch Jr, 87, of Arcadia, passed away on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at his home in Arcadia.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at St. John Catholic Church in Arcadia. The Celebrant will be Fr. Lynn Bruch. Concelebrant will be Fr. Terry Roder. Music will be by Sharon Bierl and the St. John Choir. Mass Servers will be Madison Hedman and Claire Venner. Lector for the Funeral Mass will be Jerome Henkenius. Gift Bearers will be Art's great-grandchildren: Cloie, Nicholas, Jocelyn, Benjamin, and Phillip. Honorary Casket Bearers will be Art's grandchildren: Elisabeth, Karissa, Zack, Genevieve, Jacob, Wesley, Mona, Tina, James, Jenny, and Cody. Casket Bearers will be Rick Lawler, Travis Riesberg, Roger Liechti, Ed Vogl, Ken Venner, Loren Bruch, Gary Wittrock, and Greg Haberl. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery in Arcadia.

A visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll with a rosary at 7 p.m. There will be no visitation prior to the Funeral Mass on Wednesday at the church.

Memorials may be left at the funeral home or the church for St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Shriners Children's Hospital or Mercy Home for Boys and Girls.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for the Bruch family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Arthur L (Bud) Bruch Jr was born on April 23, 1938 to Arthur A. Sr and Regina (Grossman) Bruch, at St. Anthony Hospital, in Carroll, Iowa. The fourth and middle child of Seven children, he grew up on a farm South of Arcadia. He attended St. Johns elementary school, followed by three years at Arcadia High School completing his final year of education at Kuemper Catholic High School, graduating in 1956 as part of the first class with boys to graduate from Kuemper.

On September 26, 1959, Art married the Love of His Life, Rita Ann Haberl at St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Carroll, Iowa, with his uncle, Fr. Walter Bruch, officiating. Together they shared 65 wonderful years of Marriage at Arcadia, while raising their daughters, Lisa and Karla, while installing in them the values of hard work, integrity and commitment.

Faith was the foundation of Arts life. A Lifelong member of St. John's where he gave generously of his time and talents, from serving as president on the St. John/St Ann School Board, President of the Parish Council, member of the cemetery committee, and along with Rita to represent the Parish on the Kuemper school board. Joining as a member with his dad and four brothers he became Knights of Columbus in 1962.

For many years Art gave his time wherever he saw a need. Including the days when he would stop early in the morning to clean the school and church sidewalks before heading to work during the wintertime. Over his lifetime he was active in his community as a member of the Arcadia Fire Department, served as a council member & was the President of the board of directors for the Arcadia Independent telephone company.

Obtaining a Chauffeurs (CDL) License at the age of 18, starting his trucking career. Art started hauling grain and livestock for Hausman & Schmitz, later partnering with Speed and forming Hausman & Bruch Trucking. Then forming Bruch trucking with Rita at his side as dispatcher & bookkeeper. In 1977 Art moved his family to the farm south of Arcadia and continued to truck and farm until retiring from farming in 2009. Art continued trucking until age of 86 with the last twenty-eight years spent driving for Tiefenthaler Ag Lime Inc. Which he truly enjoyed and looked forward to everyday.

Family was very special to him; he enjoyed spending time with his daughters & their families. His grandkids were very special to him as he was to them. He was always proud & talked about their accomplishments in school, sports & music.

Throughout his life he enjoyed coffee, playing cards with family & friends. Art loved listening to old time music of Polka & Waltz's and for many years attending the weekly dances with Rita at the Arcadia Legion Hall. No one was a stranger. He could talk to and make conversation with anyone he met.

Art's life was a beautiful reflection of Faith, hard work, Love and service. He was a mentor to many young men throughout his lifetime. His legacy of Kindness, strength and devotion lives on through his family and all who had the privilege to know him. He will be deeply missed and forever cherished and remembered.

Art is survived by his wife Rita Ann, daughters Lisa (Jim) Hoffman, Karla (Ken) McMillen Grandchildren Elisabeth, Karissa, Zack, Genevieve, Jacob (Alora), Wesley, Mona (Larry), Tina (Rob), James (Crystal) Jenny (Darell) Cody (Kendra) along with 21 Great grandchildren. Sisters Anita (Cyril) Venner, Carol (Jim) Starman as well as his in laws Betty Bruch, Darlene Willenborg, Norma

Anthofer, Bernie Haberl, Erwin (MaryJane) Haberl, Leroy (Carol) Haberl, & Ed (Annette) Haberl; as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Art & Regina Bruch, his siblings & spouses Paul & Darlene Bruch, Leo Bruch, Robert & Lois Bruch, Marvin & Rita Eva Bruch. His father & mother-in-law Ben & Genevieve Haberl. As well as his in-laws Alvin & Rita Haberl, Marlin Haberl, Donald & MaryAnn Haberl, Alvin Anthofer, Joleen & Ed Bauer, & Jay Haberl

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ *My sympathy to Rita, Julie, Karla and families. Mom and dad always enjoyed visiting.*

*Lola (Dentlinger) Blaser*

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**Lola Blaser** - May 29, 2025 at 09:50 PM

DB

“ *The Bohnenkamp family extends their deepest condolences to your family in the passing of Bud. My father, Doug, has expressed that Bud was the one who taught him the meaning of hard work and was a great example for him while he was growing up.*

*May your family be comforted by your memories of Bud.*

*-Doug Bohnenkamp*

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**Doug Bohnenkamp** - May 27, 2025 at 09:24 PM

PG

“ *I will always remember Mr. Bruch's warm smile and sense of humor. He was everything that was right about America, a loyal husband, father, grandfather, neighbor, citizen and most of all servant of God who quietly went about his duty. He set the bar high and was an inspiration and example. Well done good and faithful servant. Our condolences to Rita, Lisa, Karla and family. We wish we could be with you. Love, Peggy (Timmerman) Gagliardi*

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**Peggy Gagliardi** - May 27, 2025 at 04:07 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Arthur "Bud" Bruch Jr..*



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May 27, 2025 at 03:50 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arthur "Bud" Bruch Jr..*



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May 26, 2025 at 09:36 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Arthur "Bud" Bruch Jr..*

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May 26, 2025 at 09:36 AM



“ *The Timmerman family always enjoyed Art and Rita's generous hospitality and friendship through the years of visiting Arcadia. Visiting and spending time on the farm, staying at the house in town hold very special memories in our lives. As a life long friend of Denis, Art will be especially missed. Godspeed Bud. Our prayers are with you and your family.*

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**RICK TIMMERMAN** - May 24, 2025 at 05:31 PM

RB

“ Rita and family,  
Bud was a one of a kind gentleman. You have our deepest  
condolences.

Russ & Julie Bohnenkamp

Russ Bohnenkamp - May 20, 2025 at 10:17 PM

JW

“ Sending our deepest sympathies to you Rita, and to your family.  
You and Art were some of the dearest friends my mom had. Words  
can't describe what you both meant to her, and to us.

Jane Wonderlin - May 20, 2025 at 09:13 AM

JH

“ Deepest sympathy to my Uncle Jim & Aunt Lisa Hoffman also to  
Rita and to all the family prayers for all

Jewel Hansen - May 19, 2025 at 07:47 PM

MJ

“ Marilyn Jeschke lit a candle in memory of  
Arthur "Bud" Bruch Jr.



marilyn jeschke - May 18, 2025 at 09:34 PM

KJ

“ My sympathy to Rita and the family. May Art rest in peace. Kathy  
Jones

Kathy Jones - May 17, 2025 at 05:13 PM

EM

“ Rita and the Bruch family you have our deepest sympathy on your loss.

*Gene & Diane Meiners*

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**Eugene Bernard Meiners** - May 16, 2025 at 01:30 PM

KB

“ Kim Boeckman lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Bud" Bruch Jr.



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**Kim Boeckman** - May 15, 2025 at 10:19 PM