



Bruce Pettitt

October 7, 1953 - March 5, 2012

Bruce Pettitt, 58, of Carroll, died peacefully early Monday morning, March 5, 2012, surrounded by his family at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll. Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Carroll. Officiating will be Pastor Brian Licht. Organist will be Tami Biggerstaff and soloist will be Dina Newsom. Honorary Casket Bearers will be: Mike Franey, Mike Riddle, Pat Malloy, Jeff Christianson, Mal Foley, Mark Tigges, Tom Louis, dear friends Dave Auen and Chuck Ware who have gone before him, and all who became friends with Bruce through golfing, bowling and softball. Casket Bearers will be nieces and nephews: Ben Pettitt, Nate Pettitt, Wade Pettitt, Kirby Pettitt, April Marquardt, Brandy Marquardt, Sara Pettitt, and Jill Pettitt. Burial will be in the Carroll City Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 4 p.m. on Thursday where there will be a prayer service at 7 p.m. The casket will be moved to St. Paul Lutheran Church at 9 a.m. on Friday where visitation will resume until time of the funeral service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left at the funeral home or at the church for St. Anthony Hospital Pastoral Care.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Bruce's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Born on October 7, 1953, in Norfolk, Nebraska, Bruce was the son of Delbert and Eileen (O'Brien) Pettitt. He was baptized on October 25, 1953, at Mt.

Olive Lutheran Church in Norfolk. He spent his early childhood in Norfolk and in 1965 his family moved to Carroll. He was confirmed into the Lutheran faith on May 7, 1967, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Carroll. Bruce graduated from Carroll High School in 1971.

He was married to Janea Ringleb in Des Moines, Iowa; to this union was a daughter, Tricia Sue. Bruce owned and operated Kelly's Shoe Store from 1975-1985. He worked with his father for the "Nifty Biffy" portable toilet business, and after his father's death he continued to operate the business until 2008. Bruce also worked alongside his father and his brother Todd at Highway 30 Carwash.

Bruce loved sports and was a professional bowler. He competed against pros such as Pete Weber, and also bowled in the National Bowling Tournament for 34 years. In his bowling career, he had 6 perfect 300 games. Bruce was also an avid golfer and competed in many golfing events at the local and state level, with a couple of holes-in-ones to his credit. He was a member of the Carroll Country Club, and St. Paul Lutheran Church in Carroll. Bruce was the number one supporter of his nieces and nephews with their activities, and caddied many times for his nephews throughout their golfing careers. He loved to socialize with his many friends. But Bruce's true happiness was traveling to Las Vegas and visiting his daughter and her family there. He especially enjoyed spending time with his grandson, Zachary, who brought him great joy. Whether it was on the golf course or playing softball or bowling, Bruce was a competitor, just as he was with his courageous battle with cancer. He never lost his positive attitude or his zest for life. He touched the lives of many people and maintained his trademark sense of humor until the end.

Bruce is survived by his daughter, Tricia Pettitt and her husband, Scott Schiefer, and their son Zachary of Henderson, NV; his mother Eileen Pettitt of Carroll; his sister, Sue Marquardt and her husband Jeff of Carroll; his brother, Todd Pettitt and his wife Pam of Carroll; his nephews and nieces: Ben (Emily) Pettitt, Tiff (Dan) Briggs, Nate (Sarah) Pettitt, Wade Pettitt, Kirby Pettitt,

Kristen Pettitt, Sara Pettitt, Jill Pettitt, Jace Pettitt, Josie Pettitt, Gabe Pettitt, Grace Pettitt, April Marquardt, and Brandy Marquardt, and nine great nieces and nephews.

Bruce was preceded in death by his father Delbert Pettitt in 1998; his grandparents: Roy and Elsie Pettitt, and Harold and Erma O'Brien; and his good friends, Dave Auen and Chuck Ware.

Tribute Wall

OO

“ *Deepest sympathies for your loss.*

Obie O'Brien - March 09, 2012 at 10:20 AM

MH

“ *Hello Eileen and the Pettitt family. So sorry to hear about your loss. I have wonderful memories with Bruce and our great times together in Carroll. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Mark Henning - March 08, 2012 at 09:55 PM

JW

“ *Todd, Pam and family. I was very saddened to hear about Bruce. He was a great guy and a tremendous athlete. I always looked forward to seeing him at Kelly's. He will be greatly missed.*

John Wright - March 08, 2012 at 05:25 PM

SZ

“ *To Bruce's family, you have our most sincere sympathy during this time. Bruce was such a cheerful patient as he battled his cancer. He will be truly missed by all who came in contact with him. Our prayers are with his family during this time.*

Sheryl Zimmerman - March 08, 2012 at 12:51 PM

JO

“ *Bruce Pettitt*

Jo O'Brien - March 08, 2012 at 09:57 AM

RS

“ Eileen, Tricia, Sue, Todd and families, you have my deepest sympathy. Bruce was a great friend and fun loving guy; always upbeat and lifted the spirits of so many he came in contact with.

Robert Struck - March 07, 2012 at 09:35 PM

MP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Bruce and his family and friends. We first met Bruce in the summer in Dixieland Estates in Lakeview Iowa. He invited us over to his trailer as a new couple to the lake and over the years we realized what a great friend he was to so many people in Carroll and Lakeview. Thank You Bruce for introducing us to so many people that have become our great friends at the lake. Jeff, Sue and Tricia and Zachary may GOD comfort you in you loss and help you understand the loss of a loved one.

Mark and Ppam Parker - March 07, 2012 at 08:04 PM

MR

“ We will miss you Bruce. You always had a smile on your face and kind words to share. I loved your zest for life and will always be grateful to you for introducing me to my husband Tom. You were our angel 17 years ago.

Michele Reiman - March 07, 2012 at 07:10 PM

SL

“ Eileen, Tricia, Sue, Todd, and families, We have many wonderful memories of Bruce. High school days were never boring with him. I am so happy I got to spend these past few weeks visiting with Bruce about the old times!! We will miss his sense of humor-and yes, he had it to the very end. God Bless all of you in your loss.

Steve and Robyn Lane - March 07, 2012 at 06:41 PM

SC

“ Dear Petit Family, Learning of Bruce's passing today. And now taking a moment to regroup over the loss you must be feeling. Bruiser was a nickname I remember using. Remembering Li'l Duffer, the car wash, golf, basketball at CHS and always, ALWAYS thinking kindly of Bruce. Rest in peace, friend.

Steve Crane - March 07, 2012 at 03:17 PM

SA

“ the whole family is in my thoughts. Bruce was an awesome guy. You all have my sympathy.

Sheri Augustus - March 07, 2012 at 12:17 PM

CS

“ I went to school with Bruce. He was a special person. My prayers are with you.

Cheryl Semmens - March 07, 2012 at 09:43 AM

DD

“ Thinking of everyone during this time! May you find much peace in the days ahead. God bless you! Doug and Darcy Dailey

Darcy Dailey - March 07, 2012 at 09:16 AM

JO

“ Tricia & Family ! You are in our Thoughts & Prayers .Bruce will be Missed!! Take Care

jered & brenda olberding - March 06, 2012 at 10:45 PM

KT

“ My sympathies to the Pettie family. They have always been a big part of Carroll. Sue was a classmate. Sorry for the loss of your brother. God Bless

Kathy Olberding these - March 06, 2012 at 10:18 PM

JS

“ Sue, Todd and all of the Pettitt Family, I was sorry to hear about Bruce. You have my condolences and I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.
Jenni Severin

Jennifer Severin - March 06, 2012 at 06:26 PM

SH

“ Words can not express the feelings of loss for a classmate and friend. Our deepest sympathies to Tricia, Zach, Scott and the rest of the Pettitt family.

Sue & Mark Huebsch - March 06, 2012 at 06:15 PM

DP

“ To an ole' Zeker - My deepest sympathy!

Douglas Polking - March 06, 2012 at 05:20 PM

RR

“ Sue and family; So sorry to hear of Bruce's passing. Our thoughts and Prayers are with you at this difficult time. Rick & LaVonne

Rick & LaVonne Richardson - March 06, 2012 at 02:42 PM

LV

“ I have lost a dear friend! Bruce and I have known one another 45 years - actually worked together at Todd's Drive Inn in the late 60's. He was a gem who lived his life to the fullest and he will be missed. I'll miss talking to him and seeing him at Denny's.

Linda Volquartsen - March 06, 2012 at 11:21 AM

LB

“ Eileen,Sue,Todd and families-I am so sorry to hear about Bruce's passing. What a great guy-always had a smile on his face and a kind word to say. He always put a smile on my face:) He will be missed- May God be with you all during this difficult time. Lisa Brinker and family

Lisa Brinker - March 05, 2012 at 08:47 PM

CD

“ Our deepest sympathy to the entire Pettitt Family. Our thoughts and Prayers are with each and everyone of you.
Cindy,Larry,Jason and Jeremy Demers

cindy demers - March 05, 2012 at 08:27 PM

SB

“ I was so sorry to hear of Bruces death. He was always fun to work with. I will keep you all in my prayers. Sue Behrens,PT

Sue behrens - March 05, 2012 at 07:43 PM

GS

“ Eileen, Tricia, Sue, Todd and families, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time. We have many great memories of times spent with Bruce, and all of you. God Bless and Rest in Peace Bruce!

Greg and Connie Simons - March 05, 2012 at 05:49 PM

JK

“ *Tricia you and your family have my sympathies. I still remember Bruce as our softball coach. Pushing us hard and cracking us up at the same time. He had a great smile just like you, he will be missed!*

Jennie Klatt - March 05, 2012 at 04:16 PM

TR

“ *Bruce and I have shared a lot of great times together and will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends. Rest in peace!*
Tom Reiman

Tom Reiman - March 05, 2012 at 03:41 PM

JP

“ *Joe & Elise extend condolences to the Pettitt Family.*

Joe & Elise Pick - March 05, 2012 at 12:34 PM

MS

“ *To all the Pettitt family - Bruce was a unique guy with a wonderful spirit, and both of us were always glad to spend time with him. He'll be so missed. It was a gift to see him Friday. You're all in our thoughts. Much love, Kitty and Cuddy*

Mark Cuddy and Kitty Sheehan - March 05, 2012 at 12:23 PM