



## Joseph R. Bruch

June 27, 1944 - December 25, 2023

It is with great sadness that the family of Joseph R. Bruch announces his passing on December 25, 2023 while in hospice care in Ames, Iowa.

Joseph was born on June 27, 1944, to Joseph and Hildegard Bruch. He spent his early years on the farm in Pocahontas County and, like so many farm kids, helped his dad with chores and later assisted with the farm work. His school years were spent at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Fonda, from which he graduated in 1962.

With the threat of the war in Vietnam in the mid 60's, Joe enlisted in the Air Force and was trained in the operation and maintenance of computers. It was a time he remembered fondly and he spoke often about the pride and acceptance he found in the service. When Joe left the Air Force, he joined several of his buddies in the start-up of a computer maintenance service for Burroughs computers.

Throughout his military and work career, Joe spent many years in California and truly was an adopted son. He loved the ocean but most of all, he loved the weather. He quickly became a member of Raider Nation and cheered or lamented based on the outcome of the game that week.

Joe married Claudia Freeman in 1967. They proudly welcomed two children,

Joe in 1968 and Renee in 1970. They enjoyed a California lifestyle with occasional trips to Iowa to visit family. Joe always cherished his relatives in Carroll County and wanted to share the warm family heritage with his children.

In addition to family and California sunshine, Joe loved to cook and collected everything involved in cooking, from cast iron skillets and baking pans, to spices, condiments and cookbooks. He loved to cook the perfect roast or the most tender pork chop.

Joe endured many health challenges throughout his lifetime. As a child, he suffered a broken leg that was complicated by his allergic reaction to adhesive tape. In mid-life, he was diagnosed with colon cancer but handled it bravely. Later in life, he suffered kidney failure.

Joe is lovingly remembered by his survivors: son Joe and his wife Christa, daughter Marilyn Renee and her husband Marcos Alvarado; grandchildren Kayla Young and her husband Zach Young, Chelsea Dames and her husband Tristan Dames, Austin Bruch and his fiancé Andrea, Jerry Schossow and his wife Nikki, Nicky Alvarado, Rosa Alvarado, and Trinity Alvarado; great grandchildren Connor, Liam, Lukas, Delaney, Asher and baby Bruch on the way.

Also surviving are siblings Mary Ann Zug, John Bruch and his wife Diane, and Rita Lehtola and her husband Peter, and nieces and nephews.

Joe had chosen to be cremated. His ashes will be interred at Sacramento National Veterans Cemetery in Dixon California.

Joe's family would like to thank the medical professionals who cared for him in Carroll, Fort Dodge and Ames. Sincere thanks and kind regards are also extended to the residents of Stonebridge and manager Wendy Bock for the

friendship and peace they extended to Joe in his final years.

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

# Tribute Wall

MW

“ So sorry to of your loss of Joe.Sending prayers and love to you all.

*Marceal Wittry*

Marceal Wittry - January 01, 2024 at 06:57 PM

CK

“ So sorry to hear of your loss of Joe . Was a good kind person.Enjoyed time spent with him at Mom and Dad's. Suffered many health issues but took in stride..I am sure he's at peace now. Hugs and prayers to you all. Remember the good times.

Cindy Kraus - December 28, 2023 at 05:53 PM

ST

“ Although I remember Joe as an older cousin ( a whole five years) from our visits to the Bruch farm, most of my contact came during the years he and Mom and Dad overlapped at Orchard View Independent Living. Joe kept track of Mom and Dad and they did the same for him. Wishing you peace and happy memories of Joe.

Sue Reiff Twit - December 28, 2023 at 04:45 PM

CK

Sorry to hear about your loss of Joe . He was a good person. Enjoyed seeing him at Mom and Dad . Very generous kind man . Had a lot of health issues but took them in stride. Sure he is at peace now. Hugs and prayers to all. We all need to think of the good times we had with him.

Cindy Kraus - December 28, 2023 at 05:48 PM

DW

*Dennis and I are so sorry for your loss of Joe. We saw him more when Hilde was in the apartments and then St. Anthony Nursing Home. He had health issues that kept him from doing alot but seemed to visit with Den about their younger years. WE are sending prayers for all of you and I am sure Joe is finally without pain. RIP cousin Joe!!!!*

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**Den and Dar Wiederin** - December 29, 2023 at 01:31 AM

JR

*So very sorry to hear of Joe's passing.Heaven gained another angel. Joe was a very caring person and will be missed.Sending prayers to all of you.RIP Joe*

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**Jean Reidf** - December 30, 2023 at 07:28 AM

CB

*“ So sorry to see this. I am Joe's first cousin, we met some years ago when Aunt Hilde was still living and he was in Carroll. Sending condolences and prayers.*

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**Christine Heires Bowles** - December 27, 2023 at 05:51 PM