



## Tom B. Kruse

December 5, 1961 - August 10, 2021

Tom Kruse, 59 of Mesa, Arizona, and formerly of Carroll, died Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at Dignity Health Arizona General Hospital in Mesa, Arizona.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m., Friday, August 20, 2021, at St. John Paul II Parish – St. Lawrence Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Kevin Richter. Music will be by Jane Heithoff and Kathy Halbur. Lector for the Funeral Mass will be Sue Kruse. Gift Bearers will be Alicia Kruse, Kylee Kruse, and Kendall Cleveland. Honorary Pallbearers will be John Martin, Kevin Pratt, Gary Ellis, Steve Caligiuri, John Amsbaugh, Frank Yacavone and Tom's nieces and nephews. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll.

Visitation will be held from 9:30-10:45 a.m. on Friday at the church.

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

Born in Sheldon, Iowa to Tom and Monica Kruse. He spent his early years in Spencer Iowa before the family moved to Carroll, Iowa. Tom graduated from Kuemper High School in 1980. He was a member of the golf team that played at the State Golf Tournament. He graduated from LaMar University in Beaumont, TX in 1984 with a degree in Finance with honors and was a

member of the Men's Golf Team. He was also a member of a little league all-star team that won in Iowa and eventually lost in Nebraska but was a fun memory of his.

After graduation he came back to Carroll and started his career with Norwest Financial that later merged with Wells Fargo Financial which took him to the Des Moines area.

Throughout his career with Wells Fargo, he held different positions that led him to move to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Denver, Colorado, and Las Vegas, Nevada before coming back to Des Moines where his last position was a Senior Vice President of Home Mortgage. He retired after 33 years at the age of 55 and moved to Arizona.

Tom cherished time with family and friends. He loved to golf and enjoyed horse races (which his grandpa Emmett Noonan introduced him to). His Fridays were filled with analyzing the horses and getting his bets in. He wanted to see all the major tracks in the United States and four years ago made it to the last one in Saratoga Springs NY. He also enjoyed many golf trips with his brothers and his Uncle Dave Liddell.

He loved his group of golf buddies at Echo Valley Country Club in Norwalk and many coworkers having cocktails with them after work. He was a lifetime Iowa Hawkeye fan. He had a big smile and zest for life, and he always seemed to meet new friends everywhere he went. He had tremendous pride for his nephews and nieces - always wanting to hear their interests and giving them career and financial advice. So much so that he recently bought a home back in Carroll to spend more time with his parents and watch the great nephews and nieces in their activities.

Tom is survived by his parents, Tom and Monica Kruse of Carroll. Siblings,

Jeff (Sue) Kruse of Mesa, Arizona, Tammy (Vern) Coles of Ankeny, IA, Terry (John) Pudenz of Mesa, AZ, Julie Kruse of Dexter, IA, Marg (John) Perrin of Carroll, IA, and Jim Kruse of Carroll, IA.

He is also survived by his nephews and nieces, Adam (Ashley) Wuebker, Kendall (Matt) Cleveland, Tyler (Maggie) Redenbaugh, Alicia Kruse, Austin (Hailey) Coles, Kylee Kruse, Noah Kruse, and Dalton (Kate) Perrin. He had eight great nephews and nieces along with many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He is reunited with his brother Joe Kruse in heaven along with his grandparents, Floyd and Jessie Kruse and Emmett and Veronica Noonan. As well as other uncles, aunts, and cousins.

# Tribute Wall

GZ

“ I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to the family especially Tom & Monica. He was quite an accomplished young man. He touched many lives as well as enjoying friends & family.  
Respectfully, Gary D. Zinn

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**Gary Zinn** - August 25, 2021 at 04:11 PM

SM

“ So sorry to hear the news of Tom's passing. I was his Dental Hygienist and he was one of my favorite patients! His smile and laugh were so contagious. I will miss his kindness. He always spoke so highly of his family. His dental family in Arizona will miss him. Until we meet again my friend.

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**Sharma Mulqueen** - August 23, 2021 at 04:33 PM

TT

“ Spin your comments are right on! Father Richter's homily at the Mass today was beautiful. Even though he did not know Tommy personally, he felt he got to know him by all the lovely posts made on this page. His parents and siblings should know everyone who knew him hold a special place in their heart by knowing Tommy Kruse. And this is coming from a kid from Breda! 😊. RIP my friend, you will not be forgotten. 🙏

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**Tony Tiefenthaler** - August 20, 2021 at 07:26 PM

KS

“ To say that Tommy will be missed is an understatement. He was a true friend to so many. He was genuine. He was kind. And no matter how long it had been since we had seen each other last it was as if no time had passed. I will miss that smile with a little chuckle at the end. RIP old friend.

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**Kathy Spindler** - August 19, 2021 at 10:04 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Tom B. Kruse.



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August 19, 2021 at 08:06 PM

GE

“ Sorry for your loss

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**Gary Erps** - August 19, 2021 at 03:04 PM

BS

“ Brian and Brenda Stricker purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Tom B. Kruse.



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**Brian and Brenda Stricker** - August 18, 2021 at 09:55 PM

DR

“ I was very saddened to hear of Tom’s passing. There are a lot of us Wells Fargo people who have wonderful memories of the Kruser/TBK. He was a great people person leader and very approachable. I worked with Tom in Des Moines and LAS Vegas. We had good times at work and a lot of great times out of work. My thoughts and prayers are with the Kruse family and all his close friends.

Derek Rich - August 18, 2021 at 10:13 AM

KB

“ So sorry to hear about Tom .We went to KHS and graduated the same year. I had several classes with him and enjoyed his smile and made people laugh.My prayers are with your family.

Kimi Boeckman Bauman - August 18, 2021 at 12:50 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tom B. Kruse.



August 17, 2021 at 07:47 PM

SH

“ Tom, Monica & family,  
So sorry to hear of Tom’s passing. We were friends in high school and he was always kind, thoughtful and fun to be around! His smile would light up a room. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

~Sandy Tigges Harman

Sandy Tigges Harman - August 17, 2021 at 03:28 PM

SF

“ Scott Duffy and Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Tom B. Kruse.



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**Scott Duffy and Family** - August 17, 2021 at 10:46 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Tom B. Kruse.



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August 16, 2021 at 11:47 PM

TG

“ Tom and Paula Greteman purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Tom B. Kruse.



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**Tom and Paula Greteman** - August 16, 2021 at 07:38 PM

PR

“ Paul, Jane, Ryan, Sean, Thad and Rani purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Tom B. Kruse.



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**Paul, Jane, Ryan, Sean, Thad and Rani** - August 16, 2021 at 06:27 PM

MB

“ Our sympathies go out to the Kruse family on the loss of someone so special so young. What a joy it was to be Tom's golf coach at Kuemper during his high school years. You could always count on Tom to bring such a positive competitive attitude to the team those four years but more importantly a true gentleman and joy to be around on and off the course. He made us all better.

*Keep it in the fairway Tommy!*

*Mike and Ruth Barrett*

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**Michael Barrett** - August 16, 2021 at 05:52 PM

GB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He was a joy to work with for so many years, an absolute wealth of knowledge and always had a smile. You never wanted to be invited a 'Come to Kruse' meeting when something wasn't going right but he was always the first to jump in to help, to provide additional explanation or resources to support your needs. I worked with Tom for many years in many geographic locations and the lives of everyone that he touched are better for having known Tom. We will truly miss him.

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**Gayle E. Borst** - August 16, 2021 at 04:48 PM

RK

“ Tom was an absolute joy to be around. His work in CLAO getting Loans approved was absolutely LEGENDARY. Tom cared so much about WFF and brought a fantastic attitude and smart Business sense every day. I always tried to listen when Tom talked about potential problems that made his job harder. He rarely complained so when he talked, I paid attention. I haven't seen Tom since I retired but I will still miss him dearly. He was a wonderful guy to be around and I have some incredible memories of dinners together in Las Vegas. Any day spent with Tom made LIFE on this planet special. So many of us loved Tom and we are deeply saddened by his passing. Thank you Tom for always being there for my Division. You were truly a special man.

*Roger King  
Division Manager*

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**Roger King** - August 16, 2021 at 04:31 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tom B. Kruse.



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August 16, 2021 at 02:50 PM

RG

“ Tom was as kind and caring man as you will ever meet. Love of family and friends made his life a joyful one. He might have just lost in a photo, or missed a short putt and you wouldn't know it. Tom was ready for the next chance to make a memory with those around him. It seems he ended every conversation with his special chuckle. To know him was to love him, for the big-hearted and beautiful man, he was. Rest in Peace and may the heavenly seas be calm for the "Ship".

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**Ron German** - August 16, 2021 at 02:28 PM

JM

“ Josh & Becca Mason purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Tom B. Kruse.



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**Josh & Becca Mason** - August 16, 2021 at 01:36 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Tom B. Kruse.



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August 16, 2021 at 12:48 PM

JS

“ I worked with Tom at WFF and my wife worked with him at WFF Retailer. His ready smile and quick wit made work fun.

*Our thoughts and prayers go out to Tom's family.*

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**Jim Sandor** - August 16, 2021 at 11:34 AM

LB

“ *Larry And Lynne Brincks lit a candle in memory of Tom B. Kruse*



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**Larry and Lynne Brincks** - August 16, 2021 at 11:09 AM



“ *I worked with Tom at WFF. He was such a great guy. Working with people like Tom made work enjoyable. I am a Hoosier fan and so he loved to razz me during basketball season. Our last emails were just this past Feb talking about the Hawkeyes and Hoosiers. My favorite memory is sitting in the Rio sports book during a work trip watching basketball and having a few beers. When I think of Tom a smile immediately comes to my face.*

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**Mindy Sonnenfelt** - August 16, 2021 at 10:45 AM

LE

“ *Monica, I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you, Tom and family.*  
*Levan Eich*

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**Levan Eich** - August 15, 2021 at 08:09 PM

 Joel  
Santolla

“ I am so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I will always remember him as a great and fun guy who was full of life! We had great times when he came out to the East Coast when I was the Regional Manager there. One funny memory - We were in Boston for a meeting and he mentioned he would love to see Fenway Park, so we drove out to see it with a few others in the car. While there was no game at that time, the lights were all on. I joked with him that I had called ahead and had them put them on just for him. He wasn't totally sure if I was serious or not, so I took it a stop further and pretended to call Fenway and I thanked for putting on the lights so our guest Mr Kruse could see the park but go ahead and turn them off now. And right as I said that, the lights all went off., We had such great laugh over that and that is how I always think of Tom -laughing and enjoying life!

*Joel Santolla*

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**Joel Santolla** - August 15, 2021 at 07:56 PM

EM

“ Sorry to hear about your loss Monica and Tom. You have our deepest sympathies.

*Gene & Diane Meiners*

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**Eugene Meiners** - August 15, 2021 at 06:19 PM

RA

“ Dear Kruse Family,  
I cannot put into words how heavy my heart is for you. What a fun loving person Little Tom was! I don't ever recall seeing him without that big smile! Tom and Monica, you did an awesome job raising that young man. To the Kruse children, I know he enjoyed every minute he was able to spend with you! Hold onto all the memories and he will never be gone from your heart.

Much love,

Rayoma

P.S. he is most likely up there giving Harry and Joe a bad time 

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Rayoma - August 15, 2021 at 04:46 PM

KC

“ To the Kruse family,  
I attended school at St. Lawrence and Kuemper with Tommy. He was a wonderful, kind, fun soul. He was always athletic and had an easy, contagious laugh. He will be fondly remembered. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Kathy Daeges Christensen

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Kathy Daeges Christensen - August 15, 2021 at 04:20 PM

LA

To Tommy's Family

I met Tommy my Freshman year at Kuemper. He was always so friendly and his smile was contagious. I was so excited when he asked me out for a date and enjoyed several more over the summer. After high school, I didn't see Tommy much but then about 5 years ago, several of us met for drinks. His smile, still contagious and that belly laugh, makes me smile right now. My heart aches that he was called home so young. My prayers for you all during this difficult time. Lisa Wuebker Anderson

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Lisa Anderson - August 16, 2021 at 02:09 PM

JF

“ To the Kruse family. I graduated with Tom from KHS in 1980. So, so sorry to hear of his passing. This world will definitely miss his zest for life and his heart-filling laugh. An honor to have known him and been a classmate. My deepest sympathies to you all.  
Jane (Brenny) Forbes

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**Jane Forbes** - August 15, 2021 at 04:08 PM

JS

“ I'm gonna miss our golfing times dude... I still remember your "fast" putting skills. You were a great friend/buddy and I'll always remember this...

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**Jim Smith** - August 15, 2021 at 04:05 PM

CM

“ I remember the day Tom joined my classroom at St Lawrence. We took attendance by saying our names and what day our birthday was. Since we were seated in alphabetical order and my last name began with a “C”, I said my name and that my birthday was December 5th. Tom shouted out, “my birthday is December 5th!” From that day on, he started a little competition with me to see who could wish the other happy birthday first. Then and over the years, I always looked forward to sharing a birthday wish with Tom. It brought me such joy!  
Tom only had friends. His beautiful eyes, smile infectious and robust laugh automatically drew people to him. He never knew a stranger! A genuine kind soul! RIP, my dear friend.  
Until we meet another day... ❤️🙏

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**Cathy (Carruthers) Moninger** - August 15, 2021 at 03:28 PM

HS

“ Sorry to hear about Tom. Great guy who always greeted you with a smile.

Henry Stork - August 15, 2021 at 03:26 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Tom B. Kruse.



August 15, 2021 at 01:29 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Tom B. Kruse.



August 15, 2021 at 12:55 PM

DM

“ I worked with Tom and he was our neighbor when he lived in the Des Moines Beaverdale neighborhood. He watched our sons grow up and play sports in the backyard. We will always remember the Sunday when we had a new Priest at Holy Trinity and he asked everyone to introduce themselves to him after mass as they were exiting the church. Tom was right behind us and when Tom gave him his name, the priest said "Yeah Right" thinking Tom gave him a movie star name. Tom just smiled and laughed and we had a good laugh with him in the church parking lot. He will be missed.  
Dan and Connie Maahs

Dan Maahs - August 15, 2021 at 12:54 PM

CG

“ Chad & Trisha Guggenmos purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Tom B. Kruse.



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**Chad & Trisha Guggenmos** - August 12, 2021 at 07:50 PM

DO

“ My deepest condolences to Monica and Tom and family! A great guy and so sorry to see this! Hang in there all!

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**Denny O’Grady** - August 12, 2021 at 03:47 PM

TD

“ Monica and family, I’m so sad to hear this. I remember when Tom first came to school in Carroll. He was a great friend from the beginning. He was a big sports guy. I remember he had the white leather Addidas tennis shoes and he aimed to wear them out with a lot of fun. He leaves a great legacy. Tomdalhoff

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**Tom Dalhoff** - August 11, 2021 at 10:15 PM

JE

“ To Tom's Family, sending hugs on your loss-Tom was always smiling. Our sympathy

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**Julie and Ted Eischeid** - August 11, 2021 at 10:01 PM

LB

“ *Lynne And Larry Brincks lit a candle in memory of Tom B. Kruse*



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**Lynne and Larry Brincks** - August 11, 2021 at 09:52 PM

JO

“ *Such a fun person alway a smile, so many good memories at the muny golf course .thoughts and prayers to a great family. Joan Shymanski*

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**joanshymanski** - August 11, 2021 at 05:49 PM

JG

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Tom. I remember him as part of the old neighborhood & neighbor. Many prayers and thoughts to the family!*  
*Julie (Irlbeck) Gehling*



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**Julie Irlbeck Gehling** - August 11, 2021 at 11:31 AM