



## Wayne Bruening

September 12, 1955 - July 26, 2025

Wayne Bruening, 69 of Mt. Carmel, died Saturday, July 26, 2025 at Regency Park Nursing Home in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., Monday, August 4, 2025 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Mt. Carmel. The Celebrant will be Fr. Merlin Schrad. Mass servers will be Joe Pudenz and Abrianna Pudenz. Music will be by Nancy Lemker and the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Choir. Lectors will be Jill Pudenz and Laura Gray. Gift bearers will be his grandchildren, Gus, Hank, Landan, Linkin, Amelia, and Avah. Casket bearers will be Jim Berger, Kevin Hospelhorn, Jeff Ludwig, Dan Nieland, Tim Pudenz, Kevin Stork, and Lynn Wuebker. Burial will be in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cemetery with military honors conducted by the Breda American Legion.

A visitation will be held from 3-5 p.m. on Sunday at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll. The casket will be moved to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church on Monday morning where additional visitation will be held from 9:30-10:15 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left at the funeral home or the church for a later designation. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Wayne's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Wayne, the son of Norbert and Florence (Masching) Bruening, was born on September 12, 1955, in Carroll, Iowa. He grew up near Mt. Carmel and graduated from Kuemper Catholic High School in 1973. He served in the United States Navy and was stationed in Italy, an experience he fondly remembered throughout his life.

On April 27, 1979, he married the love of his life, Jane Berger, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Carroll. Together they made their home near Mt. Carmel, where they raised three children.

Wayne was a farmer with a deep respect for the land and the value of hard work. In addition to farming, he worked at the Carroll Sale Barn, Garst Seed Company, Quant's Auto Salvage, and most recently as a maintenance mechanic at St. Anthony Regional Hospital. No matter the job, Wayne took pride in doing things right. He formed lasting connections everywhere he worked, earning the respect and friendship of those around him.

He was the definition of salt of the earth—hardworking, humble, and steady. He didn't seek attention, but those who knew him often said he'd give you the shirt off his back without hesitation.

He enjoyed spending time outdoors, especially hunting and fishing, and was known for his craftsmanship in refinishing guns. But more than anything, he liked being a grandpa. He cherished every moment they shared—teaching, teasing, and quietly cheering them on.

He is survived by his children: Ryan (Sarah) Bruening of Carroll, and their children Landan, Linkin, Amelia, and Avah; Chelsea Bruening of Denver, CO; and daughter-in-law Alexandra Bruening of Omaha, NE, and her sons Gus and Hank. He is also survived by his in-laws Marian and Ronald Berger of

Carroll and nieces Jill (Chris) Pudenz and Laura (Brandon) Gray, and many extended relatives and friends.

Wayne was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Jane; his son, Ross; his parents, Florence and Norbert Bruening; his brother, Neal Bruening; and his parents-in-law, Joe and Viola (Lange) Berger.

# Tribute Wall

DW

“ *Denny Wiederien lit a candle in memory of Wayne Bruening*



**Denny Wiederien** - August 06, 2025 at 10:41 PM

BI

“ *Our sympathy to the Bruening family. RIP Wayne.*



**Brad and Carrie Irlbeck** - August 04, 2025 at 09:18 AM

BE

“ *Wayne was such a nice guy. Will miss seeing him. Sympathy to his family. RIP Wayne*



**Beth** - August 01, 2025 at 09:32 PM

DH

“ *My deepest sympathy to Wayne's children and family. I worked with Wayne at St Anthony Hospital. He always had a smile on his face and willing to help you do anything when you were busy in ER. With sympathy, Denise Higgins*

**Denise Higgins** - August 01, 2025 at 08:36 PM

AK

“ *Our sympathy to the Bruening family. We always enjoyed talking with Wayne and also Janie over the years.*

Alan Kokenge - July 31, 2025 at 01:51 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wayne Bruening.*



July 31, 2025 at 12:21 PM

TF

“ *The Demers Family lit a candle in memory of Wayne Bruening*



The Demers Family - July 30, 2025 at 03:03 PM

LS

“ *My sympathy to all of Wayne's family. I have so many fun memories sitting on the bleachers with both he and Jane and the get-togethers after the games! Praying for your strength and acceptance.*



Linda Sporrer - July 30, 2025 at 09:45 AM

LH

“ *Chelsea, Ryan, Allie.  
You are in my prayers as you mourn Wayne's  
death. He was so proud of you. LuAnn*



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**LuAnn Hannasch** - July 28, 2025 at 08:15 PM

KV

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to Chelsea, Ryan & Ross's family.  
Wayne would stop by Grass's shop to chat & always enjoyed talking  
to him! He was such a kindhearted guy!*

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**Ken & Diane Vonnahme** - July 28, 2025 at 07:04 PM

DD

“ *Many great memories of working with Wayne at the Carroll  
Salebarn and on his farm. Wayne would give you "the shirt off his  
back" if you needed anything. Rest in peace Wayne.*

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**Dr Mike Davis** - July 28, 2025 at 05:29 PM

DU

“ *Dawn Uhlenkamp lit a candle in memory of  
Wayne Bruening*



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**Dawn Uhlenkamp** - July 28, 2025 at 04:05 PM

KB

“ *Kim Boeckman lit a candle in memory of Wayne Bruening*



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**Kim Boeckman** - July 27, 2025 at 10:25 PM

TE

“ *Ted-Julie Eischeid lit a candle in memory of Wayne Bruening*



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**Ted-Julie Eischeid** - July 27, 2025 at 06:00 PM

TE

“ *Our Sympathy and prayers Ryan, Chelsea & Ross' families. Ted has many good memories working with your dad at the Salebarn in Carroll. We are thinking of you all. Ted & Julie Eischeid*

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**Ted-Julie Eischeid** - July 27, 2025 at 05:59 PM

LW

“ *He was a good neighbor and a good friend. My sympathy especially to Ryan and all the family.*

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**Leon And La Vonne Wernimont** - July 27, 2025 at 02:21 PM

KP

“ Our thoughts & prayers are with you. He was a good, kind man. May he rest in peace



Kristi & Marv Pudenz - July 27, 2025 at 11:01 AM

SK

“ I have so many fond memories of Wayne, Jane and their children. I taught their kids at Mount Carmel school. They were so pleasant and supportive of their children and the faculty. So sorry for their loss 🙏 Sharon Kasperbauer

Sharon Kasperbauer - July 27, 2025 at 10:51 AM

MW

So sorry that he passed. We went to Mt. Carmel grade school together. He was a great guy. My condolences to Jane and his family.

mary wittry - July 27, 2025 at 01:52 PM

DW

So sorry for the Bruning family. They have had so much loss. Sending prayers Dennis and Darlene Wiederin

Darlene Wiederin - July 28, 2025 at 12:38 AM

KV

Our thoughts & prayers go out to Chelsea, Ryan & Ross's family. We always enjoyed when Wayne would stop by Grass's shop to chat! Such a kind & friendly guy & he will be missed!

Ken & Diane Vonnahme - July 28, 2025 at 04:47 PM

DI

MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE BRUENING FAMILY. THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS . DIANE OLSON

DIANE - July 29, 2025 at 03:13 PM