

Bruce Bierbaum, 57

Jan. 2, 1954 - March 31, 2011

WALNUT — Bruce Yale Bierbaum, son of Harlan and Marye (Mundorf) Bierbaum, was born on January 2, 1954 in Houston, TX. He lived in Texas with his sister, Linda, and his parents until the age of four. The family then relocated to Marne to be closer to Marye's parents. Bruce attended Marne Elementary School until sixth grade, at which time the school closed. Bruce finished the remainder of his schooling in Atlantic. After high school, Bruce enlisted into the Army National Guard and was sent to Fort Dix, NJ for basic training. He stayed with the guard for six years while training at a number of different bases around the country.



After his honorable discharge in 1979, he returned to Atlantic and began working at Payless Cashway Lumber Store. This is where he met his bride Donna McCurdy and the couple was married on January 4, 1980. One daughter, Marye was born to this union. The family moved to Walnut in 1981 and have remained there ever since. Bruce was employed at Mahle Engine Components Inc. from 1992 until 2009 and he met many good friends and companions there. He was then hired at Kum and Go in Walnut, a job he loved both because of the employees and the customers. In his free time, Bruce had many hobbies. He learned woodworking from his father at a young age and carried the love of working with his hands throughout his life. He enjoyed all sports when he was younger and really enjoyed slow pitch softball as he grew older. He also had a love of playing cards, especially Texas Hold 'em poker. Bruce died on March 31, 2011 at the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, NE having attained the age of fifty-seven years, two months, and twenty-nine days.

Bruce was preceded in death by his parents; one nephew, Adam McCurdy; and one great-nephew, Christopher Skow. He is survived by his wife of thirty-one years, Donna Bierbaum and their daughter Marye Bierbaum, both of Walnut; sister Linda Hepler of Avoca; nephew Steven Skow of Marne; and his children Amanda Skow of Walnut and Logan Skow of Marne; niece Amy Boken of Walnut and Brian Boken of Lewis and their children Dylan Boken of Lewis and Kylie Boken of Walnut, other relatives and many friends.

Bruce will be remembered in the lessons he passed on and the care and protection he gave to those he loved. We love you and miss you very much.

Pastor David Krueger officiated the 10:00 a.m. funeral service at the First Presbyterian Church in Walnut on Wednesday, April 6, 2011.

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Military Rites were conducted by the Walnut American Legion Post Number 422 at the Griswold Cemetery in Griswold. Steven Skow, Trevor Montgomery, Marvin Mundt, Dave Bierbaum, Mark McCurdy, Joel McCurdy, Logan Skow and Dylan Boken served as casket bearers.

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