



## Timothy P. Bruner

January 19, 1949 - October 8, 2017

Timothy P. Bruner, 68 of Kearney died Sunday, October 8, 2017 at CHI Good Samaritan in Kearney.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30 AM, Wednesday at St. James Catholic Church in Kearney. The Rev. Joseph Hannappel will officiate. Cremation will follow mass. Interment will be 9 AM, Thursday at the Kearney Cemetery. Military honors will be conducted at graveside by the National Guard Honors Team. Visitation will be 5-7pm, Tuesday at the church with a vigil to follow at 7:00 PM. The casket will be closed at the church.

Memorials suggested to the family for future designation. Online condolences may be shared at [osrfh.com](http://osrfh.com). O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Tim was born on January 19, 1949 in Bloomfield, Nebraska. Tim attended St. Andrews Catholic School in Bloomfield, Nebraska. Tim graduated from Bloomfield High School in 1967. He attended Wayne State College and later graduated from University of Nebraska at Omaha with a degree in Accounting.

Tim served in the United States Army from March 19, 1970 to November 18, 1971. Tim walked point for his squad in Vietnam for six months. He did not lose a single soldier under his command and watch. Tim was awarded the

bronze star with oak leaf cluster, among other honors.

When Tim returned to the world, he graduated from college under the GI Bill and married Patricia Schmidt on August 5, 1972. Tim began his career in hospital finance working for Lutheran Medical Services.

Tim moved to Kearney, Nebraska in 1983 and along with two others, founded Richard Young Hospital and were responsible for bringing emergency medivac services to rural Nebraska. Tim continued his career in Lincoln, Nebraska for Lincoln General Hospital and ByranLGH. Tim was dedicated to community service; serving on the Board of Directors for Bright Lights, the Lincoln Rebels and the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA), including a term as President for all three organizations, among other foundations.

Upon retirement, Tim resided in Kearney, Nebraska, devoting his time to the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Church, and his grandchildren. Tim had love for his family and friends, baseball, and singing. Tim had a tremendous, lasting impact on everyone who met him. Tim had the rare gift of making people feel as if they were the most important person in the world.

Tim was preceded in death by his father, Don Bruner.

He is survived by his mother, Mary, and husband Roland, wife, Patsy; son, Nathan, daughter-in-law Sara, his grandchildren, Sawyer, Emerson, and Noah, brothers Tom Bruner, Phil Bruner and wife Joanie, Chris Johnson and wife Marilyn, and Bill Johnson and wife Kelly, sisters Ruth Ott and husband Curt, and Mary Pomerville and husband Rick, and numerous nephews and nieces.

# Cemetery Details

## Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 233-3244

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **10**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church  
3801 Avenue A  
Kearney, NE 68847

## Vigil / Prayer Service

OCT **10**. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church  
3801 Avenue A  
Kearney, NE 68847

## Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **11**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church  
3801 Avenue A  
Kearney, NE 68847

## Graveside Service

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OCT **12**. 9:00 AM (CT)

Kearney Cemetery  
4400 Avenue I  
Kearney, NE 68847  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Timothy P. Bruner*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *My first cousin, who I had great respect for. I offer my condolences to his fine family, especially his mother, Aunt Mary, who called to inform me Thursday. As another Vietnam vet, I salute his bravery, and the many fine things he did after the war. He had a great run at life, and really made it count. A fine man*

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**Danny Harrison** - October 12, 2017 at 02:51 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of the loss of Tim. My dad, Jim Eisenhower, always shared such fond memories. May he rest in peace and enjoy a slice of pizza instead of being the one to make it! My dad loved the pizza and popcorn he shared with Tim and others. Our sympathies to your family.*

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**Jill Eisenhower Spenner** - October 12, 2017 at 08:36 AM



“ *I remember the good times we had in Bloomfield while growing up! Also, I remember the fun we had as roommates in Omaha while going to college. Tim was a good friend and always put others before himself. I am very pleased we were able to spend a couple hours together prior to our class reunion.*

*Rest In Peace my friend.*

*Kieth Folck*

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**Kieth Folck** - October 11, 2017 at 11:23 PM

MP

“ I served with Tim in Vietnam, a man I'll never forget. He was a natural born leader. All who served with Tim respected and more importantly trusted him where trust is essential for survival. He had the ability to somehow find some humor in dark times thus easing our tension making us laugh. He was a good man!  
My condolences to the family. Very sorry for your loss.  
Rest in peace brother  
Marc Puckett  
Vietnam 70-71

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**Marc Puckett** - October 11, 2017 at 11:37 AM

JA

“ I was saddened to see Tim's obituary in the Lincoln newspaper. I worked with him at Lincoln General. As the obituary said Tim always made me feel that me and the concern that I brought to him were very important. My sympathy to you all. Judy Althouse

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**Judy Althouse** - October 11, 2017 at 10:29 AM

JA

“ It was a pleasure working with TIM at Lincoln General Hospital he was always a joy to be around John Pabst

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**John P ABST** - October 10, 2017 at 08:29 PM

CW

“ Cindy and Mike Wagner purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Timothy P. Bruner.



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**Cindy and Mike Wagner** - October 10, 2017 at 06:34 PM

ND

“ So sorry to hear of Tim's passing. Our sincerest sympathy to all of the family. Rod and Nancy Doerr , Class of '67, Bloomfield.



Nancy Doerr - October 10, 2017 at 06:33 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Timothy P. Bruner.



October 10, 2017 at 02:58 PM



“ Sympathy Chocolates was purchased for the family of Timothy P. Bruner.



October 10, 2017 at 12:32 PM

CS

“ Carma Sazama lit a candle in memory of Timothy P. Bruner



Carma Sazama - October 10, 2017 at 12:16 PM

CS

*I grew up with Tim and we graduated together. Just saw him this summer at our 50th class reunion. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

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**Carma Sazama** - October 10, 2017 at 12:18 PM

SL

*Prayers to the family*

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**Sharon Larson** - October 12, 2017 at 05:11 PM

MH

*Just found out about Tim's passing. We grew up together in Bloomfield until my folks moved to Omaha in 1965. Tim and Patsy were my neighbors back in 1973-74 in Omaha. Tim was the first person I knew who had a VHS camera. He videotaped everything! I thought he was a "tech" genius at the time.*

*I moved from Omaha in the mid-70's but thought of Tim and Patsy often. They are a great couple and Tim was a terrific man who will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him.*

*Mark Heavrin November 2, 2017.*

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**Mark Heavrin** - November 02, 2017 at 12:05 PM

GN

*“ Dear Patsy, I was deeply saddened to hear of Tim's death. From the first time that I heard you speak of Tim I knew that you were crazy about him. You always spoke with reverence as you shared stories about your life with Tim and Nathan. I wish you peace. Love, Gayla Nelsen*

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**Gayla Nelsen** - October 10, 2017 at 10:12 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Timothy P. Bruner.*



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October 10, 2017 at 09:32 AM



“ *I worked with Tim during his years with Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital. He was a good man and truly cared about what he did. He was proud of his association with HFMA and always supported that organization. He will be missed.*

*Joe Stelmach*

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**Joe Stelmach** - October 10, 2017 at 09:18 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Timothy P. Bruner.*



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October 10, 2017 at 08:15 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Timothy P. Bruner.*



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October 09, 2017 at 04:26 PM

DF

“ *Patsy and Family,*

*I am so sorry for your loss - hugs and prayers to all of you at this difficult time.*

*Darleen Farwell*



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**Darleen Farwell** - October 09, 2017 at 02:53 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Timothy P. Bruner.*



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October 09, 2017 at 08:21 AM

CJ

“ *Cliff And Mary Jo Jarecke lit a candle in memory of Timothy P. Bruner*



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**Cliff and Mary Jo Jarecke** - October 09, 2017 at 06:39 AM

CJ

*Our thoughts and prayers continue for you Patsy and your family in your time of grieving. We will all miss Tim. He brought so much joy to others. He was a gifted man.*

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**Cliff and Mary Jo Jarecke** - October 09, 2017 at 06:41 AM

BB

*We are so sorry for your loss Patsy and family. What a great man Tim was. Our deepest sympathy. Bob and Pam Bjerke*

**Bob and Pam Bjerke** - October 09, 2017 at 04:49 PM

DW

*I will always appreciate the time Tim and Nate spent with the Lincoln Rebels baseball team in the summers of 2000, 2001 and 2002. My son, Thomas, has always cherished those memories and we speak of those days often. Tim was fabulous with those boys and I am saddened to hear of his passing. Dwight 'Doc' Wininger*

**Dwight 'Doc' Wininger** - October 10, 2017 at 11:47 AM

LK

*I am so sorry for your loss. I was a classmate of Tim's in the class of 1967....what a wonderful person with such a caring heart for everyone. He was blessed with so many talents, none of which went wasted. It was so wonderful to be able to visit with him at our 50th class reunion this summer. Prayers for your families. Lois Schroeder Krohn*

**Lois Schroeder Krohn** - October 10, 2017 at 01:10 PM

MI

*Dear Patsy: So sorry for your loss. I Prayers for you and your family. Cherish the memories.*

**Mary Iten** - October 10, 2017 at 03:02 PM

ML

*Dear Patsy, I was saddened by the news of Tim's death. You always were so proud of his accomplishments. He was a very thoughtful and caring person. He was also a goal oriented person and set high expectations for himself in everything he did. I remember him as a great advocate for young kids. Prayers go out to you, Nathan, Bill , and the rest of the family.*

*Mary and Greg Logsdon*

**Mary Logsdon** - October 10, 2017 at 08:14 PM

PV

*I worked for Tim in the Lincoln General years he was a great joy. I remember him playing Santa Clause one year. (he did it well right down to the ho ho ho). He will truely be missed.*

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**Peggy Volmer** - October 11, 2017 at 04:25 PM