



## Bruce Brown

March 7, 1945 - January 14, 2024

The memorial service celebrating the life of Bruce Brown of Verndale will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 9, at the Bethany Free Lutheran Church in Bluegrass with Pastor Andrew Ratcliffe presiding. Visitation will be held on Thursday, from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena, and will resume at the church on Friday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service

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View the service by going to the Schuller Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services' Facebook page.

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Bruce Edward Brown, fully prepared, passed from his earthly home at rural Verndale surrounded by his family to his heavenly home, in the early morning hours of Sunday, January 14, 2024, at the age of 78 years. He was gently cared for by the Knute Nelson Hospice & Homecare and Astera Health of Wadena.

Bruce was born to Hiram and Edna (Denny) Brown at Wesley Hospital in Wadena, MN, on March 7, 1945. He attended Verndale Public School, graduating with the Class of 1963. Bruce was united in marriage with Patricia Kemple in 1963. In their years together, Cindy, Dennis and Heidi were born. Bruce and Pat decided to separate ways. He met and later married Barbara Jean Koenen on February 3, 1978, in Watertown, SD, followed by Amy and

Jeffrey joining the family.

After graduation, Bruce started working for Olson Construction and went on to work for Rich Brown Masonry. By 2002, Bruce became self-employed until his retirement.

In his hours away from work, Bruce liked to go deer hunting, fishing, and on trips to Alaska and Tennessee. He enjoyed gardening and mowing the lawn. Most of all, Bruce loved being with family, watching his grandkids in sports, and coffee with friends.

Preceding Bruce in death are his parents, Hiram Brown and Edna Brown Henschel; stepdad, Erwin Henschel; two angel babies; grandson, Cody Brown; grandparents; and in-laws, Melvin and Mavis Koenen.

He will be greatly missed by all who know he is now where he wanted to be. Bruce is survived by his wife of nearly 46 years, Barb; children, Cindy (Ray) Nelson of Zimmerman, Dennis Brown of Texas, Heidi (Shawn) Stanchfield of Princeton, Amy (Jeremy) Ogg of Dickson, TN, and Jeff (Tracy) Brown of New York Mills; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; brother, Rich (Lois) Brown of Verndale; along with extended family and friends.

Honorary urn bearers will be Bruce's grandchildren, great-grandchild, and his Boondocks coffee group. His children will be urn bearers.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Bruce's name may be directed to the American Cancer Society or American Lung Association.

Burial will be at a later date in Green Lawn Cemetery, Verndale, MN.

# Cemetery Details

## Green Lawn Cemetery

16277 120th Street  
1st Ave./ Co Rd 104 (1 mile west of Verndale)  
Verndale, MN 56481

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family & Friends

FEB 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel  
205 4th Street Southwest  
Wadena, MN 56482  
(218) 631-3632

## Gathering of Family & Friends

FEB 9. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethany Free Lutheran Church (Bluegrass)  
21987 County Road 23  
Sebeka, MN 56477

## Memorial Service

FEB 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Bethany Free Lutheran Church (Bluegrass)  
21987 County Road 23  
Sebeka, MN 56477



# Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Bruce's Service in memory of Bruce Brown*



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**Schuller Family Funeral Homes** - February 17, 2024 at 04:32 PM



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Bruce Brown*



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**Schuller Family Funeral Homes** - February 05, 2024 at 05:21 PM

**KB**

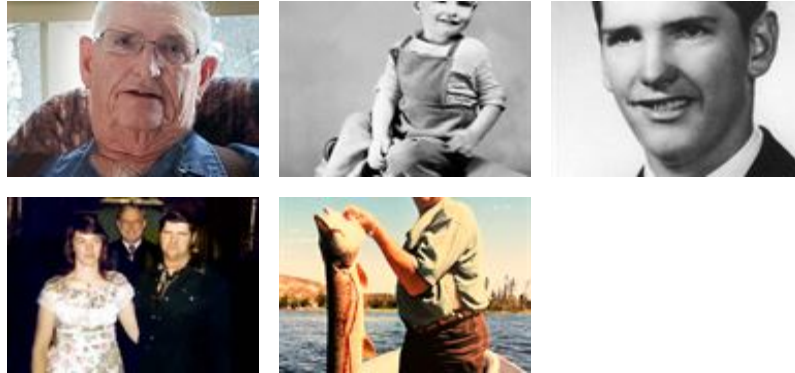
*Such beautiful memories for you all. Bruce was such a great person and will be missed by all. May the Lord bless you and know that he is at peace*

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**Karen Berg** - February 05, 2024 at 09:55 PM



“ 43 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - February 05, 2024 at 05:21 PM

PL

“ Pat Lorentz lit a candle in memory of *Bruce Brown*



Pat Lorentz - January 28, 2024 at 12:43 PM

KS

“ Karen Schumacher lit a candle in memory of *Bruce Brown*



Karen Schumacher - January 25, 2024 at 05:15 PM

BH

“ *Bob Donna Haman lit a candle in memory of Bruce Brown*



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**Bob & Donna Haman** - January 21, 2024 at 08:14 PM

CO

“ *Carol Osborn lit a candle in memory of Bruce Brown*



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**Carol Osborn** - January 21, 2024 at 07:55 AM

CO

“ *Carol Osborn lit a candle in memory of Bruce Brown*



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**Carol Osborn** - January 21, 2024 at 07:54 AM

TB

“ *Bruce was such a great guy! He always made me laugh along with his wife Barb! We will miss him so much! Sending prayers and love to the family!!*

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**Terena Brown** - January 19, 2024 at 04:52 PM

MD

“ *Our sympathy to Barb and family.  
Ted & Mary Ellen Derby*



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**Mary Ellen Derby** - January 19, 2024 at 04:09 PM

WS

“ *Wayne & Sheila Stave sent a virtual gift in  
memory of Bruce Brown*



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**Wayne and Sheila Stave** - January 18, 2024 at 11:28 PM

NR

“ *Bruce was such a wonderful and kind man.  
He put in the basement when we put on our  
addition. Such a skilled man and so patient.  
Condolences to the family. Such a huge loss.*



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**Nancy Rach** - January 18, 2024 at 09:06 PM

PH

“ *Sending prayers for all*



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**Peggy Haman** - January 17, 2024 at 07:34 PM

RB

“ *Rita Boehland lit a candle in memory of Bruce Brown*



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**Rita Boehland** - January 17, 2024 at 04:47 PM

JP

“ *Prayers and Peace to you Barb and family. May Bruce's journey to Heaven be comforted by God's arms wrapped around him. He and I shared prayers together for each other's comfort from Jesus.*

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**Joanne Pickar** - January 17, 2024 at 02:27 PM

JO

“ *Prayers and Peace to you Barb and family. My heart goes to you all for comfort.*

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**Joanne** - January 17, 2024 at 01:43 PM

KU

“ *Karen Umland lit a candle in memory of Bruce Brown*



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**Karen Umland** - January 16, 2024 at 10:12 PM

LM

“ *Linda McIntire lit a candle in memory of Bruce Brown*



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**Linda McIntire** - January 16, 2024 at 08:35 PM

KJ

“ *So sorry to hear of Bruce's passing.  
Ken and Pam Jenson*



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**Ken and Pam Jenson** - January 16, 2024 at 04:53 PM

BO

“ *Nancy Olson lit a candle in memory of Bruce Brown*



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**Bill & Nancy Olson** - January 16, 2024 at 03:32 PM

WD

“ *Barb and Family So sorry to hear of Bruce's passing.*



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**Will & Marilee Domier** - January 16, 2024 at 09:44 AM

BE

“ *Ben & Regina Tellers Soorry for your loss.*



Ben - January 16, 2024 at 07:56 AM

DH

*Sorry to hear of Bruce's passing Barb And Family*

Diane & Larry Hahn - January 16, 2024 at 05:47 PM

JD

“ *Jerry & Janice Denny lit a candle in memory of Bruce Brown*



Jerry & Janice Denny - January 15, 2024 at 06:25 PM

LM

“ *So sorry to hear about the loss of Bruce.*

Lois Christine Miller - January 15, 2024 at 05:57 PM

TB

“ *Sorry for your loss . Bruce was our neighbor. He was and still is a great man.*

Theodore Black - January 15, 2024 at 05:45 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce Brown.*



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January 15, 2024 at 04:54 PM



“ *Elton & Esther Stanchfield planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce Brown.*

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**Elton & Esther Stanchfield** - January 15, 2024 at 04:54 PM



“ *Jim and Tracey Stoneman lit a candle in memory of Bruce Brown*



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**Jim and Tracey Stoneman** - January 15, 2024 at 02:51 PM



“ *I have good memories of Bruce, thinking back to the days I visited and served him when he came into the Wadena Eye Clinic and then later at the Medical Center. He was always very appreciative and friendly. He also did a great job in crafting the bricks for our fireplace. Barb and Family, thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. He is on my list of "good guys" I encountered while dealing with the public. Sincerely, Mavis & Rich*



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**Rich & Mavis Kendall** - January 15, 2024 at 01:44 PM

EN

“ *Eric, Amara, and Blake Neuerburg lit a candle in memory of Bruce Brown*



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**Eric, Rhonda, Amara, and Blake Neuerburg** - January 15, 2024 at 01:35 PM

SF

“ *Sharon Folkestad lit a candle in memory of Bruce Brown*



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**Sharon Folkestad** - January 15, 2024 at 01:09 PM

JF

“ *Jason & Amanda Triebenbach & family lit a candle in memory of Bruce Brown*



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**Jason & Amanda Triebenbach & family** - January 15, 2024 at 12:19 PM

KH

“ *Kevin & Chris Hennagir lit a candle in memory of Bruce Brown*



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**Kevin and Chris Hennagir** - January 15, 2024 at 10:09 AM

RA

“ *Rita Anderson lit a candle in memory of Bruce Brown*



Rita Anderson - January 15, 2024 at 10:00 AM

GS

“ *Gene & Tami Schwartz lit a candle in memory of Bruce Brown*



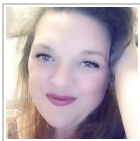
Gene and Tami Schwartz - January 15, 2024 at 08:56 AM

DK

“ *Dan Kern lit a candle in memory of Bruce Brown*



Dan Kern - January 15, 2024 at 06:32 AM



“ *Sending my deepest condolences to the Brown Families during this time.* □



Shelly Dukowitz - January 15, 2024 at 12:49 AM

LW

“ Thoughts and prayers for Barb and family of Bruce.  
Bryan and Lucinda Wegscheid family



Lucinda Wegscheid - January 15, 2024 at 12:38 AM

GD

“ George & Julie Deiss lit a candle in memory of Bruce Brown



George and Julie Deiss - January 14, 2024 at 10:46 PM

JJ

“ Jon & Patty Johnson lit a candle in memory of Bruce Brown



Jon & Patty Johnson - January 14, 2024 at 10:36 PM

JC

“ Jim & Janell Carr sent a virtual gift in memory of Bruce Brown



Jim and Janell Carr - January 14, 2024 at 09:49 PM

BR

“ *Bonnie Richter sent a virtual gift in memory of Bruce Brown*



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**Bonnie Richter** - January 14, 2024 at 09:31 PM

PD

“ *Patty Desrocher lit a candle in memory of Bruce Brown*



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**Patty Desrocher** - January 14, 2024 at 09:23 PM

EF

“ *Esther & Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of Bruce Brown*



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**Esther and Alan Freitag** - January 14, 2024 at 08:40 PM

SH

“ *Suzzy Harper lit a candle in memory of Bruce Brown*



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**Suzzy Harper** - January 14, 2024 at 08:22 PM

BD

“ *Bob & Kathy Derby lit a candle in memory of Bruce Brown*



Bob and Kathy Derby - January 14, 2024 at 07:51 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss*




Marissa Kern - January 14, 2024 at 07:41 PM

PM

“ *Barb, I'm sorry to hear of Bruce's passing. Hugs to you!!*



Penny McManigle - January 14, 2024 at 06:40 PM

 Kathy Hastings

“ *Kathy Hastings lit a candle in memory of Bruce Brown*



Kathy Hastings - January 14, 2024 at 06:38 PM

SO

“ *Sharyl Olson lit a candle in memory of Bruce Brown*



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**Sharyl Olson** - January 14, 2024 at 05:31 PM