



Bruce Kemp Norris

July 3, 1949 - May 10, 2026

Bruce Norris, age 76, of Alta, Iowa died May 10, 2026 at Accura Healthcare in Aurelia, Iowa.

Memorial services will take place Monday, May 18, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Alta, Iowa. Visitation will be held Sunday, May 17, 2026 from 4-7:00 p.m. at Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Bruce Kemp Norris was born July 3, 1949 in Ottawa, Illinois to Merlynd Alonzo Norris and Edna Marian (Kemp) Norris. He moved with his family to Eagle Grove, Iowa in 1950. He grew up with his two older brothers and one younger sister on an acreage in Eagle Grove. He was active in Boy Scouts and delivered the early morning Des Moines Register newspaper as a youngster. Bruce graduated in 1967 from EGHS. He worked at Cal's Super Valu in high school to earn spending money.

He married Mary Ellen Stevens on September 23, 1972 in Council Bluffs, Iowa. They made their home in Silver City, Iowa for four years and finally settled in Alta, Iowa for the last 47 years.

Bruce had numerous jobs as a young adult, including an over the road truck driver and an equipment operator until he started his apprenticeship at Mid American Energy (previously Iowa Public Service). He worked for Mid American for 39.5 years in the substation department and lastly as a Electric Meter Tech Specialist.

He could make friends easily, as long as they fished, shot a gun, drove fast cars, would barter with him for something, smoked a cigar and/or enjoyed a fine whiskey. He enjoyed meeting up for breakfast or lunch with his buddies. He could "spin a yarn" to anyone who would listen. He had a heart of gold and would always lend a hand to someone if he could.

Bruce and Ellen enjoyed going to flea markets and Antique shows together. They reared their children, Sarah and Seth in Alta and were busy attending all their activities as they were growing up. He and Mary Ellen had special individual weeks with each of their six grandchildren. He said he was making memories with the grands when they went for their donut treats early in the morning. He showed them how to fish, how to fix things, how to make things. He might have picked up his dad's habit of having a lot of "junk/treasures!" He really liked going to auctions and purchasing something that he "needed". He especially enjoyed going to his north and south "places" just to piddle around. He could drive anywhere, anytime and in any weather.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Merlynd and Edna Norris.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen, his daughter, Sarah (Josh) Roller; son, Seth (Cheri) Norris and six grandchildren: Benjamin and Vivian Roller; and Mercedes, Abby, Hunter and Gage Norris. He is also survived by his brothers: Ray (Barb) Norris, Brian (Barb) Norris and sister, Kathie (Todd) Asche; brother-in-law Roger Stevens and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn

Alta, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
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Memorial Service

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Burial

MAY 18 (CT)

Woodlawn
Alta, IA

Tribute Wall

JR

“ I will always remember eating Bandana's BBQ when you would make it to town.

Jesse Roller - May 16 at 11:07 AM

WY

“ Words don't express how much I miss you. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bruce Kemp Norris.



Words don't express how much I miss you. - May 15 at 02:17 PM

WY

“ Words don't express how much I miss you. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce Kemp Norris.

Words don't express how much I miss you. - May 15 at 02:17 PM

LY

“ Lynn Yates purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Bruce Kemp Norris.



Lynn Yates - May 15 at 10:31 AM

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“ Lynn Yates planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce Kemp Norris.

Lynn Yates - May 15 at 10:31 AM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - May 14 at 02:25 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Bruce Kemp Norris.



May 14 at 11:33 AM

PJ

“ Pat Johnson lit a candle in memory of Bruce Norris



Pat Johnson - May 14 at 10:16 AM

SM

“ *R.I.P my friend*



Steph Mickelson - May 12 at 09:25 AM

KB

“ *Katina Bennett lit a candle in memory of Bruce Norris*



Katina Bennett - May 12 at 09:03 AM

KM

“ *Bruce was such a dear, kind and giving friend to Mike. I can envision them talking and laughing together. He had such a good heart and he was always so positive. He will be deeply missed. My heart, thoughts and love are with you all. Karen Miller-Eash*

Karen Miller-Eash - May 12 at 08:52 AM

JW

“ *Joan Whitney lit a candle in memory of Bruce Norris*



Joan Whitney - May 11 at 04:59 PM



“ *RIP my friend* ”

M.H. Redenbaugh - May 11 at 03:25 PM