



Zachary Allen Ruroden

December 3, 1981 - October 31, 2022

Zachary Allen Ruroden, age 40, of Newell, Iowa, owner of Fritcher Abstract in Storm Lake, Iowa died October 31, 2022 at his residence.

A visitation will take place from 1-5:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 6, 2022 at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home of Storm Lake is in charge of arrangements.

Zachary Allen Ruroden was born December 3, 1981 to Mike and Teresa (Pape) Ruroden in Decorah, Iowa. He was baptized as an infant at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Eldorado, Iowa. In 2000, Zach graduated from North Fayette High School in West Union, Iowa.

In 2012, Zach purchased a historic Storm Lake building for the home of his business, Fritcher Abstract. He had a love and respect of all things historic and transformed his new office space into a work of art, achieving the perfect balance of old and new. He earned honors from the city of Storm Lake for his renovations of the building. In 2015, Zach purchased G.T. Murphy Abstract Co. in New Hampton, Iowa.

Zach worked in the title industry for over twenty-three years. He was an Iowa Land Title Association (ILTA) Certified Land Title Professional (CLTP) earning his designation in November 2016. Zach was awarded an American Land Title

Association (ALTA) National Title Professional (NTP) on January 1, 2019. He was the first Iowan to receive an ALTA NTP, where he was recognized for his years of hard work, extensive experience, and education advocacy. Zach held various leadership roles throughout his career including Abstracting Standards Committee Secretary, NC Regional Vice President, NW Regional Vice President, and President of the Iowa Land Title Association. He also served on numerous committees including the Abstracting Standards Committee, Abstracting Standards Sub Committee Book Review, Public Relations Committee, Legislative Committee, and the Title Plant Inspection Committee. Zach provided countless title plant inspections across the state and was instrumental in increasing the number of ILTA Certified Title Plants. As President of the ILTA, Zach represented the association at various neighboring land title associations' annual conventions. He was also a presenter for the Iowa Title Guaranty. Zach was very honored and proud of all his accomplishments. He will forever be remembered for his dedication to the title industry and will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Left to cherish Zach's memory are his fiancée: Kelley Cejka; mother: Teresa Weinschenk (Lavern Jr.); father: Mike Ruroden; grandparents: Allen and Wanda Pape; Avis Ruroden; brother: Colt Ruroden; nieces and nephews: Kaden, Remington, and Alaynah Ruroden; step-siblings: Brayden Weinschenk; Brittni Redmond; Brandon Pape; his fiancée's parents: John and Kyle Cejka; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Zach is preceded in death by his grandfather, Floyd Ruroden and cousin, Bruce Balk.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,
Storm Lake, IA 50588
(712) 732-1911
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Visitation

NOV 7. 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

St. Peter Lutheran Church
28884 State St
Eldorado, IA 52175

Burial

NOV 7. 4:30 PM (CT)

St. Peter Lutheran Cemetery
Eldorado, IA 52175

Tribute Wall

GL

“ Zach was such an amazing guy. Seeing his smile when I was mowing would make my day. Cracking jokes with him all the time! Will be missed by many.

Guyson Lyman - November 07, 2022 at 11:52 AM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - November 06, 2022 at 01:25 PM

KR

“ Zach was such a great guy!!!! We always enjoyed his visits to Fayette County Recorder's Office. He was always fun to visit with and he would share good memories that he shared with his Grandpa. A bright light has gone out!

Kristie Reiersen - November 06, 2022 at 09:44 AM

TA

“ Tim & Peggy Juergens Clayton Co Abstract purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Zachary Allen Ruroden.



Tim & Peggy Juergens Clayton Co Abstract - November 05, 2022 at 12:33 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Zachary Allen Ruroden.*



November 05, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Zach was a wonderful person. I'm proud to have had him as a friend and a colleague. Zach was very accomplished as a professional in the title evidencing industry and his dedication to his craft is unparalleled. Zach was a gentleman in all respects and is very much missed*

Ben Goulson - November 05, 2022 at 12:59 AM



*I was fortunately to be able to sell my company to such a capable and enthusiastic person. His service to the title association will be surely missed.
RIP friend.
Wally Murphy*

Wally Murphy - November 07, 2022 at 01:59 PM



“ *Zach... what a great guy.. such a great sense of humor.. and sincerely nice to his soul.. will so much miss our conversations.. and his laugh! He would always laugh when I asked to borrow his truck.. inside joke :-)* he will truly truly be missed.



Carrie - November 05, 2022 at 12:24 AM

PC

“ I only knew Zach for about 2-3 yrs. I liked him instantly. Such a dapper dresser.... Quick wit.... Ready smile.... Really listened and engaged in a conversation. So easy to like. Too young to be gone.... I am sad for those who loved him.... But they were lucky to have known him.... And blest to have loved and been loved by him..... God bless and keep Zach.

Pegi Cavanaugh - November 05, 2022 at 12:14 AM

CG

“ My deepest sympathy, may you have comfort and peace during this time of great loss.



Connie Groat - November 04, 2022 at 09:57 PM



“ We are very sad to hear of Zachs' passing-- I and my agents all enjoyed working with Zach and sharing some laughs, he was kind hearted and gave his best, definitely gone to soon and will be missed--Joanne and Focus Real Estate Team.

Joanne Heying - November 04, 2022 at 04:20 PM

NP

“ Nancy Paulsen lit a candle in memory of Zachary Ruroden



Nancy Paulsen - November 04, 2022 at 01:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Zachary Allen Ruroden.*



November 04, 2022 at 01:19 PM



“ *Zach always lit up the room wherever he went. He was always available for a chat by phone and always willing to field a question or provide insight into anything abstracting related. He was a true friend to so many. We will forever remember his boisterous personality and his exuberance for the title industry. We are at a loss without Zach. Our condolences go out to everyone who has in some way been touched by what Zach brought to the world. Anthony Bengston, Buchanan County Abstract & the Northeast Region of ILTA.*



Anthony Bengston - November 04, 2022 at 01:17 PM



“ *CENTURY 21 The Professional Group purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Zachary Allen Ruroden.*



CENTURY 21 The Professional Group - November 04, 2022 at 01:11 PM

PT

“ Peggy Tesch lit a candle in memory of Zachary Ruroden



Peggy Tesch - November 04, 2022 at 01:09 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Zachary Allen Ruroden.



November 04, 2022 at 12:50 PM

BH

“ I met Zach when he came to work at Black Hawk Abstract about 20 or so years ago. I could tell then, that he was going to accomplish great things. What a great guy he was! He could always make a room full of people laugh and always had a snappy quote when you least expected it. His smile was infectious and we will miss him so so much. FLY HIGH Zach You will never be forgotten.

Beckie Haas - November 04, 2022 at 12:49 PM

MG

“ Mandy Galbraith lit a candle in memory of Zachary Ruroden



Mandy Galbraith - November 04, 2022 at 12:11 PM

CG

“ I met Zach several years ago during the selling and purchase of Fritcher Abstract. He accomplished so much in his career and commitment to our industry and his willingness to always dig in and help with anything that was needed. He was so humble and will missed in so many ways. My sincere sympathy to Zach’s family, business acquaintances in Buena Vista County And in New Hampton.

Candy Galbraith

candy galbraith - November 04, 2022 at 12:10 PM

CG

“ *candy galbraith lit a candle in memory of Zachary Ruroden*



candy galbraith - November 04, 2022 at 11:59 AM

GZ

“ *We are so saddened to have lost Zach as part of our lives. He was such a joy to be around. His enthusiasm was contagious and he often was a bright light in our daily phone calls. We will miss him immensely. Our thoughts go out to his family and other friends who are grieving. May the fond memories of Zach always give you comfort. Love you Zach, Gene & Jody Zwiefel*



Gene Zwiefel - November 04, 2022 at 11:25 AM

AJ

“ Zach was one of the kindest, most gentle people I've known. He was always bringing a smile into the room and trying to make others laugh. I'll miss our conversations the most. Rest in peace, thanks for being you Zach.

Austin Jarnagin - November 04, 2022 at 11:25 AM

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Gene Zwiefel - November 04, 2022 at 11:24 AM

IS

“ Ida County Abstract - Sam, Kevin & Susan purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Zachary Allen Ruroden.



Ida County Abstract - Sam, Kevin & Susan - November 04, 2022 at 11:19 AM

JA

“ Jackie Brown, Page County Abstract purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Zachary Allen Ruroden.



Jackie Brown, Page County Abstract - November 04, 2022 at 09:55 AM

TR

“ Sorry to lose Zach at such an early age. If there ever was anyone that had abstracting flowing in their veins, then he be the one.

Tim Reilly - November 04, 2022 at 09:34 AM

SC

Sending Heartfelt sympathies from Stover Abstract in Iowa County, Iowa.

Stover Abstract Company - November 04, 2022 at 01:23 PM

DC

“ Donna Cedillo lit a candle in memory of Zachary Ruroden



Donna Cedillo - November 04, 2022 at 08:55 AM

KH

“ Katie Herzog lit a candle in memory of Zachary Ruroden



Katie Herzog - November 04, 2022 at 08:26 AM

MI

“ I met Zach several years ago shortly after he purchased Fritcher Abstract. I'm also an abstractor and enjoyed getting to know him through our profession. He was so helpful and always had a smile on his face. He accomplished so much in his career and will always be remembered for his commitment to our industry and his willingness to always dig in and help with anything that was needed. He was so humble and kind. He was a great abstractor, but first and foremost, he was a friend to so many. He will missed in so many ways. I am unable to attend the visitation on Sunday but my thoughts and prayers go out to his family, co-workers, and friends.

Michelle Ingvall - November 03, 2022 at 11:01 PM

NK

“ Nicole Koester lit a candle in memory of Zachary Ruroden



Nicole L Koester - November 03, 2022 at 07:27 PM

Lupita Sollars

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Lupita Sollars - November 03, 2022 at 12:26 PM

MS

“ Mike Staci Struthers lit a candle in memory of Zachary Ruroden



Mike & Staci Struthers - November 03, 2022 at 10:36 AM

JH

“ Zach was smart, kind, funny, a dedicated professional, and a friend to all who knew him. It was a privilege and a joy to work with him over the years. I am proud of all he accomplished in the abstracting world and will miss him as a wonderful human being. My sympathies to his family and all who knew him.

Judy Hilgenberg - November 03, 2022 at 08:17 AM

DZ

“ Deborah Zerfoss lit a candle in memory of Zachary Ruroden



Deborah Zerfoss - November 02, 2022 at 06:52 PM

PS

Zach was always a cheerleader to all of us in the abstracting industry. He had an opinion on Everything and you always know where he stood on any subject. His loss will be forever felt.

Patty Shaver - November 04, 2022 at 07:56 AM

LJ

Zach was always a joy to work with. I work for a title company in MN and he never held that against me. He was always so helpful and I actually got to meet him this year at the Iowa Land Conference.

Lisa K Jones-Kennedy - November 04, 2022 at 03:04 PM

DF

A great person, a great friend. You will be dearly missed So many super memories. I always enjoyed going out to eat and talk antiquing stories. Rest in peace my friend. Dan Fleming

Daniel B Fleming - November 07, 2022 at 12:58 PM