



Bruce Allen Hermsmeier

August 7, 1951 - March 10, 2019

Bruce Allen Hermsmeier was born on August 7, 1951, in Rochester, MN and went to glory peacefully on Sunday, March 10, 2019 in La Mesa, CA. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Dorcas, and their daughter, Rebekah, his brothers, Glen Hermsmeier (Tina) and Mark Hermsmeier (Mung Ling), his mother-in-law, June Tuttle, his brother-in-law Tim Tuttle, his sister-in-law Claudia Tuttle Ritter (Bob), his nephews Ben and Andrew Ritter, his niece Bethany Ritter, and 13 cousins. Bruce was preceded in death by his parents, Lee Ferdinand Hermsmeier and Mary Frances Hermsmeier.

Bruce moved to Morris, MN at the age of 4, attended public elementary school in Morris, and went to Morris High until his family moved to Brawley, CA in 1968. He graduated from Brawley High School in 1969. Bruce attended Utah State University for his freshman year, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo for his sophomore year, and then attended San Diego State University, where he graduated in 1978 with a B. A. in Social Science. In 1979 he earned his teaching credential and he started teaching at Westmoreland Elementary, where he taught 4th grade for 4 years and 8th grade for 2 years. From 1985 he taught 7th and 8th grade math at San Ysidro Middle School, until he retired on disability in 2005. In 2001 he received his Master's Degree from National University in Education and Computer Science.

In 1985 Bruce "won the lottery" when he married the love of his life, Dorcas Tuttle. They were married on August 24, 1985 in San Diego. He and Dorcas were overjoyed with the birth of their daughter, Rebekah, in 1996.

Bruce loved to travel, and in 1974 and 1975 he went around the world with his brother, Mark. Bruce visited Israel 5 times and lived for 6 months on a kibbutz, where he loved his job milking cows.

Bruce was a kind and smart man, as well a talented artist and a good singer. As a young man, he wanted to be an inventor. He loved his Lord Jesus Christ and enjoyed reading and studying the Bible. He enjoyed hiking, bicycling, kayaking, spending time with friends,

and singing hymns with his daughter. He will be truly missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Venmo Account “@DorcasHermsmeier”.

Events

MAR **Graveside** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Singing Hills Memorial Park

2800 Dehesa Rd, El Cajon, CA, US, 91901

Comments



“ My deepest condolences to the family at this difficult time. I hope the words at Rev.21:4 bring you comfort. It says: "God will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Dawn - May 25, 2019 at 10:55 AM



“ Bruce was a wonderful brother-in-law and uncle. He loved his wife & family wholeheartedly and we were blessed by his many talents. He built us a marvelous treehouse that still stands. But our favorite times were hiking, especially the climb to potato chip rock, and kayaking with the whales at La Jolla Cove.

Claudia, Bob, Ben, Andrew Guy & Bethany - March 25, 2019 at 03:04 PM



“ Bruce was one of my best friends! I will miss him more than I can express. I will miss our conversations. I will miss his immense knowledge of old movies and their movie stars. I will miss his humor. I will miss his kindness. I will miss him.

Brian Lester - March 16, 2019 at 02:50 AM