

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Bruce Michael Swigerd

WHO WAS BORN

October 26, 1935
Ortonville, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

September 2, 2025
Ortonville, Minnesota

MEMORIAL MASS

Friday, September 12, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.
St. John's Catholic Church
Ortonville, Minnesota

CELEBRANT

Fr. Shawn Polman

MUSICIANS

Diane Vangsness, Accompanist
St. John's Funeral Choir

READERS

Megan Rossing | Trey Broussard

URN BEARERS

Alex Aesoph | Jordan Swigerd

HONORARY BEARERS

Ashley Mangskau | Alyssa Broussard
Amber Hames | Megan Rossing

INTERMENT

At A Later Date
Mound Cemetery
Ortonville, Minnesota

GOD,

grant me the

Serenity

to accept the things

I cannot CHANGE;

Courage

to CHANGE

the things I can;

and

Wisdom

to know the DIFFERENCE.

Bruce's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated.

Following the Mass, please join the family for
a time of food and fellowship in the church dining room.

Mundwiler & Larson Funeral Home - Ortonville, Minnesota

*B*ruce Michael Swigerd was born in Ortonville, MN, on October 26, 1935, to Joe and Elsie (Wedemeyer) Swigerd.

After graduating from Ortonville High School in 1953, Bruce began his career at Farmers Union, where he worked for eight years before moving into auto sales for the next 36 years.

On March 16, 1963, Bruce was united in marriage with Evelyn Kruse. Together, they raised three children: Roxy, Rick, and Rose. Family was the heart of Bruce's life, and he was a steadfast supporter, cheerleader and source of endless love for his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Bruce's love for people made him a natural salesperson which earned him numerous awards, including the Cadillac Crest Diamond Award, Chevrolet Legion of Leaders, Oldsmobile Vanguard Gold, and Chrysler Corp. Silver and Gold Club honors. Bruce didn't just sell material things. He sold kindness. He sold joy. He sold the belief that people are good, and he had a rare ability to always see the best in others, no matter the circumstances.

A devoted member of St. John's Catholic Church, Bruce also dedicated himself to his community. He served in the National Guard for 10 years, the Ortonville Fire Department for 20 years, and as a Big Stone County Commissioner for eight years. He gave his time generously by serving on many boards, including, Prairie Five, RDC, Main Street Industries, and the Big Stone Historical Society and Museum.

Bruce was also deeply proud of his 45 years of sobriety, and he served as a sponsor and mentor to many others on their own journeys.

Bruce had a range of hobbies that kept him moving and smiling. He enjoyed roller skating, hunting, fishing, baseball, fast-pitch softball, golfing, and coin hunting. He was also an avid snowmobile and motorcycle enthusiast.

Above all, Bruce was known for his trademark twinkle-eyed grin, his quick wit, his boundless optimism, and his playful teasing. And, of course, for his unmatched talent of talking non-stop. His legacy lives on in the kindness he shared so freely.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Evelyn; daughters: Kim (George) Juarez of WA; Roxy (David) Hames of Blaine, MN; and Rose (Jason) Aesoph of Sioux Falls, SD; nine grandchildren: Ashley, Alyssa, Amber, Megan, Alex, Jordan, Jamie, Shawna, and Marissa; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Elsie; his in-laws, Harley and Florence Kruse; his brothers: Jack and Bob, and his beloved son, Richard Michael.

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Memory



Bruce Swigerd
1935 - 2025