

Bruce Irving Anderson was born on September 17, 1951, in Clarkfield, Minnesota to Irving and Harriet (Hanson) Anderson and was baptized and confirmed at Clarkfield Lutheran Church. He passed away peacefully on August 13, 2024, at his home in Clarkfield at the age of 72.

He attended and graduated from Clarkfield High School in 1969. He furthered his education at both Willmar Community College and Mankato State University, graduating in 1976. On June 8, 1974, Bruce married Alvina Stringer at Clarkfield Lutheran Church. They raised their three children, Alecia, Sarah and Jonathan, on the farm southwest of Clarkfield. Over the years Bruce farmed with his father until deciding to pursue a teaching degree from Southwest State University. Bruce went on to teach and coach for 30+ years at Clarkfield, Yellow Medicine East and Echo Charter Schools.

Bruce had a love for sports which blossomed into a lifelong passion. He participated in various sports in both high school and college including football, basketball, wrestling and softball with decades of coaching and inspiring athletes to follow. He believed in building character, friendships, discipline, and resilience leaving a lasting impact on countless lives. He was more than a coach; he was a mentor and friend to many.

Bruce had several hobbies and cherished spending time with his family and many friends. He loved playing softball, spending weekends at the lake, golfing, and wood working. He will be remembered for his kindness, endless sense of humor and the countless bean bag boards that he crafted for so many.

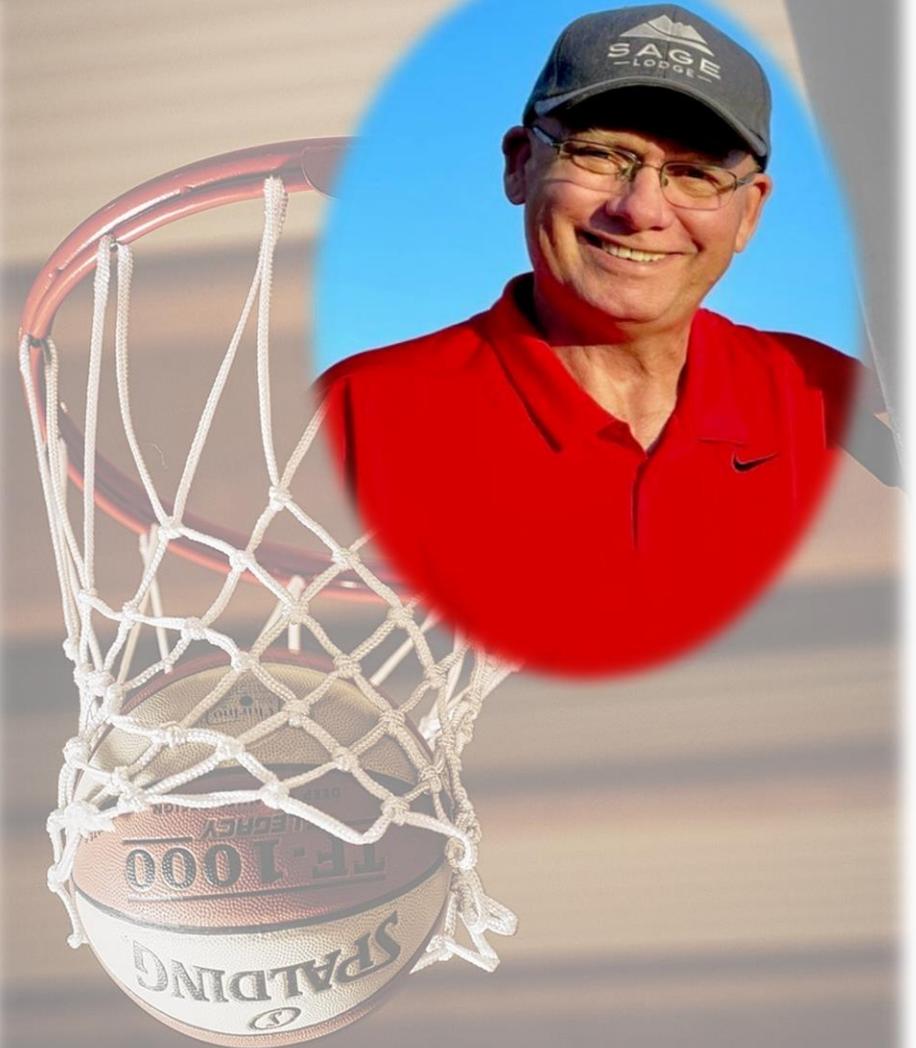
Most notable was his commitment to family. In 2003, after 28 years of marriage, Bruce lost the love of his life, Alvina to cancer. Never forgetting her, he went on to build wonderful memories with his children and grandchildren. He absolutely loved vacationing with and traveling to the grandkids' events and milestones. His love and devotion to family was unwavering, always offering support, wisdom and encouragement.

Bruce is survived by his children, Alecia Malek and her children with Ty, Darren and Adrian; Sarah (Darren) Manthey and their children Blake, Nathan and Morgan; Jonathan (Amy) Anderson and their children Macy, Miles and Mia; brother, Brian Anderson, as well as many wonderful friends.

Preceding him in death was his loving wife, Alvina Anderson, and parents, Irving and Harriet Anderson.

Memorials can be made in memory of Bruce to the Clarkfield Area Ambulance, PO Box 237, Clarkfield, MN 56223, to further support their services in the community.

In Loving Memory



Bruce Irving Anderson

1951 ~ 2024

In Memory of
Bruce Irving Anderson

September 17, 1951



August 13, 2024

Memorial Service
Clarkfield Lutheran Church
Clarkfield, Minnesota
Sunday, August 25th, 2024
2 PM

Officiant
Pastor Mort Meyenburg

Organist
Charlann Anspach

Soloist
Kristyn Lund

Urnbearer
Jonathan Anderson

Honorary Urnbearers—*Bruce's grandchildren*

Darren Malek	Morgan Manthey
Adrian Malek	Macy Anderson
Blake Manthey	Miles Anderson
Nathan Manthey	Mia Anderson

Interment
Clarkfield Lutheran Cemetery
Clarkfield, Minnesota

We wish to acknowledge with deep appreciation, the kind expressions of your sympathy and your support. Your time, gifts, and kind words will always be remembered. Thank you for being there for us.

~The Family of Bruce Anderson

WELCOME
THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM
PROCESSIONAL – *Here I Am Lord*
GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

MUSICAL SELECTION – *Amazing Grace* – Kristyn Lund

EULOGY FROM THE GRANDCHILDREN

READINGS

Isaiah 40: 28-31

Psalms 103: 13-17

Matthew 5: 1-12a

MESSAGE

APOSTLE'S CREED

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMENDATION

TABLE GRACE

RECESSIONAL – *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Here I Am, Lord

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, help me stand
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand, precious Lord
Lead me home.

When my way grows drear
Precious Lord linger near
When my life is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand, precious Lord
Lead me home.

When the darkness appears
And the night draws near
And the day is past and gone
At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand
Take my hand, precious Lord
Lead me home

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey.