

Bruce Paul Vruwink was born on February 16, 1945, in Willmar, Minnesota, the son of Paul and Pearl (Huisinga) Vruwink. He grew up on Spring Farm in rural Sacred Heart and graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 1963. Bruce continued his education at Willmar Community College, University of Minnesota, St. Cloud State and Moorhead State Universities; during this period, he was a member of the Minnesota National Guard. He began employment rigging boats for Mercury Motors Offshore Boat Racing Team. Upon returning to Minnesota, he became a small engine instructor at Faribault Vo-Tech School followed by work as the shop foreman at a marine business on Lake Minnetonka and later started a tree trimming business serving the metro area. After moving to the Lake Lillian area, Bruce became engaged in farming and the farm equipment industry. This evolved into Vruwink Equipment and later Tracks USA.

On August 14, 1970, Bruce was united in marriage to Kathryn Rossetti. They lived in several Minnesota communities prior to building a home in Fahlun township, where they raised two children, Tony and Pam.

Bruce had a mechanical mind, an inquisitive nature, and an entrepreneurial spirit. From the time he was little, he was known to disassemble machines and motors just to see how they worked, often rebuilding them to an improved condition. Throughout his life, he pursued further knowledge. His strong work ethic and vision led to countless hours in the shop resulting in various innovative developments. Bruce enjoyed snowmobiling, boating, the outdoors, and hunting antiques. He was an avid reader, especially of war and western history.

He is survived by his two children, Tony (and Dana) Vruwink of Spicer and Pam Vruwink of Willmar; two grandchildren, Erin and Ryan; one sister, Joanne Vruwink of Minneapolis; and former wife, Kathy.

He was preceded in death by his parents.



Celebrating the Life of



Bruce Vruwink

1945 - 2025

Life Well Lived

*A life well lived is a precious gift,
of hope and strength and grace,
from someone who has made our world
a brighter, better place.*

*It's filled with moments,
sweet and sad with smiles and sometimes tears,
with friendships formed and good times shared,
and laughter through the years.*

*A life well lived is a legacy,
of joy and pride and pleasure,
a living, lasting memory
our grateful hearts will treasure.*

- Author Unknown



In Loving Memory Of

Bruce P. Vruwink

February 16, 1945

Willmar, Minnesota

May 10, 2025

New London, Minnesota



Celebration of Life

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Peterson Brothers Funeral Home

Willmar, Minnesota

Interment

Tripolis Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery

Kandiyohi, Minnesota