

Firefighter's Prayer

Lord, I ask for Courage,
Courage to face and conquer my own fears,
Courage to take me where others will not go.

I ask for Strength,
Strength of body to protect others and
Strength of spirit to lead others.

I ask for Dedication,
Dedication to do my job, and do it well.
Dedication to my community to keep it safe.

Give me Lord, concern for others
who trust me and compassion for
those who need me..

And Please, Lord, through it all be
at my side. Amen

*I have fought a good fight,
I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith.*

2 Timothy 4:7



*Celebrating The Life Of
Bruce E. Smit*



October 12, 1959

March 11, 2022

Bruce was born in Pomona, CA on October 12, 1959 to Delmar and Ardel Smit. Bruce moved to Ireton, IA in 1967. Growing up, Bruce was a member of the Ireton Pee Wee ball teams and played in the Bud Kemper Tournaments, and you could find Bruce at Del's Clover Farm on Saturday mornings sacking groceries with his two brothers. He graduated from West Sioux in 1977.

Bruce went directly into the work force after high school, and started working for Paul Vander Ham. He did a lot of cement work, roofing/shingling, remodels and occasionally new structures. He left his mark in many houses and farms in the Ireton area.

When Delmar bought the Hardware store, Bruce was the manager for 6 to 7 years. Bruce became the full-time rural route mail carrier for Ireton in February of 1990. Not only did Bruce work 6 days a week for the United States Postal Service, he also worked for Eisma's Garage with Stuart Eisma after his mail route during the week. Bruce retired from the USPS on February 25, 2022.

Bruce joined the Ireton Fire Department at age 18 and put in 44 years of services. For many of these 44 years, Bruce was a training officer for the department and ran the pumper. Bruce was also a member of the Ireton Rescue Unit for 20 years. He was devoted to helping others and helping his community. He loved his fellow Firefighter Brothers. Bruce retired from the Ireton Fire Department on January 31, 2022. Bruce met the love of his life, Tina, during an EMT class in 1986, where Bruce was Tina's patient. They married in October of 1986. Bruce and Tina were blessed with two children, Brandon and Brandi. Bruce spent their growing-up years taking them camping, fishing, and boating. He was passionate about woodworking, hunting, the Iowa Hawkeyes, and gardening. He passed away on Friday, March 11, 2022 at his residence, with his wife by his side, at the age of 62 years.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Tina; two children, Brandon and Nicole Smit, and their son Bryce of Fortuna CA, and Brandi Smit and friend, Josh Fulton of Chapin, SC; his mother, Ardel Smit of Hawarden, IA; two brothers, Doug and Janet Smit of Ireton, and Ken and Kim Smit of Sioux Center; mother-in-law, Alice Harris of Ireton; father-in-law, Richard Case of Hawarden; brother-in-law, Ben and Nichole Case of Albany, OR; and nieces and nephews. Bruce was preceded in death by his father, Delmar.

Bruce was a beloved husband, father, grandpa, brother, uncle, and friend. He will be deeply missed by many but will always be remembered and loved.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 17, 2022

Ireton Community Center

Ireton, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Chaplain Kim Jansma

HONORARY URN BEARERS

Brandon Smit ~ Doug Smit

Ken Smit ~ Brian Smit

Stuart Eisma ~ Pat Johnson

Richard Steckelberg ~ Josh Fulton