



Michael Steve Bruckner was born on April 16, 1951, in Faulkton, SD, to Fred and Leota (Diegel) Bruckner. He grew up on a farm south of Ipswich, SD and attended Powell Township Country School and graduated from Ipswich High School in 1969. Mike loved working on farms helping the old farmers throughout his high school years.

Mike married Pamela Jean Olson on May 2, 1970, at First Presbyterian Church in Aberdeen, SD. They started their married life in Aberdeen where he first worked at the Brown County Co-op as a service tech and later an assistant manager at the Bath Truck Stop. While working in Bath, SD, Mike also commuted to Kansas City where he attended the Farmland Industries Management School. In June 1978, Mike, Pam, and their young family moved to Rock Valley, IA, where he began working as the Manager of the Community Oil Company for 39 years. During his 39 years Mike built strong relationships with his board of directors, employees, and the community. Mike was instrumental in building the new Cenex and Service Station before his retirement in 2017. In retirement he began driving truck part-time, delivering parts for Siouxland Machine until April 2023. Mike enjoyed seeing the faces of the people he worked with every morning, and having his grandkids ride along with him.

Mike served on the Rock Valley Golf Course Board, Rock Valley Economic Development Board, and Director for the Petroleum Marketers of Iowa. He was a member of Faith Reformed Church in Rock Valley. Through the years he enjoyed golfing, going to the lake, visiting the mountains with his children and grandchildren, and helping with harvest in the fall. Mike very much enjoyed fishing trips with his close friends and the Co-op guys each year in Minnesota, which included lots and lots of funny stories. His last fishing trip was a deep-sea fishing trip with his son and grandkids in Florida.

In January 2013 Mike started his courageous 10½-year battle with cancer. He never allowed cancer to interfere with living his life to the fullest. Mike passed away Tuesday August 29, 2023, at home surrounded by the love of his family.

Mike is survived by his wife, Pam; 3 children and their families: **daughter, Dawn (Vincent) Kumerow** of Roseville, MN, **daughter, Jessica (Mark) Kooiker** of Boyden, IA and their children, Zachary, Craig, and EllaJean, and **son, Shane (Krista) Bruckner** of Colorado Springs, CO and their children Braedyn and Olivia. Also surviving are Mike's siblings: Diane (Marvin) Duttenhoffer of Aberdeen, SD and John Bruckner of Wolsey, SD; Pam's siblings: Connie Blank of Marietta, GA, Cindy (David) Pashko of Marietta, GA, and Mitzi (Tim) Dosch of Aberdeen, SD; and many nieces and nephews.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Leota; Pam's parents, Albert and Elaine Olson; brother, Bill Bruckner; brother-in-law, Jerry Blank; and sister-in-law, Victoria Olson.

## *Remembering the Life of Mike Bruckner 1951 ~ 2023*

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

11:00 AM, Friday, September 1, 2023  
Faith Reformed Church  
Rock Valley, Iowa

### OFFICIATING

Rev. Keith Sietstra

### ACCOMPANIST

Ruth Vermeer

### MUSICAL SELECTIONS

*"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"*

*"Glorious Day"*

*"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"*

### HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Zachary Kooiker ~ Craig Kooiker  
EllaJean Kooiker ~ Braedyn Bruckner  
Olivia Bruckner ~ Sid Koedam

### PALLBEARERS

Bob Gilman ~ Erwin Kooistra  
Gary Kooima ~ Roger Koedam  
Junior De Yager ~ Steve Maassen  
Mike Maassen ~ Steve Janssen

### MEMORIAL

Sioux Center Home Health & Hospice

### INTERMENT

Valley View Cemetery  
Rock Valley, Iowa

*Mike's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship in the church's Family Life Center immediately following the memorial service.*

## *Fisherman's Prayer*

*God Grant that I may live to fish  
until my dying day, And when it comes  
to my last cast, I then most humbly pray;  
When in the Lord's safe landing net  
I'm peacefully asleep,  
That in His mercy I be judged  
as good enough to keep.*



## *In Loving Memory*



*Michael "Mike" Bruckner*

*April 16, 1951 ~ August 29, 2023*