



## Bruce Hartwig

December 3, 1943 - September 24, 2021

Bruce E. Hartwig, 77, of Higginsville MO, died September 24, 2021 peacefully at his home. He was born December 3, 1943 in Higginsville and was the son of the late Edwin Hartwig and late Lorene (Bartels) Hartwig. He was a graduate of Higginsville High School and attended Central Missouri State University. Bruce married Sue Porter in 1965 and out of that union came two daughters. In 1985, he married Virginia (Ginny) Darnell who had two sons. Ginny preceded him in death on May 25, 2016. Bruce lived the majority of his life in rural Higginsville. He was an independent contractor for much of his life building homes in and around Higginsville. Later in his career, he worked for Wilkerson Construction and was a member of the Carpenter's Union of Kansas City. Bruce loved tending to his huge garden, sheep, chickens, beloved dogs, and an occasional goat or horse. He was a proud member of the NRA, and an avid hunter and fisherman. Bruce was an active member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church. He also enjoyed cooking, canning vegetables, a good fish fry and some say was a legendary dancer. He was quick to lend a helping hand, share a smile and had an infectious laugh. Bruce was a very simple man, and lived a simple life. Even during his years battling Alzheimer's, he remained kind and grateful.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Ginny; brother, Joni Hartwig; brother-in-law, Merrit Fineout; and one grandson.

Surviving are his two daughters, Kim (Steve) Bell of Higginsville; Karla (Michael) Herrington of Leawood, KS; two stepsons, Doug (Jan) Darnell of El

Dorado Springs, MO; Rusty (Barbara) Darnell of Ozark, MO; two sisters, Karen Fineout of Anna Maria Island, FL; Wanda (Jim) Skelton of Warrensburg, MO; 14 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 9:30 to 11:30 AM and a memorial service will follow at 11:30 AM on Monday, October 4, 2021 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Higginsville. He will be laid to rest in the City Cemetery following the service.

The family suggests memorials to the Higginsville Senior Center or the Alzheimer's Association.

# Cemetery Details

## City Cemetery

2275-2491 Lipper Ave.  
Higginsville, MO 64037

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 4. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (cst)

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
1501 Lipper Ave.  
Higginsville, MO 64037  
immanuellutheran@ctcis.net  
<http://www.ctcis.net/~ils/immanuellutheranchurch.htm>

## Memorial Service

OCT 4. 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM (cst)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bruce Hartwig*

October 22, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ *Bruce Hartwig*

October 07, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Bruce Hartwig*

October 06, 2023 at 07:00 AM



“ *Bruce Hartwig*

January 31, 2023 at 02:49 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bruce Hartwig.*



October 02, 2021 at 11:20 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Bruce Hartwig.*



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October 01, 2021 at 08:18 PM



“ *I rode the school bus with and grew up as a neighbor to the Hartwig family - what good people. Bruce continued to live in our neighborhood and was such a nice man. We was a wonderful dad and grandpa, a great carpenter, and a neighbor and friend to all. I know you all will miss Bruce and so will our neighbors. Your care for him in recent years shows the strong family values he taught you. Thinking of you all 🌹*

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**Marla Tobin, MD** - September 29, 2021 at 09:45 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Bruce Hartwig.*



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September 28, 2021 at 08:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bruce Hartwig.*



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September 28, 2021 at 04:50 PM



“ As a young man in my early to mid-20s I came to Higginsville to live with my grandmother Francis Brockhoff to get my life together. My cousin Zane got me a job with Bruce as I was a Carpenter in Kansas City. I was young and cocky Pretty stupid, Bruce took me under his wing, he was not only the best Carpenter I had ever seen or worked with. But the most honest caring and loving man I might have ever known. Without Bruce in my life I really am not sure where I would be at this point maybe not a very good place as he counseled me and pick me up for work every day. I will always remember Bruce he will stay in my heart as a man was like a father to me.  
Rest in peace Bruce.

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**Chad Brockhoff** - September 27, 2021 at 03:55 PM

SF

“ I extend my sympathy to Bruce's family. We went to school together and have many fond memories of going out and to the Lake with Bruce, Sue, Kim and Karla. He was a wonderful man, and I never recall him speaking ill of anyone. He was a devoted family man. He may be gone, but have so many fond memories of Bruce and I am sure you have many more. God be with you at time of your sorrow.  
Sincerely, Sharon Fischer.

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**Sharon Fischer** - September 27, 2021 at 02:27 PM

KB

“ I always remember Bruce's infectious smile. He always welcomed me into his home and treated me like his own. I won't forget him teasing me for making myself at home in his fridge every time I spent the night with Karla. But that is how Bruce made you feel....at home. Now he is welcomed into "our Father's" house and is smiling down upon us. I will hold Bruce in my heart forever. Please know I am praying for your family.

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**Kelly Bermudez** - September 27, 2021 at 07:00 AM

BS

“ *Alyce & I used to go to a lot of dances with Bruce and Sue in the day, then in later years we had a lot of conversations about the NRA and the condition of our country... rest in peace Bruce ! bob & alyce stephenson*

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**bob stephenson** - September 26, 2021 at 08:31 PM

CR

“ *So sorry for your loss. Bruce was a good friend to my mom for many years and he will be dearly missed.*



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**Cara Rechterman-Elmore** - September 26, 2021 at 07:29 PM