



David Lee Bruchhauser

March 14, 1964 - September 16, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

David Lee Bruchhauser

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – ANNA

135 West Vienna Street, Anna, Illinois

David Lee Bruchhauser, age 61, of Highland, Illinois, passed away Tuesday, September 16th, 2025.

He was born March 14th, 1964 to William August and Kay Lee (Roeder) Bruchhauser in Anna, Illinois. He was preceded in death by his father, William August Bruchhauser.

David will be remembered for his outgoing and charismatic personality. To know him was to be pulled into his orbit, as life with him was lived on his terms. From a young age, David was a wild thing with a love for adventure and fun. He was an avid outdoorsman – having a beehive before it was fashionable, planting hundreds of trees, stocking lakes, gardening, hiking, canoeing, and SCUBA diving.

David loved to cook and developed his techniques early alongside his grandmother. As a member of the Lucky Clovers 4-H Club, his Illinois State Fair award-winning grilling recipes became family favorites. He was known for creating impressive dinners for family and friends, sharing his culinary love especially with his children, ever encouraging them to try new foods (except liver).

In 1983, David won the distinguished Illinois State 4-H Citizenship award to attend the 4-H National Club Congress where he would meet the West Virginia Citizenship delegate, Deborah Martin in an elevator. The two later married and had three wonderful children who look exactly like them both.

David studied finance at Southern Illinois University Carbondale and served in financial services as owner of Bruchhauser Financial in Belleville, Illinois and as a broker for over 35 years with New York Life. David was also the developer of the Lakes of Brookfield subdivision in Highland, Illinois.

David served and volunteered for many years with the Boy Scouts of America. He was an Eagle Scout and Silver Beaver recipient. He was especially proud of his two sons for also achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Scouting and 4-H led David to be civic minded. He formerly served on the Fairview Heights Public Library Board and also served as President of St. Clair Associated Vocational Enterprises (S.A.V.E.).

David is remembered and survived by his three children, Elizabeth Christine Bruchhauser, Alexander David Bruchhauser, and Benjamin David Bruchhauser (Alexis); his mother Kay Lee Bruchhauser, his big sister Debra Lynn (Larry) Walter, little sister Rebecca Jane (Spencer) Bruchhauser Farris, his former wife Deborah Martin, and many lifetime friends.

As David was not a traditionalist, there will not be a customary funeral. His wishes will be honored with a celebration of life at a later date.

With gratitude, the family requests memorial contributions be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois, 305 South Illinois Street, Belleville, IL 62220.

Crain Funeral Home in Anna, Illinois is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

JG

“ To summarize the illustrious legacy of David: a ‘Senior NYLIC,’ which is the highest recognition the New York Life Insurance Company may bestow upon their agents who mastered comprehensive, one-on-one guidance for numerous policyholders and their families.

His professional successes brought him to the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) a distinguished industry professional milestone only attained by very few financial advisors and insurance brokers.

He championed the humanities to promote both the personal and vocational advancement of people with developmental disabilities and increased their community inclusion as President of the St. Clair Associated Vocational Enterprises (S.A.V.E.)

In the Boy Scouts of America, David considered The Silver Beaver Award, the highest recognition an entire Scout Council may present an adult volunteer leader, second only to his Eagle Scout Rank he earned as a youth.

David mentored me within the invaluable tradecraft of finance as a profession. He taught me how to both cut and light a cigar & how to order a bottle of wine.

To David’s family, while it may seem a darkness had befallen us with his passing – let us reflect upon how his radiating brilliance that was his generosity gleams brighter than the Sun.

Jarrold Gerstenecker - October 04, 2025 at 01:56 AM

EM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Davids' passing. He and I started with New York Life the same time and I spent many Mondays with him training in St Louis. We even celebrated our senior NYLIC dinner together. Lately we have moved in our own directions but still kept in occasional contact. My prayers go out to you and him and my God bless both. I will miss his humor and quick wit. A special soul has left this earth.

eric marquart - September 24, 2025 at 03:28 PM

AL

“ Andi (Moore) Laster lit a candle in memory of David Bruchhauser



Andi (Moore) Laster - September 21, 2025 at 02:08 PM

JP

“ David and I first met in kindergarten where he deliberately broke my black crayon in half and then screamed when I tried to return the favor. Mrs. Davis pulled my chair away from the table. It was the first time he got me in trouble, but certainly not the last. Our A-B last names ensured that we were seated near each other throughout our school years and we remained best of friends even into adulthood. His quick wit and dry sense of humor defined his personality as much as his distinctive giggle. Our "Class of '82" had many characters, and he will certainly be missed in our circle. My sincerest condolences and prayers to his family and loved ones.
Julie Agne Peterson

Julie Peterson - September 20, 2025 at 03:19 PM

GL

“ *Oh how I remember and loved that kid. So very sorry for your loss.
So many sweet memories*

Glenda - September 20, 2025 at 12:38 PM