



Bryce Bartu

February 13, 1936 - November 6, 2016

Bryce Bartu, 80, of Grand Island, formerly of Seward, passed away Sunday, November 6, 2016, with his family by his side.

A celebration of life will be held Monday, November 14th at 10:00 a.m. at All Faiths Funeral Home, Grand Island. Daniel Naranjo will officiate. Burial will take place at 2:00 p.m. at Douglas Grove Cemetery, Comstock.

Visitation will take place 3-5 p.m. Sunday, November 13th, at the funeral home.

Bryce was born February 13, 1936 in Comstock, NE, to Adolph and Joyce (Havlik) Bartu. He graduated from Comstock High School, class of 1953, of which he was a proud member of the Class D State Champion Football Team in 1952. He went on to attend the University of Nebraska where he was a member of the UNL marching band and the Kappa Sigma fraternity until he was needed on the family farm and he returned home.

Bryce was united in marriage to Phyllis Fisher on March 24, 1957. After farming in Comstock with his parents for several years Bryce, Phyllis and their young family moved to Manhattan, KS where he attended Kansas State University. In 1964 Bryce transferred back to the University of Nebraska where he attended Law school and graduated with his Juris Doctorate in 1968. Bryce

then practiced law in Seward until 1977 when he was appointed to the District Court Bench by Governor Jim Exon. He served as the District Court Judge for the 5th Judicial District until his retirement in 1995.

Bryce's interests and extracurricular activities were diverse and extensive. He was a member of the Nebraska Bar Association, National Farmers Organization, Christmas Tree Growers Association, and the Elks. He was an avid hunter and outdoorsman, with Elk hunting being his true passion. His outdoor activities included many trips to many states with wonderful lifelong friends and family. He loved to travel with his wife and they truly saw the world hand in hand. His Sunday morning routine always included the Big Joe Polka Show on the radio.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 59 years, Phyllis; children Deborah McMillian, John and Jackie Bartu and Brenda Bartu, all of Grand Island; his beloved grandchildren, Bryce James Bartu of Boulder, CO, Caitlin and Nathan Stahlnecker, of Grand Island, Taylor and Justin Brase, of Superior, Austin Beswick of Grand Junction, CO, and Kellie Beswick of Lincoln; and sister Maxine Brass of Kearney.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Vera Marie Bartu; granddaughter, Amber Weitzel and his beloved yellow lab Kody.

Memorials are suggested to The Comstock Den Inc.

Cemetery Details

Douglas Grove Cemetery

Comstock, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 13 (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
2929 S Locust St
Grand Island, NE 68801
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Celebration of Life Service

NOV 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bryce Bartu*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *To the Bartu Family. Our sympathies and prayers. Worked with Judge Bartu for many years and appreciated his dedication to his job. Loved his camping stories. Truly sorry for your loss, Nancy L. Prochaska*



Nancy L Prochaska - November 17, 2016 at 03:23 PM



“ *To the Bartu Family,
My deepest sympathy for your families loss. I went to school with John Bartu. It is very difficult to when a parent is gone. May God wrap his arms around all of you during this time.
Cherish your memories.
Pam Zwick*

Pam Zwick - November 13, 2016 at 04:22 PM



“ *Oh Phyllis, I just learned of Bryce's passing. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. He was a wonderful man. I will be praying for you.
Cathy Greguras*

Cathy Greguras - November 12, 2016 at 03:48 PM

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“ My sympathy Phyllis I still remember our ski trip to Breckridge and what fun we all had,

Remember when you and I tried to climb a hill and Alan and Bryce on top of the hill laughing at us bunnies memories Fran

Fran Loftis - November 09, 2016 at 11:56 AM

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“ Please accept my deepest sympathy regarding the loss of Bryce. It is always a sad time and one of memories and sharing during the challenging days ahead.

With sympathy,

Roxann Erikson

Roxann Erikson - November 09, 2016 at 10:52 AM