



## Bruce Alderink Birkeland

August 23, 1963 - June 2, 2023

When Bruce A. Birkeland, 59, lifelong Minneapolis champion and resident, passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones on June 2, 2023, the world became hushed and lost some of its captivating charm. He lived life to the fullest with infectious joy and vigor. He met everyone with the same enthusiasm and respect; no matter if you were a childhood friend, neighbor, struggling stranger, or person of import. He was a friend to all and always generous with his time, talk, and talent. Self-made and self-taught, he used his larger-than-life personality, perseverance, and wit to succeed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Florence and Sigvard, and sister Linda Singer. Privileged to carry his legacy are his devoted and loving wife of 30 years, Di, and his beloved sons and daughter-in-law, Dane (Katie) and Soren, all of whom he was incredibly proud of. He is deeply missed by his brother Sigvard (Holly) with children Alek (Dawn), Hans (Kalli), and Berit (Josh), sisters Celeste Birkeland (John Black) and Karin Birkeland (Lee Mitau) with children Birk Mitau and Alida Mitau, and brother-in-law Bruce Singer. He also leaves behind cherished childhood friends as well as hundreds of others who will remember him as a loyal confidant, the life of every party, and generous friend, role-model, brother, and father-figure.

He found infinite joy uniting families with homes over his 35-year realty career working with his stellar team of Scott Acker and Amanda Johnson. In his

personal life, he was a music aficionado, accomplished chef, a true-believer Minnesota sports fan, and a community mainstay. He always made time to reminisce about the early days, First Avenue days, restaurant days, and Coldwell Banker days. He contained multitudes and he lived life thoroughly. He will be missed immensely.

A final thank you to the entire care staff at Abbott Northwestern Hospital who continuously went above and beyond for Bruce's care.

To celebrate his life and his love for those who were lucky enough to know him, services will be held at Central Lutheran Church located at 333 South 12th St., Minneapolis, MN, on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 2:00 pm preceded by a visitation at 1:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to one of the following Kenwood Elementary School, Project for Pride in Living, and We Love Lake Street Fund in honor of Bruce Birkeland.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **14.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Central Lutheran Church (Mpls)  
333 South 12th Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55404

## Memorial Service

JUN **14.** 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bruce Alderink Birkeland.



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June 12, 2023 at 11:37 AM



“ Bruce would walk on to the cardio floor with enthusiasm and banter while I would lead my gals group workout. There was always a smile and remark that was engaging. We celebrate the joy that he shared and fond memories created. We will surely miss him. Our condolences to his family and friends.

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DJ - June 09, 2023 at 12:03 PM



“ Our condolences to Di and sons on your loss. May the good memories fill your heart and help it heal!  
Miriam & Holly

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Miriam Colton - June 08, 2023 at 03:59 PM



“ Kate Hartfiel planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce Alderink Birkeland.

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Kate Hartfiel - June 08, 2023 at 03:03 PM

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“ *Man, Bruce was truly one of a kind...bigger than life, with that infectious grin and engaging, non-stop banter.....God it was ALWAYS good to run into Bruce, from the first time I met him in about 6th grade til the last time just a few years ago...Bruce had a special ability to always lift the vibe where ever he was. Miss you Bruce. RIP. Web Hutchins*

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**Webster Hutchins** - June 08, 2023 at 02:58 PM

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“ *Tommy D planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce Alderink Birkeland.*

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**Tommy D** - June 08, 2023 at 12:44 PM