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Bruce W. Langbein, our beloved brother, uncle, and friend, passed away peacefully at the age of 74. His passionate life was marked by courage, dedication to family, and the quiet pursuit of his favorite pastimes.

A proud U.S. Army veteran, Bruce was awarded the Purple Heart for his bravery and sacrifice during the Vietnam War. He exhibited the same strength and resilience in his military service as he did throughout his simple life-lived with quiet determination and humility. After his service, Bruce had a 30-year career with the U.S. Postal Service.

Bruce was a treasure hunter at heart, with an uncanny knack for discovery. Some of his happiest moments were spent with a metal detector in hand. He searched far and wide-from Minnesota to Europe-chasing the thrill of the hunt. His finds ranged from ancient coins to lost possessions, all of which he loved sharing with his family. He cherished the stories behind his discoveries just as much as the treasures themselves. A devoted reader of Treasure Hunter magazines, Bruce was even featured in a newspaper article highlighting his adventures and passion for collecting.

A deep thinker and observer of life, Bruce had a love for the written word that began early-as a 12-year-old paperboy. He wrote thoughtful poetry and was a dedicated journal writer, capturing his reflections and emotions with quiet eloquence.

A lifelong Minnesotan, Bruce's devotion to the Minnesota Twins never wavered-no matter the team's record.

Bruce also quietly and generously cared for his family. He opened his home and heart to his sister following the loss of their parents and remained a loving, dependable presence. In his final year, Bruce received the same devotion in return-his nephew, Brad Grabow, cared for him with unwavering love and strength, bringing Bruce great comfort.

Bruce is survived by his sisters, Carol Grabow (Ken) and Mary Bullard (Chris); brothers Bob, Jim, John (Maja), and Steve Langbein; and his extended, loving family: Kerri Norton, Brian Grabow (Yuko), Brad Grabow, Jeff Grabow (Miranda), Jenny Hummel (Hans), Steven Bullard, Whitney Walczak (Justin), Jessica Bullard, Katie Bullard, Jack Langbein, Ben Langbein, Lucy Langbein, and several great-nieces and -nephews. His family will carry his memory forward with deep affection and pride. His life-marked by service, loyalty, and quiet passion-leaves behind a legacy that will not be forgotten.

A Memorial Service will be held at Washburn-McReavy Bloomington Chapel, 2300 W Old Shakopee Rd, on Friday, June 27, 2025

- Visitation at 9:30 a.m.
- Funeral Service at 10:30 a.m.
- Graveside Service at Fort Snelling National Cemetery at 12:30 p.m.
- Reception at Interlachen Country Club from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations in Bruce's honor to a veterans' organization of your choice, The Salvation Army, or EFCA Giving (<https://give.efca.org/missionaries/mike-linda-gunderson>).

May he rest in peace

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Bloomington Chapel
2300 W. Old Shakopee Road
Bloomington, MN 55431
(952) 884-8145
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Funeral Service

JUN 27. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Bloomington Chapel
2300 West Old Shakopee Road
Bloomington, MN 55431

Graveside Service

JUN 27. 12:30 PM - 12:45 PM (CT)

Fort Snelling National Cemetery
7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Reception

JUN 27. 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Interlachen Country Club
6200 Interlachen Boulevard
Edina, MN 55436

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Funeral Service for Bruce William Langbein in memory of Bruce William Langbein



Washburn-McReavy - June 20, 2025 at 01:33 PM



“ Thomas J. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce William Langbein.

Thomas J. - July 01, 2025 at 03:04 AM



“ Kris Erickson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce William Langbein.

Kris Erickson Family - June 25, 2025 at 09:03 AM



“ Kris Erickson Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Bruce William Langbein.



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“ Bruce was a long-time member of the Bloomington Historical Society, and it was always a day brightener when he would stop in for a visit. Always so humble about his service in Vietnam, and his experiences there. He was also very involved in the Bloomington Veteran's Memorial project. We are honored that he chose to donate his uniform and other memorabilia to the Old Town Hall Museum. We talked numerous times over the years about some of his metal detecting treasures. Just this spring an amazing set of coincidences helped us find the owner or descendant for two of the rings he found. Three others, from Bloomington schools, have been added to our school artifact collection when their owners could not be located. He was so pleased to be able to pass them along where they will be treasured. Bruce was a treasure indeed, and will be missed.

Jean, Blmgtn Historical Society - June 22, 2025 at 09:50 PM