



## Craig Douglas Fruen

February 28, 1960 - May 2, 2025

Craig Douglas Fruen, 65, of Bloomington, passed away peacefully at home on May 2, surrounded by family and friends.

Craig lived a life defined by compassion, warmth, and steadfast faith in Christ. For more than 30 years, Craig devoted himself to working in the ministry of Damascus Way, a Christian program supporting men in recovery from prison and addiction. Whether offering practical help or simply bearing witness to another's struggles, Craig poured out his life to lift up those in need, and his selfless care transformed countless lives.

He believed deeply in prayer, the transforming power of God's Word, the healing touch of friendship, and the promise of redemption. He lived that belief every day, lending a steady hand or listening ear to anyone who asked—friends, outcasts, or strangers alike. He was quick to share his smile, and in his presence, people felt known, valued, and loved.

He is survived by his beloved wife of almost nineteen years, Barb ("Luvie"); parents, Doug and Mona; sister, Cheryl (Keith) Broady; nephew Scott; and niece, Kelly (Joerg) Reifart and their children Clara, Theo, and Petra.

A celebration of Craig's life will be held on Friday, May 16, at Minnesota Valley Country Club (6300 Auto Club Road, Bloomington, MN 55438). Visitation will begin at 2:00 p.m., followed by a service at 3:00 p.m. All who knew him are welcome to join in honoring a man whose faith, quirky humor, and open-hearted service made the world a kinder place.

Feel free to come in "Craig casual" attire.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 16. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Minnesota Valley Country Club  
6300 Auto Club Rd  
Bloomington, MN 55438

## Celebration of Life

MAY 16. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

RG

“ I am so sorry for you, Doug and Mona. You were great examples to this man of faith, your son. I pray you will know comfort and peace. Someday we will all meet at the banquet table of our Lord. Rosalie and Ken Grosch

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**Rosalie Grosch** - June 15, 2025 at 04:57 PM

JH

“ Craig gave me hope, direction, and an example of what faith in action looks like. I'm still here almost three years later because of the chance he took on me. I'll always be grateful for his guidance, friendship.  
Rest in peace, my brother and until we meet again.

*"Well done, good and faithful servant." – Matthew 25:23*

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**Joseph Hocini** - May 16, 2025 at 02:19 PM

ZL

“ My Humble Giant, my words are the humble servant who I admire and appreciate. I've grown in my walk because of our relationship, and I appreciate having to share life with you. Blessings!!!

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**Zachary Lockett** - May 15, 2025 at 11:29 PM

ZL

“ Zachary L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Craig Douglas Fruen.

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**Zachary L.** - May 15, 2025 at 11:17 PM

RM

“ Glad to have met and worked with an amazing, always respectful human being it was an honor in just knowing him and being in his presence. He made you feel like royalty when he approached you one of Gods children for sure he will be missed some people you meet in life are for a season and some people you meet in life are for a reason and Mr. Craig was my reason for wanting to get to know and build a better, stronger relationship with God and I thank him so much for that even when I found it hard to believe in what I could not see Mr. Craig said to me just have faith and believe so I say to him your master has welcomed you home with open arms and had this to say. Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Lord.

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**Roosevelt Moore** - May 15, 2025 at 11:13 PM

AV

“ Anne V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Craig Douglas Fruen.

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**Anne V.** - May 15, 2025 at 02:32 PM

ES

“ Eve Deikel from Bay Salon purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Craig Douglas Fruen.



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**Eve Deikel from Bay Salon** - May 14, 2025 at 07:59 PM

RG

“ We send our sympathy to you, Doug and Mona. We pray God's peace and comfort will hold you close. Rosalie and Ken Grosch

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**Rosalie Grosch** - May 13, 2025 at 11:33 AM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Craig Douglas Fruen.



May 13, 2025 at 06:06 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Craig Douglas Fruen.

May 13, 2025 at 06:06 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Craig Douglas Fruen.



May 12, 2025 at 08:02 AM



“ Shawn and Jamie Morrison planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Craig Douglas Fruen.

**Shawn and Jamie Morrison** - May 11, 2025 at 02:17 PM

SM

“ Shawn and Jamie Morrison purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Craig Douglas Fruen.



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Shawn and Jamie Morrison - May 11, 2025 at 02:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Craig Douglas Fruen.

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May 10, 2025 at 02:11 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Craig Douglas Fruen.



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May 10, 2025 at 02:11 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Craig Douglas Fruen.



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May 06, 2025 at 10:39 AM

JB

“ I will never forget as a boy visiting Minnesota with my mother: Craig, my cousin, hospitality was never - ending. Love you brother, Jeff Barnett

Jeff Barnett - May 06, 2025 at 07:59 AM

MH

“ Just a wonderful human being. Compassionate with a wonderful sense of humor, always humble and delightful to talk with.

Mark Hardin - May 06, 2025 at 02:52 AM

TW

“ Craig, you became a brother. I will never forget our tears that others had no clue about and our celebrations we shared publicly. There was so much more in our hearts to accomplish but you finished your course. Now, we must carry this work on. I will always love you and have deep admiration for you. Thanks for reminding me how to live this Christ-Centered life....

Tierre Antonio Webster - May 06, 2025 at 01:01 AM



“ A grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Craig Douglas Fruen.

May 06, 2025 at 12:44 AM

JD

“ I can say, this is a man with an amazing heart, he truly had the love of Christ living in him.

We experienced some hard choices together regarding the men we served. We made mistakes along the way, but Craig was one to always say I'm sorry, even if on some occasions he was right.

I will never forget you Brother, I'm a better man to have known you.

I thank God for this honor!!!

Until we meet again.

Jonathan Dumas

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Jonathan Dumas - May 05, 2025 at 11:07 PM