



Martin "Marty" Joseph Bussman

March 6, 1949 - August 1, 2025

Martin "Marty" Bussman passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on Friday, August 1st, 2025, at the age of 76. He was born March 6, 1949, in Fort Dodge, Iowa, to Lawrence Bussman and Anna Meier. He helped work the family farm in his youth and graduated from Stewartville High School in 1967. He then went on to study Electronics at Austin Vocational Technical School, graduating with the class of 1969. In April of 1969, Marty enlisted in the Air Force and spent four years serving his country as a radio communications specialist, including time stationed on Ascension Island.

Marty married his high school sweetheart, JoAnn Johnson, on December 27, 1969, in Stewartville, MN, and they started a family in 1972 while stationed at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska. After being discharged, in 1973, Marty, JoAnn and their young son, Kristopher, moved back to Minnesota and bought a home in St. Louis Park. In the years to follow, they welcomed two more sons, Brett and Ryan, and lovingly raised their family. Marty took pride in doing all his own home projects, teaching his sons how to plumb, landscape, roof, build and many more skills along the way. He was also a mainstay at his son's baseball and football games, always making time to throw batting practice wherever they were. Later in life, Marty loved spending time with his five grandchildren-in the stands at games, playing in the backyard, and fishing at the lake.

Shortly after moving back to the state, Marty took a job as an audio/visual technician at the University of Minnesota, where he proudly worked for his entire career. He loved his job and would fondly tell stories of working with stars, like Robin Williams, who would perform at Northrup Auditorium. His true joy was working Gopher athletics, which he did throughout his career. You could often see Marty courtside at Gopher basketball games, down on the field for football games, or setting up Gopher's events at the State Fair. He was celebrated for his dedication several times through his career before retiring after 40+ years. Even retirement couldn't slow Marty down, as he continued to work freelance at the U of M until 2020.

Marty could (and would) strike up a conversation with anybody, endearing him to just about anyone he encountered and putting him on a first name basis wherever he went. He was quick with a witty remark right up to the end, charming nurses and doctors with his off-the-cuff comments.

He is survived by his mother, Anna; his wife, JoAnn Bussman; children Kristopher (Tara) Bussman, Brett (Jen) Bussman, and Ryan (Tammy) Bussman; grandchildren Allyson (Karl), Bryant, Henry, Oscar, and Elias; siblings Margaret (Bill) Reimers, Andrew (Paula) Bussman, Lawrence (Gretchen) Bussman, William (Rita) Bussmann, Albert (Sam) Bussman, John (Deb) Bussmann, Konrad (Tahsin) Bussmann, Benedict (Barb) Bussman, Mary (Tracy) Bussman, Loraine (Rossi) Burton and Yolanda (Steve) Labatte-Koball.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lawrence; brothers Henry Bussman, Richard "Ricky" Bussman, and Bernard "Bernie" Bussman.

A party to celebrate Marty's life will take place from 1 to 4 pm, Sunday, August 17, with a time of sharing beginning at 2:00 pm, in the University Hall at McNamara Alumni Center on the University of Minnesota campus (<https://mac>

-events.org/). A private interment will take place at a later date at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 17. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

University Hall - McNamara Alumni Center
200 SE Oak Street
Minneapolis, MN 55455

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Martin "Marty" Joseph Bussman.

August 17, 2025 at 08:08 PM



“ Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Martin "Marty" Joseph Bussman.



August 15, 2025 at 10:48 AM



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“ The FitzGerald Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Martin "Marty" Joseph Bussman.



The FitzGerald Family - August 13, 2025 at 07:16 PM

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“ I was lucky enough to work with Marty for many years on several large events. He was kind, extremely talented, and solid as a rock. We were always confident things would run smoothly because Marty was literally running the show. Thank you Marty. He was maroon and gold through and through. Rest in eternal peace my friend. My deepest condolences to entire Bussman family.
Maureen Lally

Maureen Lally - August 13, 2025 at 01:11 PM

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“ Linda Meyer purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Martin "Marty" Joseph Bussman.



Linda Meyer - August 12, 2025 at 05:33 PM

BA

“ My Deepest Sympathy to you and your family. I was so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts are with you. Fondly, Bernie Amberg

Bernie Amberg - August 12, 2025 at 04:17 PM

AO

“ Marty will always be one of the kindest and thoughtful people I have had the good fortune to know.... Just knowing he was near by during an event, gave everyone the confidence that everything was going to go alright... His generosity of spirit was always with the U of M and with all of us who had the blessing of sharing him with his oh so many adoring fans... With love and great sympathy to his family! We have lost a great soul amongst us, but have gained a very very bright star in the sky!!!

Amy Olson - August 12, 2025 at 01:19 PM

RB

“ My deepest condolences to Marty's family. I worked with him at the U since 1985 through his retirement. He was always friendly, knowledgeable, professional and fun. Whenever Marty was providing the technology for an event I knew it would run smoothly. He was an absolutely outstanding person and will be greatly missed. Bob Burgett

Robert Burgett - August 06, 2025 at 10:13 PM

ML

I was lucky enough to work with Marty on several large scale events over many years at the U. He was kind, extremely competent and solid as a rock. We were all confident knowing Marty was literally running the show. He was maroon and gold through and through. Thank you Marty. My deepest condolences to his family and friends. Maureen Lally

Maureen Lally - August 11, 2025 at 01:28 PM

MP

“ Rest in peace Marty

Michael Peters - August 06, 2025 at 10:05 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Martin "Marty" Joseph Bussman.



August 06, 2025 at 07:51 PM



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