



David A. Bruneau Jr.

July 5, 1930 - August 2, 2014

On a kitchen table, in a grieving household, lies a manila folder thick with a schedule of activities of a good man with a purpose driven life. David A. Bruneau, Jr., 84, of Iron Mountain lost his courageous battle with squamous cell carcinoma on Saturday, August 2nd in the arms of his beloved and faithful daughter, Petra.

David a native of Duluth, Minnesota was born on July 5th, 1930 to David Arthur Bruneau Senior and Margaret (Nelson) Bruneau. He served in the United States Air Force achieving the rank of staff sergeant. As a graduate of Michigan Technological University he held a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering and engineering administration. In 1957 he married his sweetheart and longtime friend the beautiful and vivacious Phaedra (Coombes) Bruneau. They welcomed a daughter, Petra, in 1958. He was employed for 38 years as a purchasing agent at Lake Shore, Inc. and retired in 1996.

David was a humble man who passionately enjoyed giving of his time to many local service organizations and clubs particularly The Ahmed Shrine and Masonic Temple where he deeply committed himself to the pasty crew and Shrine Circus fundraising projects. David also was a dedicated member of the First United Presbyterian Church in Kingsford for over fifty five years. On a personal level, David enjoyed spending precious time at the family's cottage

on Sugar Lake in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. An avid gardener, he enjoyed cultivating his prized dinner plate dahlias.

David is survived by his wife, Phaedra; his daughter, Petra Bruneau Laitinen; and his grand daughter, Jenna Laitinen of Minnetonka, Minnesota as well as a large number of relatives including several sisters and brothers-in-law and nieces and nephews throughout the country. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Joan Bruneau Stege and nephew, Robert Stege.

Visitation will be Saturday, August 9 from 11:00 a.m. to noon followed by a celebration of life service at First Presbyterian Church in Kingsford. In lieu of flowers a memorial will be established in his memory.

Condolences to the family of David Bruneau may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home with the funeral arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
395 Hamilton Avenue
Kingsford, MI 49802

Celebration of Life

AUG 9. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JR

“ *Petra,*

I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your Father. It has been too many years since our paths have crossed, but the memories of great times spent at your home sure seem to be from not all that long ago. Your Dad was always so very welcoming and kind. May you, your Mother and Daughter find comfort in treasured memories of precious time spent with your Dad. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Julie Rice

Julie Rice - August 11, 2014 at 10:16 PM

TG

“ *Dear Phaedra,*

It has been many years since I have seen you and Dave. I remember the fun times we had at " Da Tech" back in the 50's. He was a great guy. I specially remember him showing me your closet with about 54 pairs of shoes all in boxes.

That time will come for all of us, some sooner and some later, but it will come.

I will have a Mass said for him next wee.

God Bless,

Tom Gelb

Tom Gelb - August 08, 2014 at 02:14 PM

DG

“ Dearest Phaedra and Petra, I'm so very deeply saddened by David's passing.

You've lost a loving husband and father, I've lost a dear, close Pal and I'll miss him terribly. But I'll always remember his mirth, merriment and sly wit, his kindness, his caring and considerate nature.

I'm a better person for having known him, and- I'm proud to have been his friend.

Sincerely, Donnie Geronimi

Donn Geronimi - August 08, 2014 at 12:41 PM

BT

“ My sympathy to Phaedra, Petra, and Jenna. I am fortunate to have gotten to know Dave over the past several years. I enjoyed the many interesting stories he had to tell along with his great sense of humor. He was a very good man and will be missed by all who knew him. Brent Theisen

Brent Theisen - August 07, 2014 at 08:53 PM

DM

“ God Bless your family for the loss of a good man. I used to work at Lake Shore and Mr "B" was my manager. A few of us called him Mr "B". May God Bless you with much comfort and many memories. Debbie Miller

Debbie Miller - August 07, 2014 at 09:40 AM

GI

Prayers and thoughts for your family Petra! Your Dad was such a sweet man! I know you miss him dearly! He was lucky to have you and so glad you spent so much time together lately. He loved having you near I imagine! Hugs to you!

Gina - August 21, 2014 at 01:31 PM