



## Bruce Johnson

May 7, 1955 - May 31, 2025

Bruce Johnson, 70, of Iowa Falls, passed away at his residence. Arrangements are pending with the Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory of Iowa Falls.

Bruce Carleton Johnson was born on May 7, 1955 in Iowa Falls, Iowa to E. Max and Virginia Johnson (their third born child in 3.5 years)! He stood out from the start and was not content to blend into the status quo. His curiosity and bold demeanor led him on various adventures with many different cronies (whom he dearly loved and stayed connected to throughout his life). Among other things, Bruce was a natural at the piano, scrabble, storytelling and was cherished by the margins – young and old.

Bruce graduated from Iowa Falls High School in 1973. He worked at Riverside Book and Bible for many years. He furthered his education at Ellsworth and eventually received a B.A. from UNI. Bruce spent time around the U.S. and traveled to Asia for an extended period, but Iowa Falls was his true home community.

Bruce was known for his quick, wry sense of humor and had comebacks before conversations even started! He lived with passion as well as compassion and conviction. A serious car accident in 1981 changed his trajectory and physical ability, yet his personality was unwavering. He was a

loyal friend and will be missed by many.

He is survived by siblings, Tom Johnson, Sara (Keith) Hardy and Teresa Spurlock (in addition to Starla Johnson and many nieces and nephews). He was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law, Jerry Spurlock.

Bruce was raised in a pack of cousins (and neighbors) who are held dear as well. Those preceded deaths were Uncle George, Aunt Kathy and Mark Stevens with surviving cousins: Tim, Mary, Anne and Joe. The family would also like to thank so many of Bruce's "extended family" – you know who you are!

A gathering will be held from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM on June 30 at the Boat Club in Iowa Falls.

Cards and memories can be sent to: Tom Johnson, 516 Railroad St. Iowa Falls, IA 50126 (memorials: Caulkins Nature Area)

# Tribute Wall

TU

“ I worked with Bruce for a short time in the 80’s when he came to work at the spin off company of Riverside, Fleming H Revel. Our paths didn’t cross again until I moved back to town a couple years ago. I loved his dry sense of humor and sarcasm and Bruce was one of a kind. I hope his family and friends can find peace, comfort, and share great memories in this time of sadness.  
Rest in peace my friend.  
Tom U

Tom U - June 08, 2025 at 09:06 AM

MA

Thank you

Mary - June 08, 2025 at 04:55 PM

 Sally Fitz

Bruce and I goofed around a lot since the 7th grade...His sense of humor, dry as it was, had me in stitches most of the time! For example: "You run down the sidewalk screaming and waving your arms in the air and I'll chase after you with a machete!" Okay!!! One of many memories...Love you Brew.

Sally Fitz - June 09, 2025 at 12:34 PM

CO

“ I Sent 3 pictures of Bruce, hope you can use them

Connie - June 05, 2025 at 06:01 PM

CC

“ Rest in peace Bruce 🙏💜  
Marlyn and Chris Cross

Christine Cross - June 03, 2025 at 09:37 PM

CW

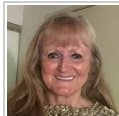
“ Bruce you would come by I. The 80's for coffee. One day we were hormones that you came out to us concerned that you wouldn't be welcomed. Our response was you were the same person who stopped by almost every day. Rest in piece our friend.

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**cynde and dave williams** - June 03, 2025 at 07:22 PM

CW

One day we were home. Can't edit.

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**cynde and dave williams** - June 03, 2025 at 07:24 PM



He loved you both, (this is Mary, his cousin, I was in Dave's class).

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**Mary Stevens Pendergest** - June 05, 2025 at 02:44 PM

MA

“ Bruce was one of those people I valued specifically because he was unlike anyone else I knew, AND because he struck me as a person who practiced radical honesty. He called things as he saw them and he diid not "suffer fools gladly." As such, he made me think, and in this way, he made everyone who listened to him, a better person, in my opinion. I didn't know much of his history, but I knew enough to know that some of it was far from easy. Bruce was as authentic as they come. In this age of falseness, posturing, bluster and blowhards, Bruce stood apart and demonstrated that life could be lived simply and truthfully. Rest in peace, Bruce.

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**Marian** - June 03, 2025 at 01:16 PM

TV

“ We worked with Bruce at Riverside years ago! And s when wet would run into him around town we loved his dry sense of humor and wit that was always with him. What a chap! We will miss seeing him. Terry and Ellen.

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**Terry and Ellen Visser** - June 03, 2025 at 11:58 AM

LS

“ Bruce had kind of a dark, sarcastic wit that I thoroughly enjoyed. He could make you think in ways unthought of before. He will be missed.

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**Lloyd Schriever** - June 03, 2025 at 08:11 AM

JE

“ Bruce will be missed. I hope that his family and many friends will find comfort, and even some joy, through each other and in remembering Bruce.  
Jeff F. 641-740-7756.

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**Jeff** - June 02, 2025 at 10:57 AM