



Bruce William Bass

August 20, 1948 - February 20, 2021

Bruce (Skippy) Bass, 72, of Arnolds Park passed away on Saturday, February 20th, at Spencer Hospital in Spencer, Iowa. A celebration of life for Bruce will be held at a later date. Bruce William Bass was born August 8, 1948 in Storm Lake, Iowa to Charles and Virginia (Denman) Bass. After graduating from high school, he earned his bachelor's degree at Cal State Fullerton. On March 4, 1975 Bruce married Jan Bullis in Norfolk, Nebraska. During his 37 years at IBP/Tyson Foods Bruce worked his way through the cattle buying division becoming Vice President of Cattle Procurement.

In his free time Bruce enjoyed a round of golf, boating, cooking and his pets. The thing he enjoyed most, however, was sharing his love and generosity with his family. He was a member of the Methodist Church in Marcus, Iowa. Bruce is preceded in death by his parents. Left to cherish his memory is his wife Jan of Arnolds Park; Son Sam Bass; Daughter Holly (Jeff) Shiffgen-Whitaker; Granddaughters Madeleine and Hallie Whitaker; and Grand dog Sydney. In lieu of flowers the Bass family would like to request that you consider a donation to the Humane Society of Northwest Iowa.

Tribute Wall

DM

“ *Jan, and Bass children -
We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Skippy. He was always full of joy, helpful, and a skip in his step. We have laughed so many times about the memories of living at the docks at Mau's. Heaven awaits you Bruce and may you bring joy to all in heaven. Cheers to a life that was lived large. Hugs to you Jan.*

Donna & Mike Mahlendorf

Donna Mahlendorf - March 20, 2021 at 10:12 PM

JR

“ *Thanks for all that you did for me Bruce. You taught me to be aggressive and I'll always remember one of your best quotes. "A deals a deal".*

Joel Rosenberger - February 28, 2021 at 07:47 PM

JB

“ *So sorry for your loss. Uncle Bruce was a great man and will be deeply missed. I have very fond memories of Bullis/Bass family holidays together back in the 80's.
Our deepest condolences,
Jon Bullis and family*

Jonathan Bullis - February 26, 2021 at 07:21 PM

KH

“ *Keith Hughes lit a candle in memory of Bruce William Bass*



Keith Hughes - February 25, 2021 at 09:32 AM

KH

WE have only known Skippy & Jan for a few years, what a joy he was to be around. God bless you all !!

Keith Hughes - February 25, 2021 at 09:36 AM

KB

“ *Holly, Jeff and Family,
We are so sorry to hear about your father. May the many wonderful memories of your father comfort you during this difficult time. Know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.
Sincerely,
Keith and Tammy Bube*

Keith Bube - February 24, 2021 at 05:23 AM

BB

“ *Jan and family we are so sorry for your loss. Fond memories of Skippy being the mayor at Vicki's when we would meet for dinner. RIP. Hugs. Dick and Bettie.*

bettie jones bond - February 23, 2021 at 08:34 PM



“ *RIP in Bruce. You were always so nice to Brittany and me when we were there! Hugs to your family members at this time of mourning.
Franki Andersen*

Frances Andersen-Erdman - February 23, 2021 at 06:32 PM

VR

“ Bruce and I were in school together in Marcus. He was always so friendly, warm and kind. I learned how to jitter bug in the basement at his parent’s home. My older sister came over and taught us. A moment in time I’ve never forgotten. God bless your family. Vicki Mead Ropp

vicki Ropp - February 23, 2021 at 05:48 PM

TH

“ Sorry to hear about Skippy!.... My thoughts are with you all!

Peachy!

Todd Harris - February 23, 2021 at 03:37 PM

TB

“ Jan, Holly, Sam, and family,

I am so sorry to hear of Bruce's passing. So many fun memories of him and your family. May God wrap you in warmth, healing, and LOVE!

Love,

Traci Hodge Barnard ❤️

Traci Hodge Barnard - February 23, 2021 at 02:33 PM

BS

“ Billie Scott lit a candle in memory of Bruce William Bass



Billie Scott - February 23, 2021 at 09:42 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce William Bass.*



February 22, 2021 at 09:02 PM



“ *I had the privilege to work for Bruce for a large part of my career. He was kind, honest, hard working and a really good mentor for me. Very seldom was there a dull moment around Bruce. I can tell stories and memories for hours about my experiences with Bruce. As Bruce would always say; He was living large! Our condolences to Jan, Sam and Holly and our prayers for Bruce.*
John and Lois Gerber

John Gerber - February 22, 2021 at 07:32 PM



“ *Thank you for so many wonderful memories! Love to all the family!*
Carol Chaffin



Carolyn Chaffin - February 22, 2021 at 07:08 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bruce William Bass.*



February 22, 2021 at 02:40 PM



“ *Jerry, Kathy, & Michael Welter lit a candle in memory of Bruce William Bass*



Jerry, Kathy, & Michael Welter - February 22, 2021 at 01:07 PM



“ *We're so sorry to hear about Skippy!! We have you all in our thoughts & prayers!! He will always have a special place in our hearts!*

Jerry, Kathy, & Michael Welter - February 22, 2021 at 01:02 PM



“ *Mary Vander Woude lit a candle in memory of Bruce William Bass*



Mary Vander Woude - February 22, 2021 at 12:35 PM

MB

“ *Very sorry for your loss, always a great time playing a round of golf with skippy, he always had the most colorful cloths on..... And of course the best brisket in the world*



Marshall Baschke - February 22, 2021 at 12:19 PM



Skippy. You taught me everything there is t know when IBP became our partner. You were all in and were a founding partner between Cactus and IBP . And we had a lot of fun

Mark Engler - February 22, 2021 at 11:43 PM



Skippy. What can I say. I lost a great friend and a founder of a long time relationship between Cactus feeders and IBP. Thank you for your mentorship. My condolences to your family. The cattle business lost an icon

Mark Engler - February 22, 2021 at 11:47 PM

GK

Miss you Bruce...Met you in Sioux City. My first time living in the Midwest. Cowboy hats, shirts and boots were all new to me back then-1972. And doing the jitterbug with the best cattle buyer(in the history of IBP I'm sure) was fantastic !!!!! Your favorite color, purple. And your cooking was delicious. Hardworking, kind, generous.---- You are the greatest guy I know. Gwen from York, Pa.

Gwen Kunkle - June 07, 2023 at 02:34 PM