



Dean Allen Bruning

March 2, 1965 - October 4, 2016

Dean Allen Bruning, age 51, of Hessel, Michigan, died on October 4, 2016, at his home. He was born on March 2, 1965, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan to Ernest Carl and Charlotte June (Fountain) Bruning.

Dean grew up in Cedarville and Hessel, Michigan and graduated from Cedarville High School in 1983. After graduation he worked construction for Elgie Pollard and Mike McMaken. He met Toni Cadreau in 1994 and they married in 2002. He was currently employed by Bacco Construction and was an excellent employee for the last 16 years.

Dean was a proud member of Operating Engineers #324.

Dean loved hunting, fishing, and camping. His cooking specialty was venison. He enjoyed working on the farm and pushing down trees with his tractor. Dean enjoyed sitting around the campfire while listening to the music of REO Speedwagon, Queen, and The Eagles. Dean had a wonderful laugh that family and friends will never forget.

Dean is survived by his wife, Toni Bruning of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan; sons, Dakota Swinton of Olivia, Minnesota, and Saige Bruning of Hessel; step-children, Amber (Chris) Nettleton of Buffalo, New York, Joseph McGruther of Charleston, South Carolina, Casandra (Ben) Wittum of Sault Ste. Marie, and

Ashley (Aaron) Sherlund of Hessel; grandchildren, Jacklyn, Garrett, Christopher, and MacKenzie; parents, Ernest and Charlotte Bruning of Cedarville; grandmother, Della Fountain of Pickford, Michigan; twin brother, Drew Bruning of Cedarville; sister, Elli Lasley of Sault Ste. Marie; nephews, Austin Bruning and Zachery Lasley; and niece, Shelby Lasley.

Dean was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Raymond Fountain and Ernest E. Bruning; grandmother, Loretta A. Bruning; and uncle, Richard Fountain.

A private family visitation was held.

Memorial Gathering will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at Wendy's Runway Bar and Grill, in Hessel, from 4:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

R. Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Michigan is serving the family.
Condolences may be sent to the family at www.rgalerfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Allen Bruning*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Dean Allen Bruning*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Dean Allen Bruning*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Toni, There are no words, please know all you are in my thoughts and prayers. Love and hugs to you and yours from me and mine. Jamie, Jim & Family*

Jamie (McCoy) Harvey - October 10, 2016 at 11:18 AM



“ *Thinking of you all as I often have over the years. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Sherry Henrichsen Wellman*

Sherry Henrichsen Wellman - October 10, 2016 at 06:36 AM

ER

“ I am so glad I got the chance to know Dean thru work at Bacco. He was a great guy to work with. He was very easy to get along with and made our long work days a little easier to get thru because of his good attitude. I will truly miss working with Dean.

My thoughts and prayers go out to Deans family and friends. Gods Blessings

Erin Rice coworker/truck driver

Erin - October 09, 2016 at 08:29 PM



“ Our prayers go out to all Deans family and friends.

Marty & Mary Anne Bolthouse



Mary Bazinau Bolthouse - October 09, 2016 at 06:20 PM



“ Dean, you were always such a sweet guy, even before I got to know you I just thought you were the coolest. I have a lot of memories when you and Toni just started dating, you would always take care of us in the wee hours of the morning. I will always remember you being such a hard worker. Such good friends to my brothers and David. I have been lucky to have Saige in my life and his smile is as infectious as yours. I hope you know the impact you have left on so many people. I said many of prayers today for you and everyone else I hope you heard me. To your family we are sorry for your loss and the community is here for you. With much love Stephanie

Stephanie Chard Smith - October 09, 2016 at 05:15 PM

JK

“ I met Dean about 8 years ago when I started coming to Hessel dating my future wife Kelly, her brother Jeff Thon introduced us and I feel like we were friends immediately! I had a lot in common with Dean, we were both involved in never ending house fixer uppers and we both had great mechanical skills and could fix or build just about anything, we would often seek each others advise when involved in a project. I will remember all the great times watching the horrible Detroit Lions loose again, and then finishing off the football season with a super bowl party where Dean would bring his famous cheese dip! I will always remember The vintage snowmobile races we attended as spectators, sometimes the wind chill would be - 30 and we would BE there , enjoying the day. I remember the winter Dean would plow the "road" out on to Hessel bay to the ice shacks and we could fish with the trucks right out side the shack, then we would text back in forth between the shanties sharing success [and failures] I remember the 4 wheeler rides we would take as a group, Sage would always come with us, even when he was barely old enough to drive.....what fun we had! Most of all I will ALWAYS remember my friend Dean, when ever I drive by his house on Chard Rd. for the next many years I may live, I will recall the great times we shared together! God speed Dean, and may we meet again some day. Jim Kopko

jim kopko - October 09, 2016 at 01:35 PM

CL

“ Chris Lewis lit a candle in memory of Dean Allen Bruning



Chris Lewis - October 09, 2016 at 06:24 AM

AH

I will miss you Dean Thanks for everyrhing at I T T track. Al Hansen

Al Hansen - October 10, 2016 at 07:47 AM

CL

“ *I met Dean while also working for Bacco Construction. He was a great guy, kind of funny. I used to go on rants on the CB while we working, in spanish, and Deano would about piss himself laughing. So every opportunity I got I would lay the spanish accent and language, (i didn't speak spanish and knew not a word in spanish to speak it),and I would roll up on dean and he would be just sitting there laughing so hard that tears would be rolling down his cheeks. Or sometimes Dean would have to sign us out on the job. I always had nice pens until Deano got his mitts on them and then he would snicker the next day as to how he stole my pen. And he was always coming over to take my new YXZ1000R for a ride because he was thinking of getting one. The bum never showed up of course. I would have let him take it for a ride. I can say in the short time I knew Dean I considered him a friend. Someone I could see hanging out with. He was always joking and smiling. So with that being said, Dean thank you for the great memories and the laughter we had. I will miss you my friend. I would like you to know that I have asked God to forgive you of your sins, whatever they maybe, and to accept you into heaven, to be baptized in his name. May God bless you and your family at this time Deano. Know that you have impressed and made great impressions on many people and you will never be forgotten. May you rest in peace and find the peace that you wseek*

Chris Lewis - October 09, 2016 at 06:23 AM

JE

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your entire family. I have many fond memories of Dean.*

Jeannie - October 08, 2016 at 10:04 PM

MG

“ *Mary Jo Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Dean Allen Bruning*



Mary Jo Gilbert - October 08, 2016 at 06:11 PM

RW

“ *The many years of camping at Trout Lake and all the great memories .*

Robert Williams - October 08, 2016 at 06:10 PM

EC

“ *Dean was like family to us and our children. Words can't express the sorrow we feel for his friends and family.*

Elaine and Marvin Chard - October 08, 2016 at 03:14 AM



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Chris Riley - October 07, 2016 at 05:36 PM



My friendship with Dean began over 30 years ago, when we were just kids, really. We were part of a very special group of guys, that had a lot of fun, and raised a little hell, throughout the '80's and '90's in the LCI area. As often happens, a lot of us went in different directions over the years, but the laughs, fun, and incredible memories I shared with Dean and the crew will never be forgotten.

Dean was a cool guy. When I first met him, he sort of reminded me of a cross between Elvis, The Fonz, and the Marlboro Man. He enjoyed outdoor activities, motors-ports, and was one of the hardest working men I've ever known. Dean had an incredible sense of humor, an infectious laugh, and was as loyal a friend as you'd ever find. I had the pleasure of working with Dean for a year, and I don't think I've ever had so many laughs and fun on a job.

I could go on for hours sharing "Dean Stories" from back in the day, as I'm sure many other people could, as well. Dean was a unique individual in that you'd have to go a long way to find anybody that could say an ill word about him. We should all be so lucky.

My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family, as well as all of Dean's great friends from over the years. His untimely passing will leave a void in many of us for a long time, but we should all be grateful that we knew him in the first place.

I believe there is a Heaven, and I believe Dean is there sharing old stories with Elgie Pollard, Pat, and Bones, right this very minute. We're here feeling the loss, but Dean is in a better place.

Rest in peace old friend, and Godspeed.

Chris Riley

Chris Riley - October 07, 2016 at 06:55 PM

SH

“ I have known Dean for many years. Great guy. My thoughts and prayers are with his whole family. RIP Dean. You will be missed by many.

Susan Hessel - October 07, 2016 at 04:22 PM

LY

“ *This whole family is in our thoughts and prayers.. Love~Lynn,
Lauren and Carson Yoder*

lynn - October 07, 2016 at 09:06 AM

RS

“ *Hello to the Bruning family... While I did not "Know" Dean, I did
knew of him... and I liked everything I knew..My sister married into
your family and my whole family is richer and better through that fifty
five year association!... I bid you all god's grace and peace...*

Warm regards Richard "RB" Smith

Richard B. Smith - October 07, 2016 at 08:44 AM

MA

“ *To the entire family of Dean,
Please know that there are not enough good things that we could
possibly say about Dean. He was a dedicated employee to Bacco
Construction company and a pleasure to have on a job site. Not
only was Dean an excellent Operator he was an even better
person...always in a good mood and making things go a bit
smoother for everyone.*

*I am proud to have known Dean and will miss his phone calls to the
office. Please know that Dean will be missed by everyone here at
what was his "Bacco Family".*

Sending my sincerest sympathies at this very difficult time.

Mary R. Oman

Payroll

Bacco Construction Company

MARY - October 07, 2016 at 07:53 AM

LF

From Brian & Lisa Fisher Family to your Family

Dean has been a good friend over the year's and we share so many great memories with him. We are saddened that heaven has gained another angel and took him away from us so soon. God must have needed him more than us. Dean will always be in our memories. God Bless.

Lisa Fisher - October 07, 2016 at 09:43 AM