

Brad Cruthers

OCTOBER 6, 2021

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Brad Cruthers, age 66, late of Shaunavon, Saskatchewan on October 6, 2021 after succumbing to a variety of health issues.

Brad's younger years consisted of his parents pouring cement grave covers all the way to Florida in the winter and back to Shaunavon in the summer. Brad had a challenging childhood, being raised by a single parent (or maybe he

WAS the challenge). He graduated from Shaunavon High School, and during this time Brad was an avid hunter, trapper and loved to fish. He worked after school and on weekends for Walter's Home Furnishing and later for the P.F.R.A. until 1979 when he took over the family business.

Brad married the love of his life (or so he said) to Janie Bolianatz in which they celebrated 42 years of marriage. He worked extremely hard and purchased a section of land where he resided until his passing. Brad was extremely blessed to be the Dad of David, Vanessa and Greg. They were the pride and joy of his life; he would do anything for them and it was always reciprocated twofold. Brad was most content when he was working in the cemetery where it was quiet and peaceful until the children came with their collections of Tonka toys and their cement "creations" that never made it home. He was a chauffeur, coach, teacher, cheerleader and an excellent provider.



Brad looked forward to the fall so he could go to Arizona. He loved checking fields, picking produce and trying to grow fruit trees. He did a lot of quadding and exploring the desert, but his favorite pastime was eating tacos and taking all his visitors to the taco stand.

Hurry to get there, hurry to get home. It was always an endurance test. Not only for work, but to see his grandchildren whom he treasured dearly. He loved to show them how to fish, gopher hunt, play crib and build monuments. During all his travelling and eating out, he always received the worst food and/or service. He liked his eggs HOT!

He was progressive and expanded his business to include building and selling monuments. Brad worked in various places in Saskatchewan, Alberta, Montana, even Florida and California. His craftsmanship was impeccable. Brad fulfilled his dream by purchasing a laser etching machine and created numerous masterpieces seen in most cemeteries in and around this area. He believed a handshake was all that was required and didn't accept payment until you were happy with his work. His legacy will continue with the same pride, integrity and quality.

He is survived by his loving wife Janie, son David (Elysha), Colter and Jhett; daughter Vanessa, Halle, Sophie, Zach and Blake; son Greg (Chelsea); brothers Edge (Rhonda) and Mervin; brother-in-law Bill Jensen, son-in-law Kenny Vizbar, numerous brothers and sisters-in-law, as well as nieces and nephews (Darren Jensen being the notable favourite). Brad was predeceased by his father, El, his sister Meredith (Muff), half-brothers Evan and Norman.

Brad will be forever loved and missed. Always on your mind, forever in your heart.

Celebration of Brad's Life will be held on October 23, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in the Admiral Hall, Admiral, Saskatchewan.

Messages of Condolence

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family members. Brad will be missed and sure loved his grandkids.

— **Randy Taylor**

I'm so sorry to read of my uncle Brad's passing. He had a sharp wit and was good natured. We will miss you uncle Brad

Mark Cruthers, son of Evan Cruthers

— **Mark Crutherd**

Sincere condolences from the Nicolson family. I had dealings with Brad last year over phone calls and email. I was very proud of the headstone he made for us and was so pleased on the placement. An honourable man.

— **Valerie Nicolson**

We sure will miss you Brad. Sending hugs to Janie and family.

— **Len and Marilyn Heckbert**

Sending my condolences to your family on your loss

— **Lineke Breen**

My sincere condolences to Janie and family. Brad was a nice friend and no doubt a great husband and father. He will be missed for sure.

— **Nancy Kirk**

We were so sorry to hear of Brad's passing. Condolences to the family.

— **Daymond and Laurie Lloyd**

My deepest sympathy to all Brad's family. I am a groundskeeper at a cemetery in the Hogeland/Turner area. I got to know Brad from helping and visiting him there. We enjoyed each other's company and he'd bring Robin Hood flour (good Canadian flour) to me for helping. He was a real gem! He'll surely be missed!!

— **Diana Maloney**

Our deepest sympathies to Janie and family on the loss of Brad. We always had a great visit with Brad, with such varied topics of spirited conversation! We will miss you, Brad.

— **Rodger and Judy Vizbar**

Brad I will always cherish the memories of my summers with you and grandpa and later on you and Janie and the kids

I will miss you Uncle Brad

— **Darren Jensen**

So sorry for your loss. He will be greatly missed

— **Wilf and Brenda Legros**

So sorry to hear of your loss. Brad was always a "good guy" to us.

— **Brian and Lorna Irish**

Our deepest sympathy Janie and family, I will always love the monument Brad made for Donnie's grave.

— **Dorothy Schlemko and family**

Brad did my mom's and my father in law's headstones. He was a wonderful guy to work with. He was so fair and honest, which are hard things to find these days. My prayers are with his family as I know he will be greatly missed.

— **Joyce Van Voast**

Condolences to all the family he will be greatly missed. And did amazing work

— **The Ken Reed family**

Deepest Sympathy to all

— **Shirley Hart(nee Roberts)**

We are so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you during this difficult time.

— **Cindy and Brad Elder**

My sincere condolences to all of Brad's family, friends and community.

Our family will forever treasure the memorial headstone Brad designed for my Grandparents in Lashburn.

Brenda (Lacelle) Waldron

— **Brenda Waldron**

My sincere sympathy to all of Brad's family. I got to know Brad, Edge, and their Dad in Shaunavon. I remember the hockey days, when Brad would go to watch Edge play! Brad was a great guy!

— **Charlene Hayes**

I was so very sorry to hear about your loss. Brad was a great man. I was lucky to meet him through my Uncle Johnny and my Dad, Karan. Sending you prayers and comfort during this time.

— **Karalee Fehr**

The loss of Brad brings great sadness to all who had opportunity to meet him. I shall never forget his hospitality and how he made a business trip a delight. He will be greatly missed.

— **Elaine Andrew's Ellett**

Janie and Family, our deepest condolences from cousin Raymond and family in Norway and the UK.

— **Raymond Thomas Bolianatz**

our condolences to your family at this time, remember watching Brad grow up and his work ethic

— **brian and dianne vansandt**

Our deepest sympathies and send our condolences to you Greg, Chelsea and the whole Cruthers Family!

— **Ward Cutler, Jody Lenfesty & Family**

Our deepest condolences to all of the families. Brad and I were schoolmates at an early age and we had a few first experiences together. Remember being in awe of him when he started trapping and tanning his own hides I think he was only 11 or 12. I believe his first trapline was out by Phelans I didn't know Muskrat and Mink even existed. Being a paperboy was pretty boring and probably easier. I think of him often. RIP

— **Phil and Lois Hanna**

Our deepest Sympathies to Janie And Family.

— **Carol Reuben Hegland**

So very sorry to hear of Brads passing. We lost a wonderful man and friend.
Sincere condolences

— **Doug Houston**

Laurie and I send our condolences to Janie and family.

— **Butch and Laurie Bolianatz**

Our sincere condolences to Janie and families

— **Jim and Patty Wright**

My thoughts and prayers are with Brad's family and extended families as I read of his passing. I had the privilege of knowing Brad since high school. We met up again in later years when we chose him to make and install a couple family headstones and were not disappointed in his workmanship or finished products. You will be missed Brad RIP

— **Marlys Kienzle**

Thinking of Janie and family. So sorry for your loss. Brad was a good man and he will be missed by many. Prayers for all.

— **Terry Newell**

Saddened to hear about Brad's passing. Sympathies to Janie and family.

— **Wendy & Glenn Cave**

We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Brad, our deep condolences. He will be surely missed! Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family!

— **The Crocker's**

Our condolences to Brad's wonderful family. Brad will be missed very much.

— **Bill & Cathy McClure**

My sincere condolences to Brad's family he will be missed by all

— **Velda McGuire**

Our condolences to Brads family. We have known Brad for most of his life and have enjoyed his visits in later years. I will miss his political discussions as he would often call when he needed to vent! We also enjoyed his discussions about their Arizona ranch. He will be missed by all that know him!

— **Skip and Cathie Wilton**

We were shocked and saddened to hear about Brads passing. Our deepest condolences to his wife Jayne and his family. Gone too soon but never forgotten. Jacqui and Mick Popick

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Sincere condolences to Janie and all the Family , will sure miss Brad here and in AZ.

— **Grant Goodall**

I so enjoyed visiting with Brad. He always put a smile on my face. My sincere condolences Janie, David and families.

— **Lyanne Campbell**

Brad will be missed. Loved his straight forward attitude towards life. Loved seeing his love towards how proud he was of all of his family. Will miss our once in a while telephone calls about life in general. R.I.P Brad.

— **Shauna Peters**

Our deepest condolences to you and family.

— **Albert and Sandra Ruiz**

We were so shocked and saddened to hear of Brad's passing. He did the most beautiful work for Sam's family's tombstones. He was the nicest and down to earth person, always enjoyed a visit with him! We send our sincere sympathy to his wife Janie and his beloved children.

— **Sam Gordon & Joan Palmer**

My family couldn't have asked for better neighbors and friends growing up as Brad, Janie, David, Vanessa & Gregory. Brad and Janie treated me and my brothers and sister as extended family members our whole childhood. Also couldn't have asked for a better hockey coach, hunter safety instructor, boss, hired man or friend as Brad Cruthers. You someone I always looked up to and wished I could be more like, and I truly hope I told you as much at least once during our time together. My thoughts and prayers go out to the whole Cruthers family, and please forgive me for not being able to be there to say goodbye with you (David I'm sorry bro!) Rest easy with the Lord Brad, until we meet again bud.

— **Jason Hammond**

Deppesr sympathy Janie and all the family.I have fond memories of Brad from the time he spent with us at the PFRA. RIP my friend .

— **Ellen Shapley**

Very saddened to hear of Brad's passing. I was a childhood friend of Brad's, while living across the street in our hometown of Shaunavon, and have many fond memories of those carefree childhood days hunting gophers, etc. My condolences go out to Brad's family and brother Edge at this difficult time.

— **Duster Brown**

Our sincere condolences to Janie and all the family.

— **Nelson & Avis Laberge**

We were sorry to hearing about the passing of Brad. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

— Craig and Kathy Campbell

We are so sorry to hear of Brad's passing. We enjoyed having him visit us in SC and almost every year when we worked in CA. We thought the world of Brad and will sincerely miss having him come by the Center of the World.

Ron & Sallie Clamp

Memorial Design

— Ron and Sallie Clamp



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