



Henry Warren Brandsma

June 5, 2020

Henry Warren Brandsma died in his home surrounded by family on Friday, June 5, two days short of his 68th birthday following a short battle with leukemia. Warren was born June 7, 1952 in Denver, CO to Henry "Hank" and Clasina Brandsma, the second of four children. He moved from Denver to Fort Collins shortly before marrying Glenda Cady on June 28, 1975 in Denver, CO. Warren followed his father's career and became a talented, dedicated and artistic mason, highly respected and admired by his colleagues. He was known for his quiet smile, warm and gentle spirit, and compassionate nature to everyone he met and worked with. Warren had a generous heart and would gladly help those in need, routinely offering his services to others without hesitation. He held a deep and abiding faith in God and expressed that same love to his family, friends, and acquaintances. He is survived by his wife and five children, Nathan Brandsma (Jennifer), Rachel Lucas (Jeremiah), Emily Siobhan Brandsma, Travis Brandsma (Margaret) and Sarriah Brandsma as well as eight grandchildren, all of Fort Collins, CO. He is also survived by his siblings, Phyllis Jordan, Kathy (Dave) Arns and John (Ginny) Brandsma. Memorial donations may be made to Harmony Foundation at their website <https://harmonyfoundationinc.com/donate/harmony-collective/>.

Warren's memorial service will take place on Saturday June 13th at 10:30 am at Immanuel Christian Reformed Church in Fort Collins. Due to gathering restrictions, the service will also be streamed over Zoom using the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81634087506?pwd=UTZxeHB0dVhQWGUyN2ljbIZwNUtIQT09> . Please contact Goes Funeral Care at info@goesfuneralcare.com or 970-482-2221 for information.

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“ As Warren's older sister, I got to share 2 years with him that none of my other siblings did. Back then I "read" him stories. As we were growing up we were always close. During high school we spent many hours laughing at the high jinks that went on at school and home. Mom didn't always appreciate our humor. While I was in college, we had an unfortunate car accident. I believe that this was when he became the quiet man that so many knew and loved. I have been told by friends that he said he had grown up. Every time we got together when I was in town or at family reunions, it was like we had not been apart. I miss you very much Warren but I know you are in a wonderful place, and we will all see you again. To Glenda, Nathan, Rachel, Emily, Travis, Sarriah, Jenny, Jeremiah and all of the grandchildren, you were so fortunate to have such a wonderful, loving man in your lives. I do believe from my own experience, that the greater the love, the longer and greater the grief. I am praying for comfort for you all.
All my love, Phyllis Algra-Jordan

Phyllis Algra-Jordan - July 14, 2020 at 12:52 PM



“ I have only known Warren for a few years but was so happy he to see him at the High Noon Meetings with other friends of Bill W. He came to the meetings in 2015 and was not doing very well but took to the program and with in a short time was physically, mentally and spiritually doing very well and was to an inspiration to all of us. He will definitely be missed.

John Hagin - June 13, 2020 at 12:26 PM

JH

“ I always wished I could be more like Warren; calm, kind and able to listen. Shannon and I both loved him and felt honored to have known him. Let's all try to carry on in his way and make this world a better place.



J.B. Hall - June 13, 2020 at 10:28 AM

Rachel
Lucas

“ There are so many wonderful and loving things I could say about my father, and yet words seem to escape me for fear they won't do him justice...this is who he was to me.

Dad was a quiet man, as everyone who met him quickly learned, but underneath was so much more. His humility and genuine care for others kept him from saying much, instead opting to respectfully listen and observe so that others could have the floor. Just below the surface were random yet perfectly delivered jokes mom thought were borderline inappropriate or cheesy, frequent acts of service for loved ones as well as acquaintances that he never mentioned or expected recognition for, extreme patience and willingness to spend hours doing things with and for his loved ones even if he did not enjoy them (us kids thought for years that he liked fishing only to find out he took us for our own sakes), a talented and artistic mason who was greatly respected by colleagues, a lover of the outdoors who enjoyed photographing it and other media, a chef with unexpected culinary skills despite a somewhat limited pallet, a lover of music who would listen to headphones for hours if left uninterrupted, and a beautiful soul with the kindest heart imaginable. He is the most selfless and compassionate person I know, who never said a negative or judgmental thing about anyone, always giving others the benefit of the doubt and empathizing with their experience. Although he was often a wallflower by choice, if given the chance and time to share, would surprise you with his knowledge, interests and perspectives. He was sensitive and caring, honest and sincere, gentle and strong. He was and is everything it means to me to be a good man (and person). I miss him so much and wish I had more time with him, though I'm so very grateful for the time we had together.

Rachel Lucas - June 12, 2020 at 12:18 AM

PJ

“ The HOA Board of Indian Meadows sends their deepest sympathy and prayers to Warren's family. Warren was one of those "gems". He gave and served without expecting anything in return. What a generous heart he had. Indian Meadows was the recipient of his servant's heart in the many projects he worked on here. He served on the HOA Board for a number of years and didn't say much but when he did- you listened because it was worth hearing. He was a blessing to many in his quiet way.

*May God bring comfort and smiles to your family.
Indian Meadows HOA Board and community.*

Peggy Johnston - June 11, 2020 at 08:35 PM



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Goes Funeral Care & Crematory - June 10, 2020 at 01:15 PM



“ Glenda, Nathan, Rachel , Emily, Travis and Sarriah
Please accept our sincere condolences on the loss of your husband and father. Warren was a kind, friendly, gentle spoken man whom we had the blessing of knowing. May gentle memories of his life bring you solace during this heard period of saying goodbye.
Vince and Carol Dechand



Carol Dechand - June 10, 2020 at 11:26 AM



“ My father was a silent saint. He would help with out even asking. Many times he would take my bike and repair it with out even a word. In my family I am known for locking my keys in my car or room, dad always had a spare key to save me. There are many times he came to my rescue including towing me back home from out of town with his work truck. Warren has helped not just family but everyone; many times he was there to help my friends or given them work. My first experience working was with my father; mixing cement, reshingling the house, painting the exterior of a house; which all experiences thought me how to adapt and learn. His love for others was so intense that him and my mother took on three children including myself that were not there own to give a real foundation and better opportunities for life. We enjoyed a lot the same foods and I got to know what my father liked well; while helping assist my family near the end I am happy to know I got to be there and eat several meals with him that were his favorite foods and will hold onto those last moments forever.



Emily D Brandsma - June 08, 2020 at 11:12 PM



Memory's are so precious!
May you feel Jesus loving comforting arms around you.

Rose Brandsma - June 10, 2020 at 08:51 AM

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Emily D Brandsma - June 08, 2020 at 10:54 PM

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“ *Glenda, Rachel, Jenny and Families, We are so sorry for your loss. May beautiful memories comfort you during this difficult time. Prayers, Rick and Brenda.*

Brenda - June 08, 2020 at 10:17 PM