



Galen R. Brunk

November 29, 1950 - May 7, 2014

Galen R. Brunk, 63, died peacefully at home on May 7, 2014. He was born November 29, 1950 in Lindsborg, Kansas to Eugene Brunk and Helen Smith Brunk. He graduated from Wichita State University in 1976 with an M.S. in Chemistry. He worked in pancreatic cancer research in Omaha, Nebraska at the Eppley Cancer Institute. He then moved to Fort Collins where he worked for Fermenta Animal Health. For the last 15 years, he was a Research Associate as head of the Weed Laboratory for the Bioagricultural & Pest Sciences Department at Colorado State University.

Galen is survived by his wife of 41 years, Debbie Brewer Brunk, and their two beautiful daughters and their families: Allison Fivecoate, her husband, Josh, and their sons, Jake and Jesse of Wellington, Colorado; and Lisa Jensen, her husband, Scott, and children, Zach and Kaylee of Thornton, Colorado.

Galen and his family came to Colorado for family vacations when he was growing up and he loved those trips. He always wanted to live in Colorado and was thrilled when he was offered a job in Fort Collins. Galen often took his family to the mountains to hike and enjoy the beauty. He also liked to take his friends on hikes he had discovered. Many friends have shared about hikes they have taken because Galen took them there first or told them about special places to go.

Galen & Debbie's favorite place to visit was Paris, France. Galen loved the history and the museums of Paris. They also visited the Normandy coast and were able to tour the American cemetery on September 11, 2002. Every grave had an American flag and the walkway was covered with flags from around the world. It was a very humbling and inspiring experience.

Galen truly loved his grandchildren and his one disappointment was that he would not get to see them grow up.

In lieu of flowers, Galen requested that donations be made to Mountain States Children's Home, P. O. Box, Longmont, Colorado 80502.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 13. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

Meadowlark Church of Christ
2810 Meadowlark Ave.
Fort Collins, CO 80526

Tribute Wall



“ Galen R. Brunk

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *I am shocked and very saddened to hear of Galen's death. It does not seem to be that long ago I spoke with him about a refrigeration problem he was having in one of the lab's at CSU. Galen always had a great sense of humor and a wonderful attitude about things no matter what was going on at the time. I remember co-teaching a high school class with Galen on evolution and the Bible at Meadowlark; I think I learned as much about archeology and evolution as the students did during that time. Galen was a wealth of information and had a tremendous hoard of resources to access. I know that Galen left imprints on the lives of everyone he was around. Two memories of Galen that stick on my mind: The fun we had playing slow pitch softball even though we were on different teams, Galen was very competitive and laid back at the same time which is very unusual. The second is when we were talking about the different license plates available for the state of Colorado. Galen said that "I have waited this long in my life to get a green plate with mountains why would I want to get something different?" May God bless and comfort your family.*

Greg R. Snyder - July 06, 2014 at 10:37 PM

MC

“ Galen was a friend and colleague when I worked at the CSU weed lab many years ago. I remember him as a kind, generous, and gentle man. I most appreciated his sense of humor as we would tease each other back and forth all the time which would always leave me laughing. Also, years ago he would travel to ARDEC (CSU's Ag Research Farm), where I now work, to grab some ears of corn to feed to his squirrels at home. I regret not seeing him for a long while and am deeply saddened to hear of his recent demise. Best wishes to his friends and family.

Mark Collins

Mark Collins - May 13, 2014 at 05:10 PM

CR

“ One of my very favorite memories of Uncle Galen was a time when I was maybe 6 or 7 years old. We were in Colorado to visit and everyone was down in the living room chatting. Uncle Galen took my Cousin Barrett and I into the kitchen and showed us this hilariously gross plastic thing that looked like boogers. He offered it to me, saying "Courtney, put this on your face and go downstairs...ask them if you have anything on your face". I declined, but Barrett laughed, took it and showed it off to everyone. We all had a good laugh. This is what I remember most about Uncle Galen, his kindness and how he could always put a smile on anyone's face. He was an amazing Uncle and I will miss him so much.

Courtney Roberts

Courtney Roberts - May 13, 2014 at 12:44 PM

CH

“ *Chrissy lit a candle in memory of Galen R. Brunk*



Chrissy - May 13, 2014 at 10:57 AM

RB

“ *There are so many memories I have been thinking about over the last few days of Galen I don't think there is enough room to put them all down in writing. Our families were lucky, we grew up together sharing birthdays, holidays, special and ordinary occasions. It was like having an extended family with five kids rather than two families. The "rain dance" at the farm and our duck hunting expedition one Christmas there come to my mind right now. It's unfortunate that as we grew to be adults we were separated geographically and our paths rarely crossed. I will miss him very much.*

Rob Brunk

Rob Brunk - May 12, 2014 at 11:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Galen R. Brunk.*



May 12, 2014 at 03:46 PM

RL

“Debbie, Allison, and Lisa - Laura and I wish to express our deepest sympathies to you during this time of grief. Our prayers are with you at this time. May the Lord wrap his arms around you.

Rod Luehrs - May 12, 2014 at 12:54 PM

BR

“One of my favorite memories of Galen, and a story I have shared many times, dates back to his days as a Graduate student. Galen would tell new, unsuspecting Graduate students that he was a wealthy man; after all, he had two cars and a boat. What he left for them to discover on their own was the fact that the boat was an old wooden kayak with a hole in the bottom and one of his two cars was being used as a rabbit hutch. As was often the case with Galen, the message was not always in what he said but in what he didn't say. He was a wealthy man but it had nothing to do with two cars and a boat. Galen was a great brother-in-law and I will miss him.

Bill Roberts

Bill Roberts - May 11, 2014 at 08:55 AM