



## Bruce W. Schierstedt

August 9, 1944 - June 7, 2022

Bruce W. Schierstedt, 77, of Fond du Lac went to his heavenly home on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, surrounded by his family.

Bruce was born on August 9, 1944, in Cicero, Illinois, the son of Willard E. and Laverne J. (Kotecki) Schierstedt. On August 14, 1965, he married the love of his life, Susan Kistenbroker in Forest Park, Illinois.

Job related moves took Bruce and Sue from Forest Park, Illinois to Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin in 1968. In 1976, Bruce and his family moved to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, as a career move. In 1985, Bruce enrolled in UW-Oshkosh, full-time, to finish his bachelor's degree after receiving education at Northwestern University and UW-Whitewater while employed. His career included Thomas McKinnon Securities, Chicago: Bonds, Treasury and Stock Cashier; Bentley Welding Supply, Milwaukee: Systems Analyst and Developer and Sales; Tri-Welders Supply Co., Inc., Fond du Lac: Office Manager/ Assistant Sales Manager.

Before retirement in 2011, Bruce was an Information Systems Specialist at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, College of Education and Human Services. In 2011, upon their retirement, Bruce and Susan Schierstedt founded the Schierstedt Scholarship at UW-Oshkosh for students majoring in education. In retirement, he has been one of God's precious servants supporting technology in his church and for Care In the Name of Christ, Inc., Fond du Lac, as well as serving in various roles for Crossways Camping Ministries and the East Central Synod of Wisconsin, ELCA. Bruce was an active member of Church of Our Saviour, serving on the Finance/Stewardship Committee and as congregation president in past years.

Bruce lived out his faith in the Lord Jesus and his belief that generosity is a state of heart, not of one's wallet. God, our provider of all things, is gracious and loves to bless His children. Confident in His provision, we give liberally out of it. We are generous, because God has been and continues to be generous with us.

He was a proud Drummer in the Winfield Scott Rebels Drum & Bugle Corp 1962-1964, Drummer and Drum Major in the Diplomats Drum and Bugle Corp, James J. Zientek Post 419, American Legion, Chicago 1964-1966, and Instructor & Creator of Marching & Maneuvering Routines & Program in the Colonels Drum Corp, Franklin Park, IL, 1965-1966+.

He is survived by his wife Susan of 56+ years; his daughter, Jeanne L. Schierstedt of Racine, Wisconsin; and his son, Mark T. Schierstedt of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, David H. Kistenbroker (Cynthia Heusing) of Chicago and children: Hillary (Kyle) Colonna and daughter Genevieve; Allison, Charlotte, and Graham; his sister-in-law Joan (Neil) Dacey Schierstedt and by many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Neil E. Schierstedt of Berwyn Illinois, Aunts Eleanor (Kotecki) Ebenroth and Ruth (Kotecki) West, and Uncle Herbert Kotecki.

We are profoundly thankful to the Chaplains Peter Capoyianes and Amy Golz for their care of the family during Bruce's brief hospitalization and to all the nurses, doctors, and other professionals of St. Agnes Hospital.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, June 25, 2022, from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. at Church of Our Saviour followed by a service of celebration at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Crystal Lee officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Crossways Camping Ministries, 912 N. Oneida St., Appleton, WI 54911, [crosswayscamps.org](http://crosswayscamps.org) or to Church of Our Saviour, Fond du Lac.

# Cemetery Details

## Rienzi Cemetery

Fond du Lac, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 25. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Church of Our Saviour  
363 South Main Street  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

## Funeral Service

JUN 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

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363 South Main Street  
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# Tribute Wall

JJ

“ Bruce was "one of the good guys."  
Decent. Caring. Smart. Funny. Gracious.  
Welcoming....  
Bruce and Susan were (and will remain in my heart always) a dynamic duo...caring for Campus Ministry, the Missions of their church and community. Bruce brought excellent bits of wisdom with him that were blended with an easy style that warmed us all.  
Dear Susan and family;  
May God's tender love surround you as you grieve this wonderful man who loved you so.  
Please know the love and prayers of so many of us whose lives were touched by Bruce, are yours as well.  
Our world is brighter because of the life Bruce lived. Thanks for sharing him with us.  
-Jim Justman

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**Jim Justman** - June 17, 2022 at 05:04 PM

SS

*Jim, your kind words and thoughts are a blessing. Thank you. Sue*

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**Sue Schierstedt** - April 30, 2024 at 10:29 PM

AB

“ Susan and family, I want to extend my sympathy to all of you! I remember all those years of being on the UW-Oshkosh Lutheran Campus Ministry Board. Both of you were so valuable with your knowledge and involvement on that Board. You both gave of your time and talents, as well as your finances. I remember Bruce's sense of humor. You both had, and I am sure you still have a love for our Lord and Savior. May that love of our Lord and Savior comfort you and may He give you, His peace! Blessings to all of you!  
Allen Borgwardt

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**Allen C. Borgwardt** - June 14, 2022 at 09:37 PM

SS

*Allen, thank you for your memories. They are heartwarming.*

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**Sue Schierstedt** - April 30, 2024 at 10:30 PM

MG

“ Sue and family, I wish to express my deepest condolences for your loss, Bruce had a great sense of humor and he was an accomplished guy from Cicero! God bless Bruce.  
Mike Godfrey

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**Mike Godfrey** - June 14, 2022 at 09:19 PM

SS

Mike, thank you. Bruce loved sharing da Bears with you.

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**Sue Schierstedt** - April 30, 2024 at 10:32 PM

NC

“ Sue, my heart hurts for you and your family. Bruce's absence from so many organizations will be felt for a long time. His compassionate heart will live on through those organizations and everyone he touched.

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**Nancy Candlish** - June 14, 2022 at 06:04 PM

ES

“ Sue and family,

*My deepest sympathies on the loss of Bruce. We had such a lovely conversation when I sat across from him at the meal following Pastor Crystal's installation. Carrying you in my heart, thoughts, and prayers at this time and in the days to come.*

*Erin Steward*

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**Erin Steward** - June 12, 2022 at 09:18 PM

CP

“ Mark, so sorry for your loss!

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**Carol Pierstorff** - June 12, 2022 at 07:37 AM

EJ

“ My sincere condolences to Bruce's family. I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you adjust to life without him. May Bruce rest in the peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. My heart breaks for you.  
Eva Jahnke

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**Eva Jahnke** - June 10, 2022 at 09:03 PM

SS

*Eva, thank you for your heart-felt message and prayers. I pray that our Lord Jesus will continue to comfort and sustain our family and yours as we walk these new paths.*

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**Sue Schierstedt** - June 12, 2022 at 11:35 AM

DK

*Sue and family, I am shocked and so sorry to hear about Bruce! He touched my life personally and professionally! You both have given so much of yourself the church and issues you believe in. May the memories of wonderful years together bring you peace. Prayers to you all. Darlene Kalfahs*

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**Darlene Kalfahs** - June 25, 2022 at 06:54 PM