



## Robert G. Bruns

November 21, 1951 - April 16, 2021

Robert (Bob) Bruns, a lifelong resident of Crete, lost his battle with cancer on April 16, 2021.

Bob was born at St. James Hospital in Chicago Heights, IL on November 21, 1951, to Wayne (Bruno) and Patricia (Pat) (Exo) Bruns. He was the 1st of 8 children and served in the United States Air Force. He worked on the Milwaukee Railroad and Indiana Harbor Belt. Bob was a member of the Crete Historical Society and always had great stories of growing up in Crete. He loved reminiscing about Faithorn where he met his lifelong, childhood friend, Rick Ervin. They loved talking baseball (Bob the Cubs, Rick the Sox!) and the railroad. Bob was a published author and wrote numerous articles about the railroad. He could be found on the computer researching ancestry and was even known to take trips in this pursuit. Bob could be also found enjoying the bands at all the Summer festivals.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents Wayne (Bruno) and Patricia (Exo) Bruns and brother David Bruns.

Bob is survived by his wife of 42 years, Evelyn (Evie) (Gibson); 3 children, Jennifer (Jim) Pigatti, Robert (Bobby) Bruns and Allison (Nick) Carollo, 5 grandchildren, Benton and Miles Pigetti, Fiona and Charlotte Bruns and Carly Churilla. He also is survived by his brothers Jeff (Jamie) Bruns and John

(Shannon) Bruns and sisters Cathy (Dan) Norton, Lisa (Gary) White, Deb (John) Hall, Missy (Todd) Sippel, sister-in-law Pam (Wilkins) Bruns and numerous nieces, nephews and loving cousins. He will be greatly missed by all.

A memorial celebration of his life will be held on Friday, April 30th from 2:00-7:00 with a service following at Hack Funeral Home in Beecher, IL. Please feel free to come dressed in Hawaiian shirts to honor Bob's life and the fun he loved to have.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family.

We ask that you please follow the state's guidelines where masks/face coverings and social distancing are concerned. On behalf of the family and the funeral home staff, we would like to thank you for your cooperation.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 30. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hack Funeral Home  
753 Hodges St.  
P.O. Box 535  
Beecher, IL 60401  
(708) 946-2161  
hackfuneral@yahoo.com  
<https://www.hackfuneralhome.com>

## Memorial Service

APR 30. 7:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Joe Gula & family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Robert G. Bruns.



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**Joe Gula & family** - April 29, 2021 at 02:27 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray* was purchased for the family of Robert G. Bruns.



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April 28, 2021 at 06:51 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Robert G. Bruns.



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April 23, 2021 at 11:37 AM

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“ I will never forget all the great concerts I attended with Bob. He was a lover of music and you could tell that the shows we attended always seemed to lift his spirits. We used to gather at his apartment and make reel to reel tapes of the great bands we saw then spend hour's listening to the tapes. I remember going to a Kansas concert with Bob and I talked him into sneaking backstage at the concert. We actually got to meet members of the band and got our picture taken with the bass player Billy Greer. I never seen him so happy as I did that day. He was like a big brother to me and since I never had a big brother that was so very special to me. Prayers to his family and O wish I could be there to help celebrate his life but because of COVID I cannot fly home at this time

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**Larry Winemiller** - April 21, 2021 at 01:36 AM