

Kevin Michael Bruder

June 15, 1968 ~ May 11, 2025

On Sunday, May 11, 2025, I lost my best friend, my heart, my person, while he was doing one of the things he loved – trail running/hiking by our home. Kevin Michael Bruder, age 56, born in Bloomington, Illinois. We met at Iowa State University our sophomore year. Married on May 25, 1991, and went on to have four beautiful children. – Susan Bruder

Kevin was a devoted husband, loving father, doting papa, cherished son and beloved brother. He was a devout Catholic and parishioner of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. He was a man who lived his everyday life exemplifying his faith.

Kevin's greatest joy was spending time with his family and loved ones. He loved spending time outdoors with his family. He loved sports, especially basketball and baseball. He was a big Cardinals baseball fan and enjoyed catching a few March Madness games every year with his dad, brother, and son Joel. He was proud to be a sports dad, always making time to be at soccer games for both Allison and Emily, basketball and football for Joel, and hockey for Chris. He would do whatever he could to help his kids succeed at their goals and dreams. He enjoyed going to activities with his wife, Susan, at the Cottonwood Country Club and going on hikes together near their home. He was a constant source of support, wisdom, and unconditional love – always putting his family's needs above his own. His presence was a steady anchor and his deep commitment to those he loved will remain a lasting legacy.

Kevin touched the lives of many through his work as General Manager of the Maverik Center, CEO & President of the Utah Grizzlies, and President of Centennial Management Group. He has been with the Maverik Center since 1997, helping open its doors to the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. He helped many careers grow during his time there and has left a long-lasting impact on the Utah sports community.

A generous person at his core, Kevin gave his time and support to many people and organizations, including Make-a-Wish Utah, Visit Salt Lake, ECHL, IAVM, and many many more. He never looked for or expected accolades for any of his work or contributions. He was humble and helped those who needed it, expecting nothing in return.

Kevin was preceded in his death by his mother Cheryl Ann Bruder and his grandson Arden Brooks Taylor.

He is survived by his wife Susan Bruder, his father Ronald Bruder, his brother Steve Bruder (Teri), his children Allison Taylor (Jace), Emily Bruder (Austin Dittmer), Joel Bruder (Serena), & Christopher Bruder, and his grandchildren Libby Taylor, Frances Taylor, & Jett Dittmer.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Make-a-Wish Foundation in his honor using this link: http://site.wish.org/goto/BruderMemorial, a cause he dedicated much time and focus to.

A vigil will be held at Larkin Sunset Gardens in Sandy on Monday, May 19, 2025, at 6:00 PM followed by a rosary prayer at 7:00 PM. Funeral mass will be held at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Sandy on Tuesday, May 20, at 11:00 AM with burial service at Larkin Sunset Gardens to immediately follow. A luncheon will be held in his honor following the services at Cottonwood Country Club at 1:00 PM Tuesday, May 20, 2025. The service will be livestreamed via Zoom and can be accessed by clicking the "Watch Services" button above.