



## David Brian Bruno

September 4, 1963 - July 2, 2025

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, David Brian Bruno, who passed away suddenly at home on July 2, 2025, at the age of 61.

David was born on September 4, 1963, in St. Louis, Missouri, to the late John Joseph and Margaret (O'Day) Bruno. After graduating high school, he pursued EMT certification and proudly served his country in the United States Navy. From 1983 to 2003, David dedicated 20 years of honorable service as a Navy corpsman. His extensive military training included radiation health, fleet marine force training, independent duty corpsman certification, and firefighting. Among the many commendations he received were the National Defense Medal, Navy Overseas Service Medal, and the Pistol Marksmanship Medal.

On May 6, 1984, David married the love of his life, Laura Helgersen, who stood by his side through his naval career, moving together from base to base. Following his retirement from military service, the couple made their home in Salem, Missouri, where David continued his life of service and community involvement.

David served as a volunteer firefighter for the Lenox Rural Fire Department and was a board member for six years. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and a Master of Arts in Counseling, with a focus on children and families with special needs. He was deeply passionate about helping others and was known for his fierce love for his family and unwavering

sense of duty.

An active member of the American Legion Post #99 in Salem, David enjoyed spending time with fellow veterans and was especially fond of Sunday afternoon card games.

David is survived by his devoted wife of 41 years, Laura Bruno, of the home; children, Joseph Bruno and wife Kimberly of Rolla, MO, and Amanda Bruno of Sullivan, MO; grandchildren, Emma Bruno, Brian Bruno, Abigail Bruno, Maximus Horn, and Evelyn Horn; brothers, Ray Bruno and wife Terry of Lenox, MO, and Andy Bruno and wife Melissa of Salem, MO; along with a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and many dear friends.

A memorial service with military honors will be held at 3:00 PM on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at the American Legion Post #99 in Salem, with Billy Walker officiating. Visitation for family and friends will take place at the Legion prior to the service, beginning at 2:00 PM.

David's legacy of service, kindness, and love will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 15. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

American Legion Post #99  
2522 State Hwy 32  
Salem, MO 65560

## Memorial Service

JUL 15. 3:00 PM (CT)

American Legion Post #99  
2522 MO-32  
Salem, MO 65560

## Military Honors

JUL 15. 3:30 PM (CT)

American Legion Post #99  
2522 MO-32  
Salem, MO 65560

# Tribute Wall

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“ Adam, Chrissy, Charlie,Blake & Brandon purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of David Brian Bruno.



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**Adam, Chrissy, Charlie,Blake & Brandon** - July 14, 2025 at 08:40 PM

HF

“ Heritage Tractor Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Brian Bruno.

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**Heritage Tractor Family** - July 10, 2025 at 02:37 PM

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“ Heritage Tractor Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of David Brian Bruno.



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**Heritage Tractor Family** - July 10, 2025 at 02:37 PM

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“ I’ve spent many years working with this man. I’d interrupt several therapy sessions or join in on the sessions that included the case loads we shared. During these times, I’ve seen him make dreams come true to children who never thought it possible. I’ve seen him guide broken children become firefighters to this day because he let them try on his gear. I’ve seen him teach plenty of broken children to play the guitar and turn their pain into music. I’ve even seen him turn the brightest shade of red because his therapist’s were so happy to share what their caseload was written up for the weekend prior to Monday’s infamous meetings. (IYKYK)

Dave, you’ve literally changed the world everywhere you could get your hands on. Thank you for your leadership. Hoping my very few memories can bring a smile to someone who’s reading this & to know they’re not alone in the pain of you missing now. You’ve done your job sir & may you rest. ☐🟪



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**Donna Soucy** - July 10, 2025 at 09:54 AM

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“ Henry and Nikki Chamberlain purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of David Brian Bruno.



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**Henry and Nikki Chamberlain** - July 10, 2025 at 05:43 AM



“ *Ultimate Snacks Gift Basket was purchased for the family of David Brian Bruno.*



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July 09, 2025 at 08:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Brian Bruno.

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“ *Sorry to hear of Dave's passing. Condolences to the family especially laura. I could always remember at the legion during karaoke getting up and singing with him and Andy, God Bless the USA. May he rest in peace.*

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**Cliff Leitman** - July 09, 2025 at 06:59 PM

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“ *My heart aches for you and your family-blood and extended Laura. You are all in my prayers.*

*I remember when David would come over and as teenagers we would play outside in the dark until the bats sent us inside. I also remember him and his brothers singing On the Cover of Rolling Stones. The special bond you two had and shared with Donnie, Kathleen, their kids and grandkids will forever be a golden treasure. As you and your family say goodbye, my spirit will be there hugging you and keeping you all in my prayers for comfort, strength and healing.*

*David...thanks for the laughs, music and good times growing up. Give my mom a hug for me.*

  *Maureen Wehrle Tingwald*

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**Maureen Tingwald** - July 09, 2025 at 03:48 PM