

Laurel William Bruder was born on January 10, 1934, in Clotho, Minnesota, to Michael and Henrietta (Claseman) Bruder. He graduated from Long Prairie High School in 1952. Laurel worked at the creamery in Long Prairie. In 1955, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Fairbanks, Alaska and served until 1957. Laurel returned to Long Prairie and worked at the creamery for a few years. He moved to Minneapolis where he worked a variety of different jobs.

Laurel was united in marriage to Kathleen Loeffler on June 8, 1963, at Seven Dolors Catholic Church in Millerville, MN. The couple made their home in Minneapolis and were blessed with a son, Jerome. Laurel worked with MNDOT, taking care of the roads for 25 years before retiring at the age of 65. A few years later the couple moved to Alexandria.

The couple enjoyed going to have coffee and local restaurants, camping and traveling together, and going to dances, concerts and plays. Laurel also enjoyed woodworking.

Laurel died on Saturday, August 24, 2019, at his home at the age of 85. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen; son, Jerome (Jan) Bruder of Bellefonte, PA; brother, Jerome Bruder of Long Prairie; sister, Elaine (Gene) Holmquist of Alexandria; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Michael, and Henrietta; infant brother; sisters, Lila Fredericks, Dorothy Bruder, and Laverne Messer; and bothers-in-law, David Messer and Ardie Fredericks.

Psalm 121

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from
whence cometh my help.*

*My help cometh from the Lord,
which made Heaven and earth.*

*He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
He that keepeth thee will not slumber.*

*Behold, He that keepeth Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep.*

*The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade
upon thy right hand.*

*The sun shall not smite thee by day,
nor the moon by night.*

*The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
He shall preserve thy soul.*

*The Lord shall preserve thy going out and
thy coming in from this time forth
and even for evermore.*

In Memory of

Laurel W. Bruder

January 10, 1934 ✠ August 24, 2019

Mass of Christian Burial
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Alexandria, Minnesota
Thursday, August 29, 2019
11:00 AM

Officiant
Reverend Father Steve Binsfeld

Pianist
Laurie Youngers

Cantor
Erin Takle

Urn Bearers
Jerome Bruder

Military Honors
Minnesota National Honor Guard

Entombment
Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery
Camp Ripley, Minnesota
Thursday, August 29, 2019
3:00 PM