



## Alvin Kruse

February 27, 1932 - July 14, 2020

Alvin Kruse was born at home in Selden, Kansas, on Saturday, February 27, 1932, the tenth of twelve children to John and Katherine (Zimmerman) Kruse. He passed from this life on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at his home in Broken Arrow at the age of 88.

Alvin grew up with his siblings on his parents' farm near Leoville, Kansas and learned the value of hard work from his parents. He was an exceptional athlete as he grew up, playing both basketball and baseball for Leoville High School. He was honored to be the Most Valuable Player for their Kansas State Championship Basketball team in 1949. After high school he was drafted into the military but had a reaction from the immunizations they gave him which paralyzed Alvin for one year. He lived in his parents' basement and they would often find him in the front yard of their home having crawled up the stairs and outside. He and his first wife, Eileen, attended high school together but she was two years younger. They dated for two years but then her family relocated to Washington state. The two stayed in touch for seven years writing letters until they were able to get back together and were married in Broken Arrow on May 31, 1960. They were happily married 41 years until her passing in 2001. They had one son and four daughters they were immensely proud of. Alvin's home has been here in Broken Arrow since 1960. He and Eileen owned a feed store by the name of Trackside Trading Post. After closing the feed store, they sold from their home, better known as Kruse's Katy Korner. Once a year he would recruit a bunch of his buddies and would lead them on a cattle drive

two miles down Lynn Lane to relocate his up to 300 head of cattle to another field. They sold milk and eggs from their driveway and Alvin was known to have butchered more than one cow in that same driveway. He loved looking for deals and would purchase older farm equipment, repair, and repaint them and then resale them.

He led his family to become active members of St. Anne Catholic Church, where he has been a member since 1960. He played on the men's fast pitch softball team for St. Anne's, was a member of the Knights of Columbus since 1974, was honored as "Knight of the Year" and served as Grand Knight in 1982-83. He and Eileen were members of the "Prime Timers" group who were instrumental in constructing the Via Dolorosa Stations of the Cross behind the church which was dedicated May 23, 1998.

After losing Eileen on December 23, 2001 he eventually met and married Ann (Weeks) on July 14, 2007. They were happily married for 12 years until her passing in 2019.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Ministry of Compassion via St. Anne Catholic Church, 301 South 9th Street, Broken Arrow, 74012.

Alvin is survived by:

Son: Tim Kruse and his wife, Rae Ann of Stillwater

Daughter: Anita Mace and her husband Joe, of Broken Arrow

Daughter: Kathy Krehbiel and her husband, Daryl of Stillwater

Daughter: Angie Bruner and her husband Monty of Stillwater

Daughter: Mary Anne Kruse of Oakland, California

Brothers: Ervin Kruse, Paul Kruse and Larry Kruse

Sister: Alfreda Stephens

9 Grandchildren: Luke Kruse and his wife, Ashley; Kelsey Grey and her husband, Chazz; Robert Mace; Jacob Mace; Ken Krehbiel and his wife, Anna; Matt Krehbiel and his wife, Nicole; Vinny Sitterly; Flint Bruner and Jasper Bruner

And 3 Great Grandchildren: Lexi Kruse, Silas Kruse and Autumn Grey

He was preceded in death by his parents: John and Katherine (Zimmerman) Kruse

His first wife: Eileen (Thummel) Kruse

His second wife: Ann (Weeks) Kruse

5 brothers: Monsignor Clement Kruse; Marlin Kruse; Leander Kruse; Wilbur Kruse and Bud Kruse

2 sisters: Mildred Robben and Eleanor Meitl

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUL **16.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home  
1660 South Elm Place  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
(918) 258-9623  
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Visitation

JUL **16.** 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Rosary

JUL **16.** 7:00 PM - 7:45 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Mass

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JUL 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Anne's Catholic Church  
301 S. 9th St.  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012

# Tribute Wall



“ *Alvin Kruse*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *I miss seeing him on his tractor or going out to check his mail. My business is right across the street and tracks. Some of the prettiest sunsets are over his place.*

Anita - July 22, 2020 at 08:53 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Al, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Rest In Peace Al, Rose and Paul Gaffney*

rose - July 16, 2020 at 05:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Alvin Kruse.*



July 16, 2020 at 02:34 PM



“ *Mr Kruse was a kind man and he treated us all like we were one of his own. He holds a special place in all our hearts!!*

*Lisa and Brandon Groves*

Lisa Groves - July 15, 2020 at 10:54 PM

CF

“ So sorry for the families' loss. Al was always such a good friend. Ann and I were friends even before they were married and Al always remembered our days of friendship. To all the family, I send my prayers and condolences.

Candyce Faust - July 15, 2020 at 09:31 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Alvin Kruse.



July 15, 2020 at 02:10 PM

JS

“ Have had the pleasure of knowing Al for many years. Was involved with a lot of the building and expansion of All Saints School and Al was always ready to answer questions and help in any way possible. Prayers to his family!!  
Jim Sweedyk

Jim Sweedyk - July 15, 2020 at 01:50 PM

BS

“ So sorry for your family's loss. He was one of the best, he taught me a lot about life, I will miss his wisdom and sense of humor. If I had a question he always had answers, they say we walk among angels and I believe he was one of them.

Barron Sproles - July 15, 2020 at 10:35 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alvin Kruse.*



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July 15, 2020 at 09:09 AM



“ *To the family is Al Kruze, what a great man Al was in the BA community...So sorry for your family. Sending prayers. Carol Miller Finik.*

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**Carol Miller Finik** - July 14, 2020 at 09:06 PM



“ *Al was my father in law (I'm married to Nitzie). Al was always ready to help me out with whatever I might need for whatever project I was working on. If he had it and I needed it, it was mine! It wasn't just because I was his son in law, he was ready to help out anyone who needed a hand. Up until fairly recently, he could work circles around anyone a quarter his age! I once told Al that he had more projects waiting for him than he could get done in ten lifetimes! He told me that's the way he liked it! I'll miss you Al. Joe Mace*

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**Joe Mace** - July 14, 2020 at 08:31 PM



“ *I've been acquainted with Mr. Kruse thru my granddaughter ,Ashley and his grandson, Luke marrying. He's always been considerant for me after my husband passed, checking with the kids to see if I had any needs he could help with or just asking how I was doing. I always appreciated that thoughtfulness. He will be missed but with good memories.*

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**Barbara McCoy** - July 14, 2020 at 04:54 PM



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“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Kruse family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Alvin.* ”



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**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - July 14, 2020 at 07:37 AM