



Marvin Bratka

February 28, 1940 - December 23, 2021

Marvin was born on February 28, 1940 to John Bratka and Ella (Kellet) Bratka. He grew up in Valley, Nebraska along with his two brothers, Jack and Gaylen. During high school he played every sport and excelled in them all – football, track & field, baseball, basketball, and tennis in which he won State Doubles. He graduated from Valley High School in 1958 and then attended the University of Nebraska Omaha, where he had received a basketball scholarship.

It was in high school he met the love of his life, DeAnn Stenglein; she said he stalked her until she agreed to go out with him. They were married in 1961 and had two sons, Kirk and Charles (Chuck), and an adopted son, Ngoan (Whan) Mia. He worked for Coca-Cola as their National Credit Manager from 1970 – 1982. He and DeAnn moved to Houston, Texas in 1972 where they lived until 1984 when they moved back to Omaha. Marvin and his two brothers-in-law, Ben and Steven Stenglein, opened a second Farmer Brown's in Papillion in 1985, which he and DeAnn ran until 2006 when they retired. After retirement they built their dream home in Beaver Lake. Marvin and DeAnn travelled extensively together to all parts of the United States until DeAnn's passing in 2015.

Watching Husker Football was a favorite pastime of Marvin's. He also loved his grandchildren and spent time with them whenever he could, especially enjoying taking them on trips. Marvin was a dog lover and was very affectionate to all of the dogs in his family. He loved listening to country music,

tacos were his favorite food, and he enjoyed Southern Comfort. Marvin's family and friends will remember him as a detail-oriented man who was very giving and always willing to help people.

Marvin was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, DeAnn; son, Chuck; brother, Jack; and his parents John and Ella. He is survived by his sons: Kirk (Lori) Bratka and Ngoan (Whan) Mia; brother, Gaylen (Linda) Bratka; grandchildren: Shelby Gochenour, Sydney Shaw, April Mai, Aaron Mowinkel, and Sean Mowinkel; and numerous great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday from 6-7 PM with a memorial service to be held at 7 PM at the funeral home in Elkhorn. Private inurnment at Prospect Hill Cemetery, Elkhorn at a later date. Memorials to the Nebraska Humane Society.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn

21901 W. Maple Road
Omaha, NE 68022

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 19. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
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Memorial Service

JAN 19. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Marvin Bratka*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Marvin was a school mate from first grade thru high school. We shared the good times from athletics to band. We won the state tennis championship twice as doubles partners, and came very close to making the state basketball tourney. The Bratka family can take pride in Marvin's life accomplishments. Tom Johnson*

Thomas Johnson - December 27, 2021 at 12:06 PM



*My sincere condolences to Marv's family. Marv and I had several trips to Husker games together including two in Texas. He was a very good friend. I know he missed DeAnn so very much and I take comfort in knowing they are reunited in a better place.
1958 Classmate Ron Siebken*

Ron Siebken - January 16, 2022 at 07:26 PM



*My sincere condolences. I just saw this. I met Marvin and DeAnn when they would come to visit Chuck in Houston and on my visit to Omaha. Both of them were wonderful people.
Raju Adwaney*

Raju Adwaney - October 25, 2023 at 10:25 AM