

**Bruce Robert Whitman**, age 68, of Truman, MN, and formerly of East Chain, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at his home.

Bruce Robert Whitman was born on October 8, 1957, to Lawrence and Maxine (Schock) Whitman in Blue Earth, Minnesota. He grew up on a farm outside of East Chain and graduated from East Chain High School with the class of 1976. Following high school, Bruce continued his education in Waseca, where he also played college football.

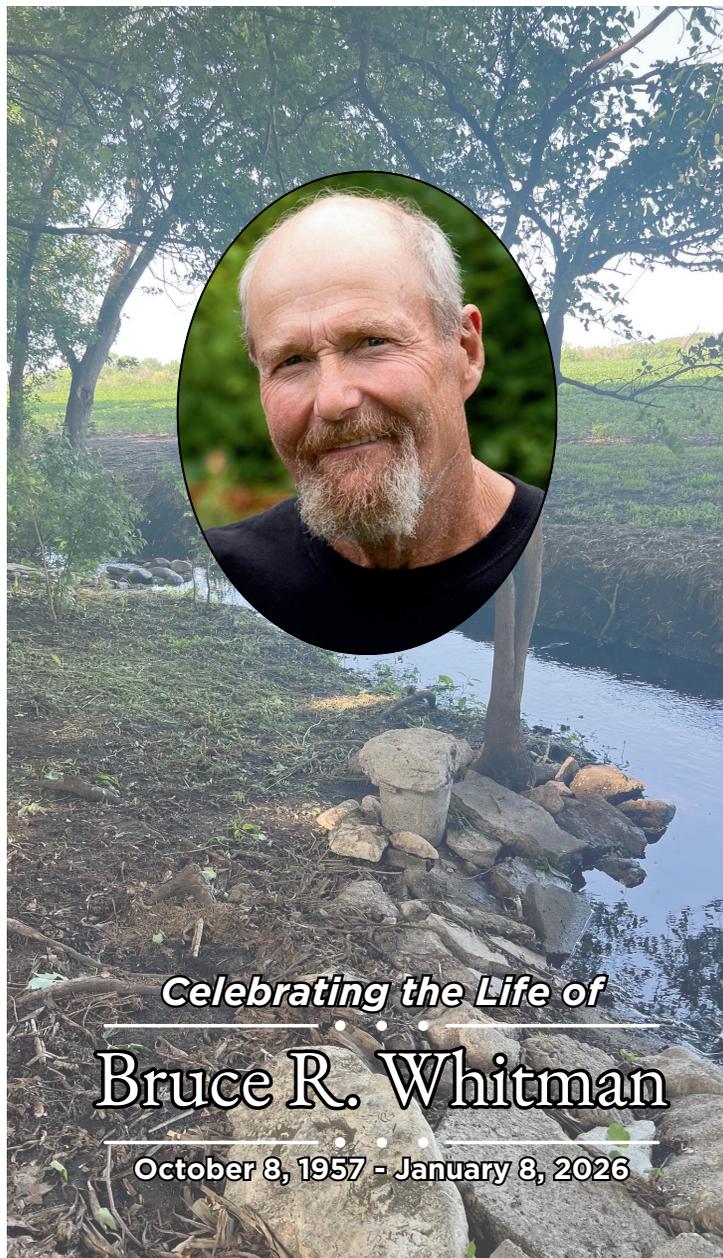
On December 17, 1977, Bruce was united in marriage to Tami Tilbury at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Together they were blessed with three daughters, Cassie, Megan, and Lindsey. Bruce was a former member of the Fairmont Trap Club and had a deep appreciation for the outdoors. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, farming, gardening, woodworking, and rock hounding. Over the years, he also raised hogs and took pride in his work on the farm. Bruce loved puzzles, sports, collecting, and was a devoted Minnesota Vikings fan. Family trips up north were especially meaningful to him, and he delighted in sharing the many stories that came from those vacations.

Bruce was known for his quick wit and sense of humor and could always make others laugh. He will always be remembered as someone who enjoyed life fully, loved his family, and brought joy to those around him.

Bruce will forever be remembered by his loving wife of 48 years, Tami; daughters, Cassie (Ben) Becker, Megan (JD) Gorackowski, and Lindsey (Brad) Becker; grandchildren, Macey and Cohl Becker, Jackson and Kinsley Gorackowski, and Lylah, Cash, and Lawsen Becker; brother, Roger (Sue) Whitman; sister, Rhonda (Donnie) Rudolph; mother-in-law, Janice Tilbury; sisters-in-law, Vicki Bentz and Danette (Mark) Fornshell; brothers-in-law, Rick (R'Lene) Tilbury, Rodney Tilbury, Tim (Steph) Tilbury, and Jason (Angela) Tilbury; many nieces and nephews; and other relatives and friends. Bruce was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Maxine; and father-in-law, Lowell Tilbury.



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*Celebrating the Life of*

**Bruce R. Whitman**

**October 8, 1957 - January 8, 2026**



*In Loving Memory of*  
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Visitation

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

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Celebration of Life Service

3:00 PM

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Celebrant

Ean Sinn

Music

You Light Up My Life

Save Me

Take Me Home, Country Road

Final Resting Place

Oakwood Cemetery  
East Chain, MN

***The Best***

*God saw you getting tired  
and a cure was not to be.*

*So He put His arms around you  
and whispered, "Come to Me."*

*With tearful eyes we watched you,  
and saw you pass away.*

*Although we loved you dearly,  
we could not make you stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating,  
hard working hands at rest.*

*God broke our hearts to prove to us,  
He only takes the best.*

To view Bruce's tribute video or watch a recording of his service, please follow this QR code or visit his obituary page at [www.sinnfuneralhome.com](http://www.sinnfuneralhome.com)

