



## Bruce Niemitalo

January 1, 1959 - March 30, 2024

Bruce Duane Niemitalo was born a twin to Brian, as the New Years babies of 1959 in Stanley, North Dakota to the late Carl and Margie Niemitalo. Bruce passed away on March 30, 2024, in Malaga, Spain while on an extended trip with his son, Miles, to build guitars with a special luthier.

Bruce loved to explore the world and made countless trips with his wife, kids, siblings, and friends such as: horseback riding and camping in the Eagle Cap Wilderness, experiencing the wonder of Israel and the places he had read about in the Bible, hunting in northern Alaska, hiking 170 miles of the Appalachian trail, studying Spanish in Guatemala, and attending friend's weddings in Brazil. Riding his Harley all the way through Mexico with a group of 17 friends was an exceptional adventure. He would always find his way off the tourist path and make friends with the locals. Bruce loved people and had that charming smile with eyes that twinkled and made you feel special, and he usually had a nice word to say.

He loved his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and when his kids were still at home, they knew to drop what they were doing and gather along with their friends while Dad would read the Bible and expound on it a little. Bruce loved to worship and would listen to sermons at night.

Bruce enjoyed countless hours in his woodshop handcrafting beautiful things and engaging in many memorable and meaningful conversations. He made tables for his married kids and pieces for his own home and even made a boat. He made over 50 guitars, other instruments, and many amazing knives,

cutting boards and other things and gave most of them away. Bruce was happy to teach others, but he let them know they were to finish their projects and clean up after themselves.

Bruce loved his wife, Brenda, for 38 years. He adored his kids and would tell you how cool they are and cherished each of his grandkids. Surely one or more of them were on his screensavers. His family and his many friends were important to him, and he was well loved.

He had plenty of hardships in his life, but with the help of God, he carried on with a cheerful and productive attitude.

He and his brother Brian were partners in various businesses.

Surviving are his wife, Brenda Niemitalo of Lyman; three daughters, Nicole Knuuttila (Jacob), Jessica Sarkela, and Bethany Goddard (Justin) all of Lyman; three sons, Malachi Niemitalo (Kimberlee), Michael Niemitalo, and Miles Niemitalo all of Lyman; an honorary son, Lucas Pantarotto of Lyman; four brothers, Brian Niemitalo (Shana) of Inman, Craig Niemitalo of Idaho, Scott Niemitalo (Karen) of North Carolina, and James Niemitalo (Heidi) of Washington; four sisters, Linda Mattson (Glen) of Oregon, Donna Weisser (Tom) of Washington, Debbie Aho of Greer, and Patti Juuti (Shane) of Greer; eight grandchildren, Blakely, Tessla, Cashton, Kenna Rae, Haven, Rowan, Liv, and Kade; and his beloved dogs, Willie and Nelson.

He was predeceased by two daughters, Natalie Niemitalo and Carly Niemitalo, one son, Max Niemitalo, one brother, David Niemitalo, and one brother-in-law, Fratt Aho.

Bruce will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

Funeral services will be held at 4:00 p.m. Monday, April 22, 2024, at Eastside Apostolic Lutheran Church, 2200 Mays Bridge Road, Greer, South Carolina, conducted by Pastor Scott Niemitalo, Pastor Roy Geesey, and Pastor Dan Hoard. A private family burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Malachi Niemitalo, Michael Niemitalo, Miles Niemitalo, Justin Goddard, Jacob Knuuttila, and Lucas Pantarotto.

Honorary escorts will be Brian Niemitalo, Craig Niemitalo, Scott Niemitalo, and

James Niemitalo.

Visitation will be held 2:00-4:00 p.m. Monday, April 22, 2024, at Eastside Apostolic Lutheran Church.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mountain View Cemetery

303 North Avenue  
Greer, SC 29650

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 22. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Eastside Apostolic Lutheran Church  
2200 Mays Bridge Road  
Greer, SC 29651

## Service

APR 22. 4:00 PM (ET)

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2200 Mays Bridge Road  
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# Tribute Wall

JO

“ God have him in his glory, praising and worshiping the heavenly Father. Fill the family with peace and rest. Blessings.

Jorge - July 03, 2024 at 01:18 PM

MR

“ Mark R. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce Niemitalo.

Mark R. - April 23, 2024 at 08:03 AM

BB

“ From the first time I met Bruce at a builder function we hosted I felt like I had known him for a longtime. I considered him a friend as well as a loyal customer. My sincere condolences to the Niemitalo family. God's speed Bruce. Bob Burnett of the Bob Burnett's Appliance and Bedding Team.

Bob Burnett - April 22, 2024 at 11:14 AM

BB

“ Bob B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce Niemitalo.

Bob B. - April 22, 2024 at 11:01 AM

JF

“ Jacob Gonzalez & Family purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Bruce Niemitalo.



Jacob Gonzalez & Family - April 22, 2024 at 08:26 AM

TF

“ *The Forcier Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Bruce Niemitalo.*



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**The Forcier Family** - April 21, 2024 at 07:13 PM

TF

“ *The Forcier Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce Niemitalo.*

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**The Forcier Family** - April 21, 2024 at 07:13 PM

AH

“ *A & A Plumbing and HVAC purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Bruce Niemitalo.*



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**A & A Plumbing and HVAC** - April 21, 2024 at 03:33 PM

AH

“ *A & A Plumbing and HVAC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce Niemitalo.*

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**A & A Plumbing and HVAC** - April 21, 2024 at 03:33 PM

CF

“ Charlie Linda Goddard and family purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Bruce Niemitalo.



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Charlie Linda Goddard and family - April 21, 2024 at 03:10 PM

CF

“ Charlie Linda Goddard and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce Niemitalo.

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Charlie Linda Goddard and family - April 21, 2024 at 03:10 PM

GW

“ God's blessings! Woodcrafters purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Bruce Niemitalo.



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God's blessings! Woodcrafters - April 21, 2024 at 02:09 PM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce Niemitalo.



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April 21, 2024 at 01:39 PM

CN

“ Craig Niemitalo purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Bruce Niemitalo.



Craig Niemitalo - April 21, 2024 at 12:26 PM

AC

“ Allcrete Construction purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Bruce Niemitalo.



Allcrete Construction - April 19, 2024 at 10:27 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Bruce Niemitalo.



April 19, 2024 at 10:27 AM

FF

“ From Pavel Natalyutkin family. purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Bruce Niemitalo.



From Pavel Natalyutkin family. - April 18, 2024 at 11:01 PM

GM

“ Glen, Linda, Barry & Landen Mattson purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Bruce Niemitalo.



Glen, Linda, Barry & Landen Mattson - April 18, 2024 at 06:20 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce Niemitalo.



April 18, 2024 at 04:05 PM

RF

“ Rodney Sarkela Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce Niemitalo.

Rodney Sarkela Family - April 18, 2024 at 04:05 PM

SS

“ Sharon, Doug, Keith, Paula & Steve purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Bruce Niemitalo.



Sharon, Doug, Keith, Paula & Steve - April 18, 2024 at 09:48 AM

SL

“ *Seppala in laws purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Bruce Niemitalo.*



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**Seppala in laws** - April 18, 2024 at 09:31 AM

JR

“ *My deepest condolences to all those who stay, and a caring farewell to our friend who has departed. It was great to have met Bruce in this life. He was greatly appreciated, and he will be greatly missed. Blessed be God our Lord.*

*Jorge Mario Rodríguez  
Guatemala*

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**Jorge Mario Rodríguez** - April 18, 2024 at 01:21 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Bruce Niemitalo.*



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April 17, 2024 at 06:40 PM

RM

“ *Rod Matson. Norma (Stenersen) Matson purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Bruce Niemitalo.*



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**Rod Matson. Norma (Stenersen) Matson** - April 17, 2024 at 02:05 PM

RA

“ Rutherford ALC purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Bruce Niemitalo.



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**Rutherford ALC** - April 17, 2024 at 01:02 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Bruce for the last twenty years doing mailboxes, signs & lettering his vehicles. He always had a smile and liked to joke around with me.

*Jeff Minton - Minton Productions Signs*

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**Jeff Minton** - April 17, 2024 at 11:15 AM