

Bruce Sering Eulogy

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It is difficult to accept the loss of a friend at any time, but at 54 years of age — so young and so unexpected — it is nearly impossible. Bruce Sering was a true friend of my family; me, my wife and four children for 29 years. Being a neighbor, our friendship was especially close.



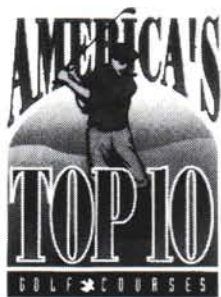
For a number of years, our families attended the same church. Through this association, Bruce and I team-taught Sunday School class together and along with our wives were active in our church bridge group. When our daughter Melissa was born, Bruce and Barbara were chosen to be her godparents. As years passed and our son Daniel decided to embark on a career as a golf course superintendent, Bruce took Danny under his wing and gave him an excellent apprenticeship in the greenkeeping profession. Bruce was like a second father to Danny. As a neighboring greenkeeper for 29 years, I often sought his advice on professional manners and we exchanged golf course equipment on numerous occasions.

Bruce Sering was a special person in many peoples' lives. Our family was only one he touched in a special way. His presence was felt in any gathering. That effervescent smile, his liveliness and his outgoing friendliness brightened everyone's hearts. My son was one of many young men Bruce guided and prepared for a career in greenkeeping. As a speaker he was one to command the respect of everyone, fellow superintendents and club officials alike. To many, he was their "HERO", the model to follow in the greenkeeping world.

Bruce was proud of his profession. An excellent Golf Course Superintendent, he preferred to be known as a greenkeeper. He provided Glen View Club with excellent playing conditions for 25 years. Immediately after hearing of Bruce's death, I drove to Glen View Club to offer my assistance. The flag was already flying at half mast, proof of the Club's heartfelt grief at the loss of a dedicated employee.

Yet Bruce had a higher priority; his family. To his wife Barbara he was a loving and devoted husband; to his daughters Kellie and Anne he was a caring and doting father; to his mother, Florence, a concerned and protective son. He strove to provide for his "girls" every need. We will all miss Bruce; his presence, his charisma, his smile. But our prayers and support must to those who will miss him most — his family.

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