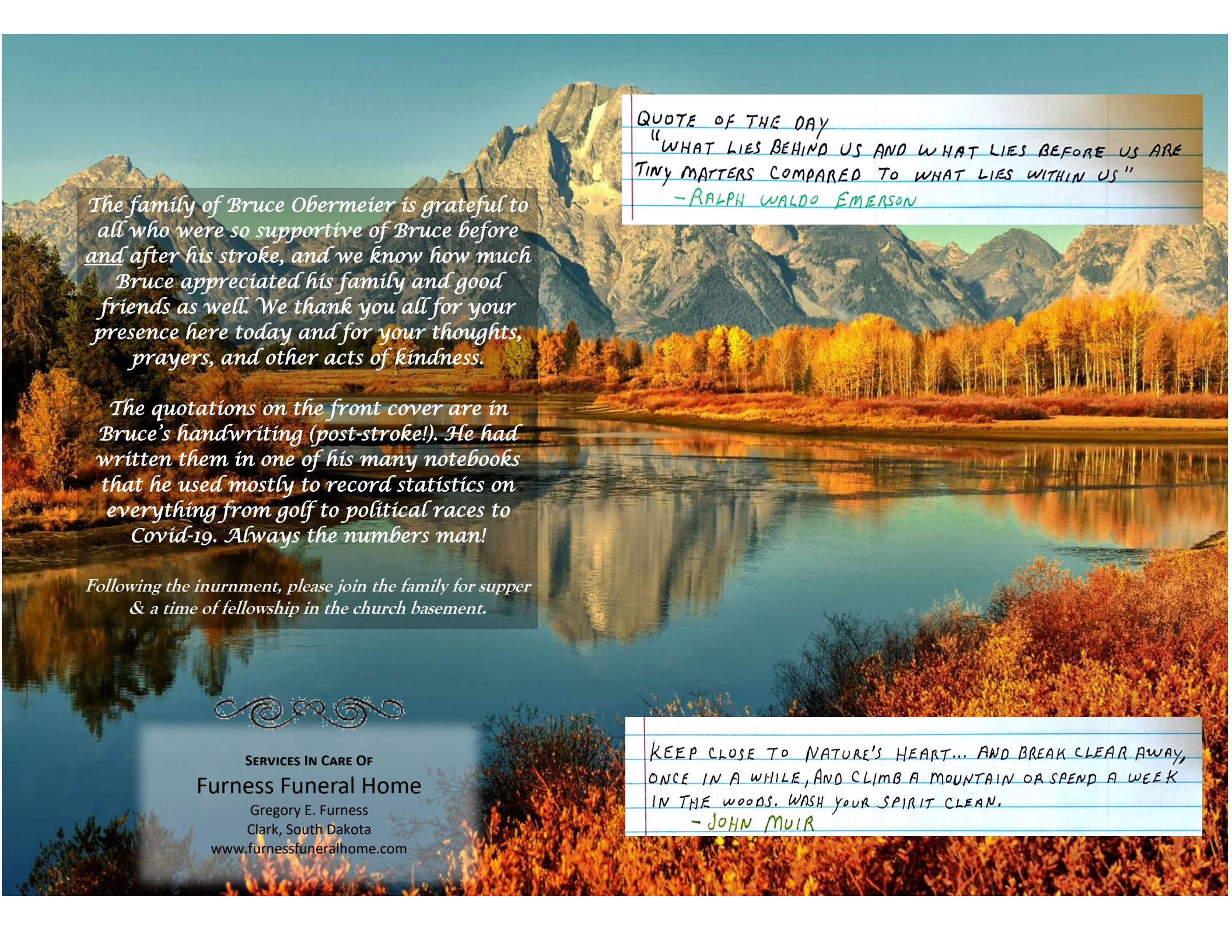




The family of Bruce Obermeier is grateful to all who were so supportive of Bruce before and after his stroke, and we know how much Bruce appreciated his family and good friends as well. We thank you all for your presence here today and for your thoughts, prayers, and other acts of kindness.

The quotations on the front cover are in Bruce's handwriting (post-stroke!). He had written them in one of his many notebooks that he used mostly to record statistics on everything from golf to political races to Covid-19. Always the numbers man!

Following the inurnment, please join the family for supper & a time of fellowship in the church basement.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"WHAT LIES BEHIND US AND WHAT LIES BEFORE US ARE
TINY MATTERS COMPARED TO WHAT LIES WITHIN US"

-RALPH WALDO EMERSON

KEEP CLOSE TO NATURE'S HEART... AND BREAK CLEAR AWAY,
ONCE IN A WHILE, AND CLIMB A MOUNTAIN OR SPEND A WEEK
IN THE WOODS. WASH YOUR SPIRIT CLEAN.

-JOHN MUIR

Bruce William Obermeier, 66, passed away in his Green Bay, Wisconsin, home on May 19, 2020, from a sudden heart attack.

Bruce was born to Clayton and Betty (Phelps) Obermeier in Omaha, Nebraska, on March 25, 1954. He joined his sister and four brothers on an adventurous journey through life, making lasting friendships wherever the family moved. He graduated from Stillwater High School in Minnesota, after attending elementary and junior high schools in Des Moines, St. Paul, and Afton, Minnesota. He also attended the University of Minnesota and in recent years audited astronomy and nutrition classes at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

Among his most treasured friendships were a host of cousins in northern Clark County, and he always looked forward to the family's "OctOBERmeier" reunions at the Crocker Schoolhouse. Bruce and his siblings spent many summers on the farm of their grandparents Hank and Anna Obermeier, one mile south of Crocker.

Bruce employed his lifelong fascination with numbers in his work with his brother Pete in sheetrock, eventually owning Obermeier Drywall, and later with his brother Chas on the Chicago Board Options Exchange. After helping his mother care for his father in Clayton's last years, he returned to Chicago and worked on the Chicago Board of Trade with other family members. Following a massive stroke in 2015, he moved in with his mother in Green Bay. He soon recovered and was able to take care of his mom's needs, thus enabling her to stay in her own apartment until she passed away in 2018. His siblings will be eternally grateful for the loving care he provided their parents.

Given the early prognosis following his stroke, as well as previous multiple coronary bypasses and stents, he never ceased to amaze his therapeutic team with the progress he made due to his relentless determination to regain his former verbal and physical skills. His determination was powered by his never-failing positive attitude that motivated other patients, especially those in his Green Bay Stroke Support Group, from whom he also received great motivation.

Bruce was an avid bike rider (taking a 20-mile ride just days before his death) and a voracious reader who gave the gift of books to many of his young family members through the years. He will be greatly missed by his surviving older siblings, Pete (and the late Linda) of Pierre; Chas (Carla) of Las Cruces, New Mexico; Patty (John) Neuman of Door County, Wisconsin; Ron of Prior Lake, Minnesota; and Brian (Michele), also of Prior Lake; his aunts Marvine Obermeier of Watertown, Jean Obermeier of Clark, and Rose Phelps of Paynesville, Minnesota; many cousins on both the Phelps and Obermeier sides of the family; and many nephews, nieces, great-nephews, and great-nieces whom he loved and took pride in as if they were his own children.



Celebrating the Life of Bruce Obermeier



Services from
Crocker Lutheran Church
Crocker, South Dakota
Saturday, October 16, 2021
3:00 PM

Officiant
Minister Marion Grimes

Scripture Reading
Michele Obermeier - John 14: 1-3

Music
Pianist - Jean Obermeier
"Because He Lives" - Pamela Van Gilder & Fred Obermeier
A Medley of Hymns - Wendy Christman
"Amazing Grace" - Ella Hunt
"Borning Cry" - Congregation

Inurnment
St. Thomas Cemetery
Crocker, South Dakota

