



## Brent Ritz

July 7, 1949 - November 14, 2022

Bennie Brent Ritz was born July 7, 1949, in Kirksville Missouri to Bennie Arlo and Eva Darlene (Humphreys) Ritz, and passed away peacefully but prematurely at Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa, Iowa on November 14, 2022. His father died when Brent was three years old, and he was raised by his mother. In later years, he was to repay the favor by faithfully helping and caring for his mother in her retirement. Brent graduated from Davis County Community High School in 1967; where he participated in and excelled at many sports. During the Vietnam era, he was the first man drafted from Davis County after the draft was reinstated. Drafted into the Marines, he had basic training in San Diego, California; from there was sent to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. This assignment likely resulted in the cancer diagnosis and complications that claimed his life. He then served on a ship stationed off the coast of Vietnam and spent time in Japan.

Brent attended ISU briefly and then graduated from Indian Hills Community College in Centerville. He worked at Sundstrand in Ames while living there. He worked as a Contractor in Bloomfield until a gust of wind swept him off a roof which resulted in a shattered elbow, changing his career trajectory. He then worked as a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in Ottumwa until his retirement.

Brent was a quiet and introspective person, but came alive with his friends

and those close to him. He had a quick wit that he would unexpectedly spring upon you with a twinkle in his eye. He loved to read about history, historical figures and also had a keen interest in the universe, the stars, and the cosmos.

Brent was passionate about bike riding and participated in 41 RAGBRAI rides. He met many new people on these rides, many became life-long friends. His retirement enabled him to take road trips to various locations with bike trails.

Brent is survived by his mother, Eva Adams, of Bloomfield; two sisters, Laura Ritz of West Des Moines, Iowa, and Patricia (Dave) Dixon, of Oskaloosa, Iowa. He adored two nieces, Laura (Teague) Smith of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Erin (Jesse) Godden of Bellevue, Nebraska, and five great nieces, Eva, Teagan, Violet, Rebecca Smith and Alexia Godden; and one great nephew, Jaxton Godden.

He is reunited with his father, Bennie Ritz, and all of his grandparents and many aunts, uncles and cousins who have passed on before him.

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, November 28, 2022 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Rev. Leslie Dotson officiating. Burial will be at the IOOF Cemetery in Bloomfield with military rites performed by Reed-Whisler Post #78 of the American Legion. Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 28, with the family present to greet friends from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, a memorial may be made to Reed-Whisler Post #78 of the American Legion, Friends of the Bloomfield Public Library or the Bloomfield Christian Church.

# Cemetery Details

## IOOF Cemetery

620 North Madison Street  
Bloomfield, IA 52537

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 28. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Brent Ritz* ”

January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *Offering condolences and prayers to Eva and all the family in such a hard loss.* ”

**Rev David Mc Donald** - November 29, 2022 at 07:47 PM



“ *Whole Health Chiropractic purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Brent Ritz.* ”



**Whole Health Chiropractic** - November 22, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Lynn Roberts lit a candle in memory of Brent Ritz* ”



**Lynn roberts** - November 22, 2022 at 09:36 AM

JS

“ *Julia R Silvers lit a candle in memory of Brent Ritz*



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**Julia R Silvers** - November 20, 2022 at 03:28 PM

RS

“ *Brent was such a sweet person, very quiet but quick witted and very funny! I would usually see him riding his bike. He will definitely be missed! RIP my friend!*



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**Randi Small** - November 20, 2022 at 03:03 PM

RS

“ *Brent was always so very handsome in my eyes. Any time I seen him I wanted to talk to him. He was quite at the family gatherings, but I was always glad he came. My last visit with Brent was a highlight to me as we sat in his yard talking about his love of bike riding. I told him how much he looked like our grandfather Ritz and imaged he looked like his father too. I also told him how much my parents adored him. My mom was so very proud of all of her nieces and nephews. Rest in Peace my Handsome Cousin!!!*

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**Rhonda Scott** - November 20, 2022 at 02:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brent Ritz.* ”



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November 19, 2022 at 02:18 PM



“ *RIP, my friend.* ”



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**Rodney Schlotter** - November 19, 2022 at 02:11 PM



“ *Kevin & Lisa Hastings lit a candle in memory of Brent Ritz* ”



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**Kevin & Lisa Hastings** - November 19, 2022 at 01:50 PM



“ *Brent was such a quiet nice person.* ”



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**Georgia Stevens** - November 19, 2022 at 01:32 PM



“ *Eva, Laura, Patricia and family, Saddened to see Brent's obit. He was such a sweet guy and a good neighbor. I know he was so very, very loved by all of you. May God draw near to comfort, strengthen and bring you peace. And may precious memories bring a smile to your faces.....*



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**Carla Nalley Petersen** - November 19, 2022 at 12:13 PM

SS

*So sorry Laura and family. Thinking of you all* ❤️🙏❤️

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**Sara Springer** - November 19, 2022 at 02:52 PM

MR

*Brent was always an inspiration to me! Great man and Marine, one of the best mailmen that I've had the privilege of working with! RIP my friend! You will always be in our thoughts and prayers! Great speed on your bike in heaven!*

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**mike RYSDAM** - November 21, 2022 at 07:12 PM