



On Monday, 26th April, 2010 David Buschena, our beloved husband, son, brother and friend passed away peacefully after a valiant and inspiring struggle with cancer. Especially after his diagnosis, he sought to live every day to the very fullest, to appreciate everyone he came across, and to hold his goal of fighting cancer with Dignity, Hope, and Strength.

David was born April 28, 1964, in Worthington, Minnesota, to Roland and Shirley (Stahlhut) Buschena. He was raised in the small community of Fulda, MN where his parents and his grandparents farmed, and he attended St. Paul's Lutheran Elementary School, and Fulda High School. He received a B.S. degree from Southwest Minnesota State University, an M.S. degree from the University of Minnesota, and a Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley.

David joined the faculty of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Economics at Montana State University in December, 1992. He treasured and is in turn treasured by his departmental colleagues, the staff, and most especially the many students he taught and mentored. He particularly is remembered for the many graduate students he touched and for leading undergraduates on international learning experiences in the international "Follow the Grain" course. He served his department, college (Agriculture), and university in many capacities. David will be missed by the university community and by his many friends in national and regional agricultural economics associations.

On June 3rd, 1995, David was united in marriage with Máire O'Neill at the Springhill Pavilion north of Bozeman. They lived on South 5th Ave. in Bozeman until moving to their small acreage on Fowler Lane in March, 2000. David and Máire enjoyed the physical work of renovating their old farmhouse, maintaining their farm buildings, getting to know their neighbors, raising Quarter Horses, learning more about the Montana seasons, and finding excuses to drive tractors. He became an accomplished horseman and packer, with the partnership of his beloved bay gelding Navajo.

David enjoyed reading of all kinds, exploring the high country in Montana and in the Sierras, and HUNTING. He had some of his most memorable experiences hunting bighorn sheep, deer, antelope, elk, moose, lions, bears, and birds in the Missouri Breaks and near Bozeman. He fulfilled a life-long dream by hunting in Africa twice, the second time in December, 2009 for Cape Buffalo. As for all hunters, memories of old friendships renewed, new friends made, and the thrill of the chase gave him great satisfaction. Every hunt since his diagnosis was a gift from God and David's hunting partners.

David is preceded in death by his father Roland. He is survived by his wife Máire; his mother, Shirley Buschena of Fulda, MN; his sister Lynne (& Larry) Klippel of St. Peters, MO; his brothers James (& Wendy) of Fulda, MN, John (& Deb) of Jackson, MN, and Scott (& Lori) of Waconia, MN; and his many beloved nephews and nieces.

We will miss David more than words can say, but our lives are blessed by having known him. From him we have learned to appreciate life to the fullest, to persevere in the face of adversity, to pursue our dreams, to enjoy the simplest things that every day offers us, and to let those close to us know how much we care about them. David and Máire were both very appreciative of the excellent care, kindness, and support of everyone at the Bozeman Deaconess Cancer Center and Hospital.

Instead of flowers, please consider making a donation to the David Buschena Scholarship, which has been established in his honor to support Montana State University students. Please contact MSU Foundation, 1501 South 11th Avenue, Bozeman, MT 59717. (800) 457-1696.

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