

# Brian Smith



Accordion & Bass Guitar

Age 45

Originally from Pulaski, WI – now resides in Shiocton, WI with his wife Nicole and two children Nora (9) and Hunter (7).

Growing up in Pulaski, WI it was natural to learn to love polka music but the primary influence was through his father, Don that played drums with numerous small polka bands from the area. Also, polkas were the only music that was played while driving anywhere in the family van (back in the 8-track cassette days). Not to mention all the polka dances and festivals that were prevalent as a child.

**Bands of Influence:** Eddie Blazoncyk's Versatones, The Dynatones, PolkaTown Sound, Polka Country Musicians, The Sounds, Chicago Push, The Knewz, etc.

**Family Band Members:** Don Smith (father) – Bernie's Polka Band

**Bands:** LIVEwire & Fill in with – Doctor Kielbasa, The New Generation

**Occupation:** Chemical Engineer in Plastics Industry