



Aaron E Rash

March 11, 1934 - December 27, 2012

Aaron E. Rash, 78, Bismarck, passed away on December 27, 2012, in Mesa, AZ. Services will be held at 10:00 am Thursday, January 3, at Zion Lutheran Church, 413 E Avenue D, Bismarck, with Rev. Michael J. Roehl officiating. Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery, New Salem. Visitation will be held from 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm Wednesday, January 2, at Eastgate Funeral Service, Bismarck. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. Aaron was born on March 11, 1934, to August Emil Rash and Ethel Minnie Camp Rash in New Salem, ND. He was reborn through the water of baptism on October 7, 1934. Aaron was raised on the family farm and educated in New Salem. Aaron married Darlene Nelson in 1956 in Lisbon, ND. Darlene passed away in 1989. Aaron married Phyllis Seidel Glum in 1998. Aaron attended North Dakota State Agricultural College and graduated in 1961 with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry. He is also a graduate of the Institute of Advanced Analytical Chemistry at Georgetown University. Aaron's additional graduate work includes work in pharmacology and chemistry from NDSU and the University of Akron, Ohio. He also attended numerous courses, seminars and workshops through the FDA, FBI Academy and other agencies. Aaron worked for the North Dakota State Laboratory and was supervisor of the Crime Lab and State Toxicologist until his retirement in 2000. Aaron received many awards including the Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Service 1986 and the Peace Officers Lone Eagle award 1990. Aaron was a member of many organizations including the Midwest Association of

Forensic Scientists, American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors, North Dakota Peace Officers Association and the International Association of Narcotic Enforcement Officers.

Aaron enjoyed fishing and hunting. Since his retirement, Aaron and his wife, Phyllis, have enjoyed winters in Mesa, Arizona. Aaron was active with woodworking and wood carving. Aaron is survived by his wife, Phyllis; his five children, Amy Smith William of St. Louis, MO, Erin Stephen Berg, of Champlin, MN, Daniel Sharon Rash of Spokane, WA, Teresa Bopp of Fayetteville, AR and Kerry Rash of Sioux Falls, SD; his sister, Ethel Baumgarten of New Salem; four stepchildren, Gloria Schneider of Bismarck, Cindy Auck of Bismarck, Terry Seidel of Boulder, CO, and Jimmy Seidel of Omaha, NE. Aaron is also survived by 12 grandchildren, 8 step-grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren . Aaron was preceded in death by his first wife Darlene; his parents; his brothers, James H. and Francis; and his sister, Amy.

Tribute Wall

MM

“ I didn't know Mr. Rash, but I knew his son Dan. If the saying "Like father like son" holds true, then Mr. Rash must have been a kind, smart, hardworking man. After our dads passed away, Dan and I started holding lunches on their birthdays as a way to honor them. I was glad to share those memories with a friend.

Matt Miley - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ When I first started at the Bismarck Police Department I got to meet Aaron in the forensics field. It was always a pleasure to see him either on or off duty. Rest in peace, Aaron.

Dwight Offerman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Aaron was always a bit of stability in the midst the ever changing world of Law Enforcement. Never too busy...always positive. So long Friend.

Scot D. Redding - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WG

“ Our condolences go out the the family. Aaron was an inspirational person. We will miss him.

Willie and Jolene Graham - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I am an Agent with the ND Crime Bureau. Aaron was a mentor to many of us. We would not have the success that we have today without his knowledge and ability to share with us what he knew. I will miss him.

John Fugleberg - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Aaron was a true friend and professional who was never too busy to turn down anyone who asked for help and always did it with a smile on his face. Aaron was always more than happy to share his knowledge and skills with others. Whenever the State Lab is mentioned I will always think of Aaron. Rest in Peace My Friend.

Dale Maixner NDBCI - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Our hearts go out to you during this sorrowful time. Aaron was a tremendous man with a quick wit and engaging smile. He was so accomplished in the work he did. Susie loved him much as he was always so kind. She will miss him on their shared birthday from now on. Dennis enjoyed getting to know him and heard many fond stories about him from Susie. He will truly be missed. Our love and thoughts are with you. From Susie and Dennis Lyon

Dennis/Susan Lyon - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Our prayers are with you during this time of sorrow.

Mike Eastley Family - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

IZ

“ My heartfelt sympathy in your great sorrow. Aaron was a very helpful and knowledgeable in Forensic Sciences colleague. Rest in Peace my friend.

Ilya Zeldes - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ To the Rash family, Prayerful sympathy! I was Amy's first grade teacher at Cathedral Grade School. At that time I was known as Sister Yvonne. I remember your parents well; they were so faithful in coming to parent conferences, etc. Amy, I remember you were very bright. I pray that your father, Aaron, knows God's loving welcome of joy and eternal peace. Sincerely, Sister Susan Lardy

Sister Susan Lardy - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Sorry for your loss. I will keep Aaron in my prayers. I was a ND Game Warden for 38 years. I occasionally had the privilege to use Aaron's talents for investigations. Great guy to work with. Rest in peace Aaron. God Bless.

Gene Masse - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ You were always there for us when we needed you. Rest in peace brother. You will be missed.

Mike Nason - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Sorry to hear about Aaron. He was a great guy to work with, and would come to Devils Lake when we needed help at the PD processing a crime scene. Aaron was always willing to answer any questions that we may have had.

Sue Schwab - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Aaron was a good friend, will miss him.

Dan Hillebrand - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ On behalf of the SD State Forensic Laboratory...it is with great sadness that we learn of the passing of a great professional colleague, gentleman, and above all -- friend. Aaron, your kindness and professionalism in partnering with South Dakota on many, many forensic cases will always be remembered. You were the true definition of hard work, integrity and mentorship. Godspeed, our friend.

Paulette Petersen - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Our sympathy to the family of Aaron. Law Enforcement in this State owe Aaron a great deal of gratitude for all he contributed for so many years. It was an honor to know him.

Sheriff Rory M. Teigen - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FR

“ I remember Uncle Aaron when he was young. Always animated and energetic. I will miss him. Prayers to all of you.

Frederick A Rash - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I worked at the state lab when Aaron did so became good friends. So sorry to hear of his passing. I am ill with COPD so am unable to attend the service but my prayers are with you all.

Joanne Clapper - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Arron will be missed by many professionals and friends he has made over the years. Aaron and his family are in my prayers.

Steve Hamre - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Aaron was a wonderful person to work with, he always answered your questions and was very helpful. I am very sorry for your loss, besides losing a comrade we lost a great friend.

Larry R. Hoffman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. Have many fond memories from the years he was at the State Lab. Capt. K. Kjelstrom Grand Forks Police Department

Kerwin J. Kjelstrom - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ A great gentleman he will be missed by all who knew him

steve kukowski - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ My most sincere sympathy to all of Aaron's family. I worked @ the State Lab with/for Aaron back in the 70's. I always admired his dedication to his work and enjoyed being a part of the State Lab team. May he rest in peace.

Mary Robson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ We were sorry to hear of Aaron's passing, you have our sincere sympathy. I enjoyed the times we spent together at carving here at Sunlife and the times we spent helping each other with various projects. If there is anything I can help with here at Sunlife please let me know. Duane

Duane&Marlys Mullenberg - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ Dear Rash family: I am so sad to hear of your dad's passing. He was a great guy. I have so many memories of your dad's kindness, intelligence and humor. I remember as kids when he packed us all in your old black 50 something Ford and took us to the Dairy Queen. I also remember fondly bringing things to him to look at under a microscope. He was very kind and patient. I was just thinking about him the other day. He was the last of the "originals" on the block. I extend my deepest condolences.

Rolf Eggers - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Good bye old friend. I learned much from you. From the first day I met you I realized you were a professional. You have been a credit to ND Law Enforcement. You created a professional lab and served well. Rest easy Aaron.

LaMar J. Kruckenberg - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CI

“ Aaron, You will be forevelly missed...I am so Thankful you and my mom had some wonderful years together. Thank you for always being so kind and good to her. You welcomed us into your new family as if we were your own blood. There are so many memories, Your humor was contagious. Your A Special Angel In Heaven Now..Always The Best Of Memories and Love Cindy and Family

Cindy - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ Sorry to see Uncle Aaron pass on. I can remember staying at the college and coming over from time to time, always seemed like home. I sure was glad to help back then. Even some of our family get together had a lot of excitement. I really should Of traded My pearly white handled Lone ranger cap gun for His colt 45,I was only age 6 Or 7 then at the time, I new I could not of used the cap roll, I had for his gun. He'll Be Missed..... with our sympathy.. Ben & Cindy

Ben & Cindy Eastley - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HT

“ Uncle Aaron will be greatly missed. Our deepest condolences to Amy, Erin, Dan, Theresa & Kerry and your families. Jeff, Helen, Katie & Billy Torrence

Helen Nelson Torrence - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM